



CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Canfield Board of Education Places 5.9-Mill Operating Levy on November Ballot

CANFIELD, Ohio — The Canfield Local School District Board of Education voted Wednesday evening to place a 5.9-mill operating levy before voters on the November ballot. The levy is intended to address the district's ongoing operating deficit and preserve the high-quality educational programs and services that have made Canfield Local Schools one of Ohio's highest-performing districts.

"This levy is about maintaining the educational opportunities our students receive today," said Superintendent Joe Knoll. "Like many school districts across Ohio, Canfield is facing increasing operating costs while state funding has failed to keep pace. Without additional revenue, we will be forced to make difficult decisions that will significantly impact our students and schools."

If approved, the operating levy will help maintain current staffing levels, academic programming, transportation, extracurricular opportunities, and student services. While final decisions would be made by the Board of Education based on the district's financial condition at that time, potential reductions include:

- Staff by approximately 40-50 employees, including teachers, aides, and support staff, thereby increasing elementary class sizes.

As a result, the following reductions may follow:

- consolidation of administrative duties
- elementary and middle school STEM programs
- high school elective courses, including programs such as Aviation and Forensics
- advanced academic opportunities, including Honors, AP, and College Credit Plus
- (CCP) courses at the middle and high school levels
- foreign language programs
- non-core courses such as art, music, and family and consumer sciences (home economics), or requiring families to pay additional participation fees
- school-sponsored field trips

In addition, the Board may decide to review:

- pay-to-participate fees for athletics and extracurricular clubs
- state minimum transportation, including busing for students in grades 9-12 and those living within two miles of their school
- reconfiguration of elementary buildings

Canfield Local Schools currently serves approximately 2,400 students and has earned a reputation for academic excellence through rigorous coursework, dedicated educators, strong arts and athletic programs, and a wide range of opportunities that prepare students for success after graduation.

District officials emphasized that the levy is not intended to expand programming or build new facilities, but rather to preserve the educational experience currently available to Canfield students.

Additional information about the levy, including financial details, is available at the district's website at www.canfieldschools.net.

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