



# SYCAMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

## LAST OPERATING LEVY APPROVED

**NOV. 2016**

## 2016 Board Commitment:

**Funds would last 5 years.**

## Actual 2016 Result:

**Funds lasted 10 years.**

## HOW THE DISTRICT MANAGED OPERATING FUNDS

### Cap on Expenditure Growth

to strict targets (averaging 2.5% to 3.5% annually).

### Healthcare & Service Efficiencies

by participating in joint healthcare purchasing consortia.

### Energy & Utility Savings

through district-wide energy conservation initiatives.

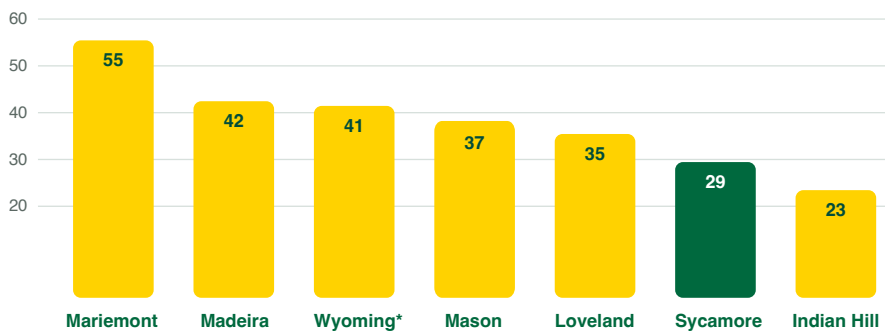
### Strategic Staffing

levels are aligned with student enrollment trends rather than automatically expanding headcounts.

### Grant Seeking & Private Support

to cover costs that would otherwise fall on the General Fund.

## 2026 RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES: COMPARABLE DISTRICTS



\*Income Tax

## BY THE NUMBERS:

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Last Operating Levy                  | Nov. 2016 |
| Local Funding Source                 | 85%       |
| Spending on Classroom Instruction    | 73%       |
| Administrator to Student Ratio       | 1:169     |
| State Average Admin to Student Ratio | 1:125     |
| FY28 Cash Balance Projection         | Below 25% |
| Annual Capital Budget                | \$4.1M    |
| Average Annual Capital Need          | \$5.4M    |

## WHY NOW?

**10 YEARS**

since voters last approved new operating funds

**\$1.3M**

gap between annual capital budget and average annual need

**FY28**

cash balance projected below the district's 25% threshold

## HOW PROPERTY TAX IS CALCULATED



**ESTIMATED COST PER \$100,000 OF APPRAISED VALUE**

**\$20.27 / MONTH**

## ANNUAL COST EXAMPLES

| Market Value | Annual Cost | Market Value | Annual Cost |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| \$200,000    | \$486.50    | \$500,000    | \$1,216.25  |
| \$300,000    | \$729.75    | \$750,000    | \$1,824.38  |
| \$400,000    | \$973.00    | \$1,000,000  | \$2,432.50  |

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 5 - Voter Registration Deadline**

**Nov. 3 - Election Day**

Early / Absentee Voting: [VoteOhio.gov](https://voteohio.gov)

Hamilton County updated property values in 2026. New values will be reflected in 2027 tax bills.  
Under Ohio law (HB920), effective rates of many existing voted levies are adjusted as property values change.