OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL LEVY RENEWAL

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONROE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY ELECTION MAY 14, 2024

Special election to authorize continuation of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, and for the purposes of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Monroe County, according to the Order of the Board of Education of the County of Monroe entered on the day of 3024, including, but not limited to:

- A. Direct Services to Students/Safety Including, but not limited to, free textbooks and materials to all students or technology and devices to transition to online textbooks for age appropriate students, to provide \$150 per child in grades preschool through fourth and \$125 per child in grades five through twelve inclusive to the school in which the child is enrolled for direct services to children to include but not be limited to instructional materials. supplementary classroom materials or furniture, facility improvements to enhance the learning environment, educational field trips, materials for co-curricular or extracurricular activities and shall continue the elimination of any fundraising activities by the students grades preschool through fourth, to provide after school bus to take students to pick up points from the schools so students may remain after school for curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular functions, to provide safe transportation to extracurricular and co-curricular events, participation of Monroe County students in state and national competitions, supplement for those working with yearbooks, provide uninterrupted services to students in service or professional absence, provide matching funds for the JROTC program, provide Resource/Security Officers stationed at schools (one at Peterstown, one at James Monroe, and one at Mountain View), and to provide cameras and communication systems on buses and schools. APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$1,643,701
- **B. Student Related Community Services** To provide funding to the WVU Extension Office to supplement the cost of providing the 4-H program to Monroe County students; to provide funding for county libraries which

serve all Monroe County students and an additional \$5,000 to match donations to those libraries, exclusive of grants or state or federal allocations (to be allocated among these in the Board's discretion).

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$115,000

C. Preventive Maintenance/Facility and Program Improvement – Including, but not limited to, HVAC, Filter Service, Custodial Equipment, Custodial and Maintenance Supplies, Preventive maintenance, ensure facilities are attractive and well-maintained, and allowance for individual schools to provide full day in-school suspension.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$492,025

D. Improve Guidance/Counseling Services/improve School Cleanliness – Including, but not limited to, hire personnel to continue to address custodial needs at Peterstown and Union (3 custodians), groundskeeper for all schools, to hire personnel in order to continue to provide additional guidance/counseling services to students, and to provide supplemental insurance for employees.

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$390,388

TOTAL APPROXIMATE NET ANNUAL AMOUNT NEEDED AFTER DUE ALLOWANCES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES, DISCOUNTS, AND EXONERATIONS: \$2,641,114

Should any item in the aforementioned purposes be declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, affected funds will be distributed among remaining unaffected items.

The Board of Education of the County of Monroe may, if the Board deems it to be in its best interests, reduce these said rates in any given year or years during the term of this levy after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next ensuing taxable year. The Board of Education of the County of Monroe is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations to enrich, supplement, and improve the educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Monroe. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education expenditures may be reduced in any particular category or categories, as may be required.

In the event the Board of Education of the County of Monroe shall obtain additional money, by grant or otherwise, from the state or federal government or from any

agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said Board of Education of the County of Monroe may from time to time determine.

The continuation approved on May 14, 2024, of an additional levy for each \$100.00 assessed valuation of property shall be 17.21 cents on Class I property; 34.42 cents on Class II property; 68.84 cents on Class III property; and 68.84 on Class IV property. These are the same rates used in the previous levy.

	FOR THE LEVY
П	AGAINST THE LEVY

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Those favoring the renewal of the levy, place (X) in the square before "FOR THE LEVY", those against such levy place (X) in the square before "AGAINST THE LEVY"."

Given under my hand this The day of January

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE

President

Attest: