

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO
DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION
OF ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY
1, 2025, JULY 1, 2026, JULY 1, 2027, JULY 1, 2028**

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF OHIO:

The Board of Education of the County of Ohio, finding that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the current expenses of the Board of Education of the County of Ohio, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, and that an election should be held to continue the present levies as provided for under the provision of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended, it is hereby ordered:

- (1) That the purposes for which funds are needed are to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Ohio County including, but not limited to:

A. Instructional materials, equipment, and services:

Including, but not limited to, furnishing free textbooks, workbooks, software, and teaching materials; medical and testing supplies; staff development supplies; instructional travel; new equipment and equipment replacements, upgrades, and repairs; library and media materials; technology, multimedia; contracted services; pre-kindergarten programs; duplicating machines; service agreements on instructional equipment; extracurricular equipment; and furnishings
APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$900,000

B. Maintenance and operation of the school system:

Including, but not limited to, utilities; services; supplies; custodial supplies; equipment; furnishings; vehicles; fees; dues; insurance premiums and/or any other costs related to the maintenance, cleaning, operation, repairs, renovations, security, new construction, and improvements to any and all facilities and/or future facilities owned, used, or rented by the Ohio County Board of Education; and general operations of the school system
APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$4,500,000

C. Salaries and benefits:

Including, but not limited to, the continuation, improvement and adjustment of salary schedules for all personnel in accordance with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations; insurance; social security; retirement; unemployment compensation; workers' compensation; attendance incentives, personal, sick, and annual leave; staff development; contracted services; stipends; extra-curricular stipends; and substitute employees

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$17,844,697

D. Support agencies and community services:

Including related services provided to Ohio County Schools by, but not limited to, 4-H; Agencies of the United Way; Children's Home of Wheeling; Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center; Family Resource Network; Florence Crittenton; Northern Panhandle Head Start; St. John's Home; Ohio County Commission; City of Wheeling; and the YMCA

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$100,000

E. Transportation:

Including, but not limited to, funds for new and/or replacement buses; repairs; contracted services; insurance; fuel and lubricants; supplies; training materials; tires; payments for private carriers; and/or any other costs related to the system of transportation of the Ohio County Board of Education

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$500,000

F. School Safety:

Including, but not limited to, School Resource Officers' salaries or contracted amounts with benefits, and their related expenses including equipment; and additional security equipment and provisions including but not limited to, security cameras and upgrades, keyless door entry upgrades and replacements, door core replacements, outside lighting installations, phones and intercom upgrades, vaping/bullying sensors, alternative communication devices, software, or supplies at ALL schools

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF: \$250,000

(2) That the annual approximate amount for the above purposes, after due allowances for delinquent taxes, discounts, and exonerations, is \$24,094,697.

(3) That the total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes for all of the said four fiscal years, after making all due allowances is \$96,378,788.

(4) That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within its jurisdiction is as follows:

Class I	\$	0
Class II		1,004,018,564
Class III		1,536,072,087
Class IV		<u>809,263,351</u>
Aggregate		\$3,349,354,002

(5) That the proposed maximum rate of levy in cents on each class of property per \$100 valuation within the Ohio County School district shall remain as follows:

Class I	22.03 cents
Class II	44.06 cents
Class III	88.12 cents
Class IV	88.12 cents

(6) That the years to which the proposed continuation shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028

(7) That no issuance of bonds is proposed in connection with this levy.

(8) That the Board of Education of the County of Ohio 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 Ohio. In the event that the amount collected is less than the amounts noted for the aforementioned purposes, the Board of Education is obligated to spend only a proportionate amount per enumerated purpose.

(9) That 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.

(10) That in the event other funds or additional funds are obtained by grant or allocation from state, federal, local, or any other sources, such funds may be used in place of the funds described above and/or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy.

(11) That the Board of Education of the County of Ohio 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.

(12) That the question of such continuation of tax levies shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

(13) That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order once each week for two successive weeks before said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the Ohio County School District. All the provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable, with the exception of the provisions contained in Section 17, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the *West Virginia Code*, as last amended.

(14) That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
LEVY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

Special election to authorize the continuation of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and for the purpose of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and the operation of school services in Ohio County including, but not limited to:

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according to the order of the Board of Education of the County of Ohio, entered on the 8th day of January, 2024.

TOTAL APPROXIMATE NET ANNUAL AMOUNT NEEDED
AFTER DUE ALLOWANCES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES,
DISCOUNTS, AND EXONERATIONS: \$24,094,697

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In the event other funds or additional funds are obtained by grant or allocation from state, federal, local, or any other sources, such funds may be used in place of the funds described above and/or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy.

The Board of Education of the County of Ohio 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 continuation approved on May 14, 2024, of an additional levy for each \$100 assessed valuation of property shall be on Class I property 22.03 cents; on Class II property 44.06 cents; on Class III property 88.12 cents; and on Class IV property 88.12 cents.

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FOR THE LEVY

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AGAINST THE LEVY

Instructions: 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".

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Given under my hand this 8th day of January, 2024.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE COUNTY OF OHIO

By Michael A. Garber
Michael A. Garber, President

Attest:

Kimberly S. Miller
Kimberly S. Miller, Ed.D., Secretary