

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
for
RENEWAL OF EXCESS SCHOOL LEVY**

TO THE VOTERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA:

TAKE NOTICE

That at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the County of Morgan, State of West Virginia, held on the 23rd day of January, 2018, as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record, to wit:

The Board of Education of the County of Morgan, being of the opinion that the levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of the Board of Education, including expenditures for the purposes herein set forth, and that an election should be held to renew additional levies that were approved by the voters of Morgan County School District on May 13, 2014, under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

1. That additional funds are needed for the following purposes and in the approximate amounts shown, during the next four fiscal years:
 - A. To continue the local salary schedule with required social security, unemployment compensation, workers compensation and other employee benefits for school personnel at an annual cost of approximately \$1,904,860.00. Such funding will allow the Board to employ and retain highly qualified personnel to provide a high-quality education for the children of Morgan County.

- B. To support critical educational programs including, but not limited to, alternative education and prevention resources, academic enrichment and remediation, extracurricular activities and STEM programs, and vocational programming at an annual cost of approximately \$1,147,438.00.
 - C. To provide for security, capital improvements, and the maintenance of existing facilities at an annual cost of approximately \$535,000.00.
 - D. To improve access to technology through the purchase or lease of hardware, software, infrastructure, repair, and training, at an annual cost of approximately \$125,000.00.
 - E. To provide instructional materials, programs, textbooks and equipment at an annual cost of approximately \$400,000.00.
 - F. To support the Morgan County Public Library and the Paw Paw Public Library at a combined annual cost of approximately \$35,000.
2. The Board of Education of the County of Morgan is hereby authorized and empowered to expend in a manner and upon such terms as the Board shall subsequently decide, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes. Additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property shall not be included in determining whether to reduce excess levy rates or in calculating the new levy rates for any such fiscal year.

3. In the event additional funds are obtained by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government or any other source, such additional money may be used either in substitution for or in addition to the amount obtained from this levy.
4. If for any reason all of the funds hereinabove allocated for any one of the above enumerated purposes is not used for such purpose in any of such four fiscal years, the unused portion of such funds may be allocated by the Board of Education of the County of Morgan, in its discretion, and expended for any one or more of the remaining purposes.
5. The total approximate net amount of taxes (gross taxes less delinquent taxes, discounts and exonerations) necessary to carry out the above purposes is \$4,147,298.00 annually or a total approximate amount for the next four-year period of \$16,589,192.00.
6. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Morgan is as follows:

Class I	\$	-0-
Class II	\$	676,149,452.00
Class III	\$	311,385,515.00
Class IV	\$	43,119,427.00
Aggregate	\$	1,030,654,394.00

7. That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation of each class of property is as follows:

Class I	16.08 cents
Class II	32.16 cents
Class III	64.32 cents
Class IV	64.32 cents

8. That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019; July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; and July 1, 2022.
9. The Board of Education of the County of Morgan will not issue bonds in conjunction with approval of this levy. Nothing herein shall affect any special levy or levies for the retirement of bonded indebtedness.
10. The Board of Education of the County of Morgan may reduce the said levy rates accordingly in any given year or years during the term of this levy if the cumulative countywide assessed valuations exceed 10% growth over the preceding year and after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next school year.
11. That the questions of such reviewed additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at an election to be held in conjunction with the May 8, 2018, primary election.
12. Notice of said election to authorize additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once each week for two successive weeks within fourteen (14) days preceding the election in the Morgan Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation in Morgan County School District. Printed copies of this order shall also be posted at each place of voting at least ten (10) days prior to the election.
13. That the ballot to be used at the election shall be in the following form:

Official Levy Ballot

**Board of Education of the County of Morgan
Special Election to be held on May 8, 2018, to authorize
the continuation of the special levy for the year(s) July 1, 2019,
July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, and for the purpose
of maintaining and improving the instructional programs and
the operation of school services for the Morgan County Public Schools
according to the order of the Morgan County Board of Education
entered on the 23rd day of January 2018**

The purposes for which funds are needed are to maintain and improve the instructional programs and the operation of school services for the Morgan County Public Schools as follows:

- A. To continue the local salary schedule with required social security, unemployment compensation, workers compensation and other employee benefits for school personnel at an annual cost of approximately \$1,904,860.00. Such funding will allow the Board to employ and retain highly qualified personnel to provide a high-quality education for the children of Morgan County.
- B. To support critical educational programs including, but not limited to, alternative education and prevention resources, academic enrichment and remediation, extracurricular activities and STEM programs, and vocational programming at an annual cost of approximately \$1,147,438.00.
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That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Morgan is as follows:

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The Board of Education of the County of Morgan will not issue bonds in conjunction with approval of this levy. Nothing herein shall affect any special levy or levies for the retirement of bonded indebtedness.

If for any reason all of the funds hereinabove allocated for any one of the above enumerated purposes is not used for such purpose in any of such four fiscal years, the unused portion of such funds may be allocated by the Board of Education of the County of Morgan, in its discretion, and expended for any one or more of the remaining purposes.

The Board of Education of the County of Morgan may reduce the said levy rates accordingly in any given year or years during the term of this levy if the cumulative countywide assessed valuations exceed 10% growth over the preceding year and after determining the sufficiency of funds for school purposes for the next school year.

All according to the order of the Board of Education of the County of Morgan entered on the 23rd day of January, 2018.

() FOR THE LEVIES

() AGAINST THE LEVIES

INSTRUCTIONS:

To vote in favor of renewal of the levies, place an "X" in the space before "For the Levies."

To vote against renewal of the levies, place an "X" in the space before "Against the Levies."

The Board of Education of the County of Morgan

By: _____
Its President

ATTEST:

Its Secretary