

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
Mercer County Board of Education
Excess School Levy
November 2, 2019

"Special Election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; July 1, 2022; July 1, 2023; and July 1, 2024, and the approximate amounts necessary for each purpose are set forth as follows, according to the Order of the Board of Education entered on the 13th day of August, 2019."

1. That the purposes for which additional funds are needed, together with the approximate amount for each purpose, are as follows:
 - A. For continuing the upgrading and improving of the instructional program of the Mercer County School District by the employment of additional teachers and professional student support personnel, the retention of qualified professional personnel, the employment of substitutes, and the provision of coaching and employee supplements, thereby keeping the Mercer County School District in a competitive position with other counties in West Virginia, in the annual approximate amount of \$3,100,000
 - B. For continuing to provide for the support of schools through the employment of additional service personnel, and for the maintenance of a fair and adequate salary schedule for all service and auxiliary personnel through the provision of employee salary supplements, and for the employment of substitutes for maintaining adequate services for the Mercer County School District, in the annual approximate amount of \$1,400,000
 - C. For continuing to provide fringe benefits such as the employer contribution for salary supplements, flexible allowances for optical coverage for all employees, and /or their dependents, in the annual approximate amount of \$820,000
 - D. For providing free textbooks (both print and electronic versions), instructional supplies, materials, and equipment including but not limited to workbooks, study materials, computer and electronic devices for student work, software, licenses, and classroom technology for grades PreK through twelve (12) as well as technical support to utilize and maintain such materials and equipment in the annual approximate amount of \$1,550,000
 - E. For assistance in providing funding for alternative education programs including salaries, supplies, and equipment in the annual approximate amount of \$150,000
 - F. For continuing support of public libraries, health services for students, employees, and 4-H activities in the approximate amount of \$140,000
 - G. For continuing support of extracurricular activities for students including chorus, instrumental music, clubs, athletics, cheerleading, curricular and extra-curricular classroom field trips, providing stipends/supplements for sponsors/coaches/teachers, purchasing equipment, uniforms, supplies, and other such expenditures that support these activities including athletic field maintenance and improvements in the annual approximate amount of \$950,000
 - H. For the maintenance and upkeep of existing school facilities, including HVAC repair and renovations, school building repair, fire marshal requirements, payment of equipment through lease purchase agreements. Also, to purchase the tools, equipment, and vehicles needed to provide maintenance and delivery services to schools in the annual approximate amount of \$2,100,000
 - I. For assistance in maintaining, and providing a secure environment for students, and employees in the schools in the annual approximate amount of \$350,000
 - J. For supplementing the Permanent Improvement Fund for constructing new facilities, remodeling and major facility improvements to existing facilities, in the annual approximate amount of \$552,714
 - K. For assisting in meeting utility, and operational costs, including insurance, and custodial supplies in all buildings, in the annual approximate amount of \$1,600,000
 - L. For assisting in meeting the cost of transporting students to and from school in the annual approximate amount of \$250,000
2. That the annual total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making due allowances for exonerations, and delinquencies, is approximately \$12,962,714
3. That the total five (5) year approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making due allowances for exonerations, and delinquencies is approximately \$64,813,570
4. That the Board of Education of the County of Mercer 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 for the enrichment, supplementation, operation, and improvement of educational services, and /or facilities in the schools of the County of Mercer.

The additional levies per \$100 valuation shall be on Class I Property, 22.95 cents; on Class II Property, 45.9 cents; on Class III Property, 91.8 cents; and on Class IV Property, 91.8 cents.

For the levies

Against the levies

INSTRUCTIONS: Those favoring the additional levies, place an "X" in the square before "For the levies", and those against such levies, place an "X" in the square before "Against the levies."

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