



FACTS ABOUT THE MARCH 2020 LEVY

The March levy represents 12% of the district's day-to-day operating budget.

This 5.45-mill continuing levy is part of the daily operating budget and expenses such as teachers, utilities and supplies.

This is not a new tax.

Big Walnut residents are already paying for this levy to support the daily operations of our schools. There is not an increase on this existing tax.

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This levy is set to expire at the end of 2020.

Planning for the following school year begins in early 2020. The district needs to know by the March 2020 election whether they have the funds to continue with the current level of programs and services for the 2020-2021 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 18

Voter Registration Deadline

FEBRUARY 19

Early Voting Begins

MARCH 17

Election Day

This levy maintains our current revenues to continue the quality of education at Big Walnut Schools. Our schools operate on a tight budget that is stretched thinner every year because our revenue is not keeping pace with the cost of new students coming into the district.

If the March continuing substitute levy fails, then we have to make cuts and reductions.

These cuts and reductions would occur with the start of the next school year (2020-21). Cuts and reductions are not a threat; they are necessary when funds are not available.

The bond and permanent improvement (PI.) dollars from the 2017 ballot issue cannot be used for operations.

The funds from the bond and PI are dedicated to specific capital projects and uses such as the construction of new facilities, upkeep on existing facilities and replacement of school buses.

Schools do not control growth; local governments do.

We work hard to communicate with local governments about how our schools are affected by growth. Ultimately, any new developments are up to them. Enrollment projections show that new home growth (and subsequently new student enrollment) will only continue.