



Tax Levy 2020

Facts about the need to run a tax levy for the
North Andrew School District

What is at stake?

- Real people and programs which affect our students.
 - Facilities needs for a great educational environment.
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What is the purpose of the .33 operating Levy Proposal

- The .33 Operating Levy will be used as a revenue source for the purposes of improving district facilities and paying the increased costs associated with educational programs, utilities, and other operational needs of the school district.
 - The North Andrew District is very fortunate to have outstanding facilities. However, with the building being over 25 years old there are maintenance issues that need to be addressed. The following is a partial list of facility concerns the district has at this time:
 - HVAC units - The last 3 years we have spent on average \$27,000 per year. We are past the life expectancy of the units. To replace them all would cost over \$250,000.
 - The hard surface on our playground is falling apart. Cost to fix the playground is \$50,000.
 - The North Andrew fire alarm system is outdated. We will no longer be able to get parts to fix it when something goes wrong with it. Cost to replace the system is \$27,000.
 - The front doors are worn out and need to be replaced at a cost of \$25,000.
 - Some security cameras need to be replaced at a cost of \$1,000 each.
 - The tile flooring in the hallways needs replaced at a cost of \$40,000.
 - The roof is in need of some repair. Estimate to fix it is \$17,500.
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How does our current levy compare to other surrounding Districts?

- Currently , the District's total levy is \$4.3734. This increase would make the new levy \$4.7044. This would return the levy to the voter approved levy which was voted on in 2004. The Average levy for schools in Northwest Missouri (North of I-70 and West of US-65) is \$4.7411.

Neighboring School's levies:

- Jefferson C-123 \$6.3930
 - South Nodaway \$5.9102
 - Stanberry \$5.4300
 - East Buchanan \$5.2776
 - Maryville \$5.0657
 - Union Star \$5.0542
 - King City \$4.5167
 - Savannah \$3.6536
 - South Holt \$3.3094
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Missouri's Hancock Amendment

- Missouri's Hancock Amendment limits the amount of property taxes that can be used to fund local government or local taxing jurisdictions such as school districts. Each year, school districts must set the new tax rate based on county assessments to make sure they aren't collecting too much in property taxes.
 - The Hancock Amendment is the reason why our levy is at \$4.37 this year compared to the \$4.70 which was voter approved in 2004.
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How much revenue will the .33 cents generate?

- The .33 levy will generate \$78,144 for the district.
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Operating Fund balances

- For the last two school years the operating fund balances (Fund 1 and Fund 2) have been in the red. In the 2017/18 school year the balance was a negative \$146,545. With cost saving listed the fund balances in 2018/19 were a negative \$105,354.
 - The district works on savings that would not affect the students in order to reduce the deficient. The savings included the following:
 - Newsletter - On line.
 - One less football coach
 - Painting Football field
 - Decrease in incentives for MAP testing
 - Reduction in extra duty summer stipends
 - Electricity use - Effort to reduce consumption.
 - No extra helpers for summer school work
 - Freeze on extra duty pay increases
 - Bid out health insurance
 - Reduce rug rental
 - Number of gate keepers at ball games are reduced
 - Announcing at JV basketball games has been eliminated
 - Reduce ½ teaching position
 - Cheaper Phone system option
 - Trash service cuts on holidays and summer
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Recent improvements for North Andrew Students

- The North Andrew District has also been able to make additions that give our students a better education which we would like to continue to support. The following is a list as a small school district that we are proud to offer our student body Those additions include the following:
 - Archery Program
 - Baseball Program
 - Wrestling Program
 - 1 to 1 technology
 - SMARTBOARDS in every classroom
 - Addition of 2 elementary teacher to reduce class size
 - Addition of ½ Math teacher
 - Resource Officer (Title money is used)
 - Part time Title Math (Title money is used)
 - Additional Special Education staff - reduce caseload
 - Textbooks - updated on an ongoing basis
 - Addition of elementary school counselor
 - School nurse
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Future increases in cost to the District

- Transportation - Currently the state only funds 18% of this cost. The cost continues to rise and will continue to do so as the minimum wage continues to increase.
 - Lunch Program - Again the minimum wage increase will continue to move this cost up as will the continued cost of food rising over time.
 - Textbooks
 - Technology
 - Maintenance
 - Uniforms
 - Staff - Salary, insurance
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How much will this operating levy increase actually cost me?

- Simply multiply the value of your home by 19% to get the assessed value.
 - Divide the assessed value by 100 to get your taxable units. Then multiply the taxable units by .33, the amount of the levy increase, to get the amount of your contribution.
 - On a house valued at \$50,000, assessed at .19%, would cost as follows:
 - $\$50,000 \times .19\% = 9500 / 100 = 95 \times \$4.37 = \$415$
 - $\$50,000 \times .19\% = 9500 / 100 = 95 \times \$4.70 = \$446.50$
 - An increase of \$31.50 per year, \$2.63 per month, or .11 cents per day
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How will the revenue be allocated?

- We will first balance the books and keep the district from deficit spending.
 - Maintain our current programs and staff
 - Maintain the facilities and address the needs of our facilities to continue to have a great learning environment for our students
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Ways District working to increase revenue

- Investing money to gain more interest
 - Grants - REAP grant to help with technology needs.
 - Take gate at baseball games
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Possible solutions in the future include:

- Reduce staff and programs to make up the difference. This is not a path we wish to go down as we strive to give our students the best educational experiences that we can.
 - Operating Levy Increase - Ask patrons to invest in their school and community. This is the route the board has taken. Ask for an increase in the operating levy of thirty three cents. The increase if approved will not take place until the 2020-21 school year.
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What does the actual ballot say?

FINAL BALLOT

Proposition 2

Shall the Board of Education of the North Andrew R-VI School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy by \$0.3300 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purposes of improving district facilities and paying the increased costs associated with educational programs, utilities, and other operational needs of the school district?

(If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating tax levy of the District is estimated to increase by \$0.3300 from \$4.3734, currently, to \$4.7034 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2020 Tax Year and can be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.)

District Recognitions and Celebrations

- FCCLA Star event winners- National
 - History Day - National
 - FBLA contest - National
 - Basketball - State final 4
 - Football - State Champions
 - Wrestling - State qualifiers
 - Archery - State qualifiers
 - Track - State Finalist
 - FFA contest – State
 - Cheerleader – final four appearances
 - Dual Credit offerings
 - Offer vo-tech courses at Hillyard's
 - Offer industrial arts courses
 - Offer After School day care
 - Attendance rate is high
 - Band, Music, Guitar class performances
 - Scholar Bowl teams (5th through 12th grades) all are successful
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Academic Achievement

District Academic Success

APR Scores

2015	130/138	94.2%
2016	126.5/138	91.7%
2017	130/138	94.2%
2018	116.5/120	97.1%
2019	(New State scoring system. Under this system NA would have been over 97 % again.)	

North Andrew Teacher Ratio

State of Missouri	17 to 1
North Andrew	12 to 1

In Closing:

- North Andrew gives our students a small school setting with the opportunities that students in big schools get to experience. Please help us maintain a quality school with small class sizes. Help to ensure that we can maintain this beautiful facility. A facility that is more than just a school, it is the heart of the community. A building that is open and used by a variety of clubs, teams, and activities throughout the year. Invest in our community and its most important asset, its children.
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