



**Community Education Session
March 2, 2024
Lake Elementary School**

YOUR VOTE, THEIR FUTURE

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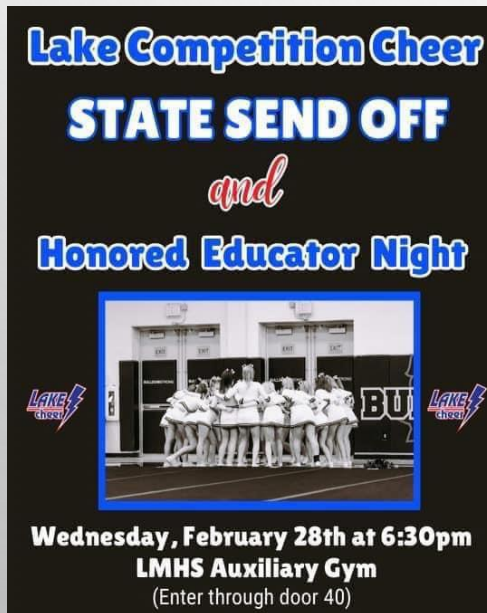
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Medium

Living off the Same 2006 Paycheck
Inflation
Rising Costs
Unfunded State Mandates
Changes In State Funding

Low



High

RISK

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Questions You Have

1. How Did We Get Here?
2. What Is Really At Risk? (Cuts)
3. How Does It Impact Me?
4. How Can I Trust The District With My Money?
5. What Do I Have to Do?

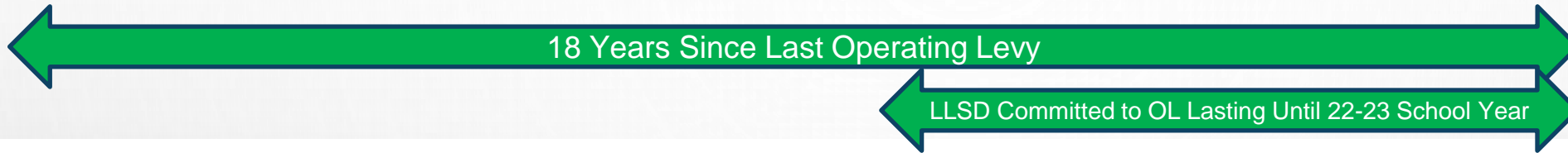
Discussion Topics

1. Structure & Funding
2. Cause & Effects of Cuts
 - Busing
 - Staffing
 - Art/Music
 - Programs / Curriculum
 - Athletics
3. Levy Specifics



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How Did We Get Here? 2006-2024



- 18 Years Since the Last Operating Levy
- Building Bond issue in 2015 was for buildings & Safety Resource Officers Only
- Bond Issues Come off in 2026

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A Lot Has Changed in 18 Years!



Item	2006	2024	Increase
Gas (\$/gallon)	\$2.19	\$ 3.25	48%
Oil Change	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00	200%
Windshield Washer Fluid	\$ 1.19	\$ 4.99	319%
Minimum Wage	\$6.85	\$10.45	53%

- Everything has increased in price over 18 years
- Consumer Price Index Has increased by 55.5% in last 18 years
- Inflation has reduced our buying power → Takes \$1.5 million to buy what cost \$1MM 18 yrs ago

*US Energy Information Administration

*US Bureau of Labor Statistics

CPI Inflation Calculator

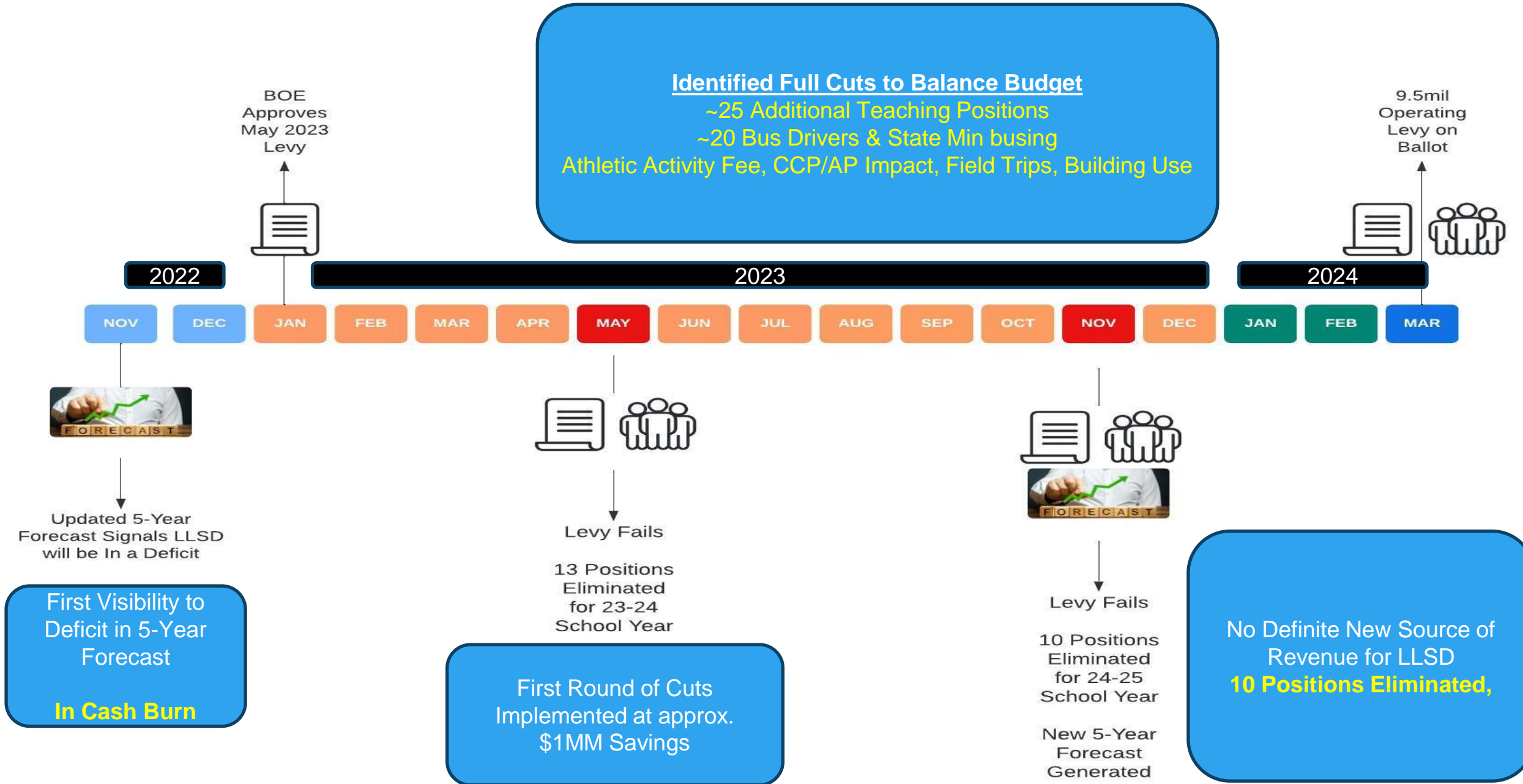
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How Did We Get Here? NOV 22-MAR 24



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What Does 9.5 mil Mean to You?

The Issue 22 Levy will cost Lake property owners **\$333 / \$100,000** of the county auditor appraised value of their home. The appraised value is what all property taxes are based off of and is established by the Stark County Auditor's office. You can find your property's appraised value on the County Auditor's website through the link below.

The bond issue which was passed in 2015 to build Lake's new schools will be ending in two years. This reduces school levy impact on property owners by close to 30% for the final three years.

Issue 22 Annual Impact for 5-year term:*

2025 - \$333 / \$100,000
2026 - \$333 / \$100,000
2027 - \$235 / \$100,000
2028 - \$235 / \$100,000
2029 - \$235 / \$100,000

\$333 / \$100,000



LAKE COMPARED TO OTHER DISTRICTS



What is a Mill?

The revenue generated by 1 Mill is different for each District. To generate the same dollar amount as 9.5 mills at Lake:

Lake LSD	9.5
Perry LSD	7.1
North Canton CSD	6.3
Plain LSD	4.6
Jackson LSD	3.2

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District Structure

- Think of Lake Local School District as a **\$40MM per year SERVICE BASED business**
 - CEO & CFO → Superintendent & Treasurer
 - ~**450 employees** across our staff serving **3300 students** & **5000+ parents**
 - **Impact 9000+** people before we touch larger community (YMCA, Library, Sporting Events, Theater, Band, etc)
- **Governed** by the State of Ohio
- **Audited** annually by the State of Ohio
- **Reported** to and **Reviewed** by the Board of Education Every Month
- **Legal Responsibility** to **Comply With the Law** & **Make Your Tax Dollars** last as long as possible

General Fund Expenditures

80% = Salaries & Benefits

People
Busing/Transportation
Athletics
Purchased Services



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	Compensation Ranking as of 2022-2023 in Stark County
Superintendent	5th
Treasurer	4th
Teacher - Starting	5th
Teacher - Masters, Step 12	5th
Teacher - Masters, max step	3rd
Teacher - Maximum	4th
Assistant Superintendent	6th
Curriculum Director	4th
Special Services Director	5th
MS/HS Principal	6th
Elementary Principal	5th

When comparing “Apples to Apples” total compensation

LLSD pays approx. 5th in the County

For

#1 Academic Results

&

Highly Desirable Community



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of Administrators & Pay

Lowest Admin Cost Per Student :

55% of State Avg

69% of Similar Sized Districts

Lower than every Stark County School

Highest Students Per Administrator

65% higher than State Avg

34% higher than Similar Sized Districts

	Administration Expenditure Per Pupil	Pupil to Administrator Ratio	Number of Administrators
Lake LSD	\$ 1,137	199	17
Jackson LSD	\$ 1,250	228	26
Springfield LSD	\$ 1,541	139	12
Similar Districts Average	\$ 1,649	149	23
Green LSD	\$ 1,664	159	24
North Canton CSD	\$ 1,775	155	27
Marlington LSD	\$ 1,806	132	14
Field LSD	\$ 1,958	162	12
Statewide Average	\$ 2,083	120	21

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District Funding

- Collect approx. **\$36MM** per year. **44%** Local Taxes **53%** State & Fed Funding
- State provides 18-24 months of visibility to funding
- Lake required to generate 5 year (60 month) forecasts

Property Taxes /State Law

- Does not allow Lake to collect higher levels of tax dollars from the community even as housing prices and the number of houses increase. ***This is on voted millage (majority of our millage), and there is an approx. <1% adjustment annually
- Lake, and all districts can only collect the total dollar value that was passed at the time of a property tax levy was voted.
- Deemed **Unconstitutional** 4 times since 1997 by the OH Supreme Court.



State Funding Formula (Uses a District's valuation, enrollment and income to determine state funding)

- Lake's valuation is increasing...we "should" be able to collect more in taxes from the community.
- Lake's income is in the top 50 out of 606 districts in the state of OH.
- The result is that state funding is actually decreased when our district valuation increases, even though no new levies have been passed and we cannot collect more on the old levies.
- Lake is also exposed to **Unfunded Mandates**:
 - Districts must provide staff, support and curriculum through new programs
 - Many of which are the best things for your children and the students
 - Lake must comply but is either not provided funding for or is provided partial funding.
 - This bucket of cost has grown significantly over the past decade.



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A Failed Levy **Pending Cuts & Impact**

Teachers & Staff

Busing

K-6 Art / Music / Gym / Library Offerings

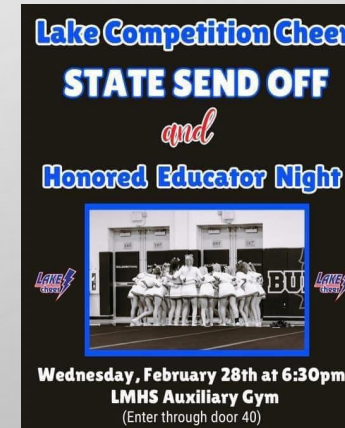
STEAM / CCP / AP / Foreign Language / Elective Offerings

Athletic Fees

Activity & Club Options & Fees

Building Use

Field Trips



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A Failed Levy Pending Cuts – Teachers & Staff

CAUSE



EFFECT

~80% of the District Expenditures Are Salaries & Benefits

Meaningful Reduction in Spend, Only Comes By **Cutting People**

May 2023 Levy Failure

13 Positions **Eliminated**

November 2023 Levy Failure

10 Positions **Eliminated**

March 2024 Levy Failure

15 Positions **Eliminated**

Elimination of **38** Teachers & Staff

Movement to State Minimum Educational Standards

Increased Classroom Sizes

Reduction of Academic Offerings

Reduction of Specials

Reduction of Available Coaches

Reduction of Teacher Led Clubs/Activities

Reduction of Available Mentors

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A Failed Levy Pending Cuts – Busing

CAUSE



EFFECT

~\$2.4 million of Expenditures Are Transportation

After Teachers & School Staff, Transportation Is One of the Largest Spend Buckets → **Cut People, Busing & Bus Replacements**

Movement to State Minimum Busing Requirements

20 Bus Drivers **Eliminated**

Student One-Way Ride Time Increased to **60 mins & Bus Density Increased**

K-8 **No Busing within 2-mile** radius (Impacts 447 children)

9-12 **No Busing** (Impacts 440 children)

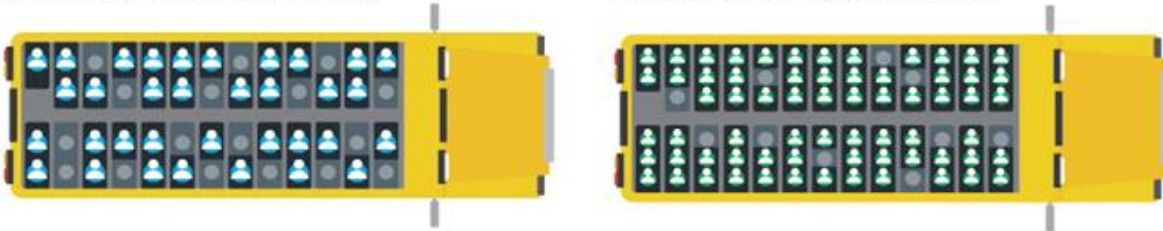
No Alternate Stops / Pick-ups or Drop-offs (**300+ Daily**)

No Daycare Shuttles

Student stops must be address of **residential parent**

34 Riders / 51 Possible Seats

67 Riders / 77 Possible Seats



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A Failed Levy Bell Schedule Impact

CAUSE



EFFECT

Movement to 60 min One-Way Ride Time & Bus Optimization

Even with the Levy Passing, Start/Stop times must be adjusted

LP: 8:50am-3:20pm - 6 hours 30 mins

LE: 9:00am-3:35pm - 6 hours 35 mins

LMHS: 7:39am-2:21pm (8 Period Day)

Levy Failure Impact Due to:

Elimination in Teachers

Elimination of Academic Offerings

Elimination of Bus Drivers

Reduced Buses in Service at any Given Time

Increase In Ride Time

Multiple Staggered Start / Stop Times & Shortened Day

K-1st Grades - 8:50am-2:50pm (6 hour Day)

2nd-4th Grades - 9:05am-3:05pm (6 hour Day)

5th-6th Grades - 7:50am-1:50pm (6 hour Day)

7th-8th Grades - 7:40am-1:40pm (6 period Day)

9th-12th Grades - 8:40am-2:40pm (6 period Day)

Significant Impact to Students & Families on Coordination of Start/Stop of School Day, Home Care, etc



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A Failed Levy Cuts – State Minimum Requirements (K-6th)

CAUSE



EFFECT

Movement to State Minimum Requirements for:

Art

Eliminate K-6th Grade Art

Music

Eliminate K-6th Grade Music

Physical Education

Reduce K-6th Grade Phys. Ed to Every 9 Days

Library

Reduce K-6th Grade Library Special Frequency

STEAM

Reduce K-12th Grades STEAM Offerings (Club not Curriculum)

- Proven to enhance academic performance
- Not supported by state minimum standards
- Needed to set students on the path through these feeder programs exposed to and excel in the middle/high school music, orchestra, art & STEAM programs.



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A Failed Levy Cuts – State Minimum Requirements (7th-12th)

CAUSE



EFFECT

Elimination of Teaching Positions, Reduction from 8 to 6
Periods & Movement to State Minimum Requirements

Foreign Language Offerings

AP

CCP

STEAM

State Minimum Graduation Requirements

Reduction or Elimination of Foreign Language Offerings

Reduction of Available AP Courses

Reduction of Onsite CCP Courses
Increased Burden on Students/Families to Attend On Campus
College Classes

Reduce 7-12th Grades STEAM Offerings (Club not Curriculum)

Lake Students Graduate with an Average of **24-26 Credits**

CCP/AP Students Graduate w/ **30+ Credits**

State Min Standards are **20 Credits**

Impact is Less Exposure, Less Education, Less College Credit,
Elimination of Diploma of Distinction, **Less Appealing College
Applications**



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Athletics

(Est. Based on Historical Participation)

Season	Fall	Winter	Spring	Full Year
#Coaches	56	44	38	138
Approx Athletes	500	300	400	1200
Sport	Cheer (Sideline)	Boys Basketball	Baseball	29 Sports
	Boys Cross Country	Girls Basketball	Boys Lacrosse	
	Girls Cross Country	Boys Bowling	Girls Lacrosse	
	Dance	Girls Bowling	Softball	
	Football	Cheer (Competitive)	Boys Tennis	
	Boys Golf	Cheer (Sideline)	Boys Track	
	Girls Golf	Dance	Girls Track	
	Boys Soccer	Gymnastics		
	Girls Soccer	Boys Swimming & Diving		
	Girls Tennis	Girls Swimming & Diving		
	Volleyball	Wrestling		

- 1300+ Athletes & Coaches
- Across 29 Sports
- Spanning Three Seasons Each Year



\$950 Athletic Activity Fee Calculation

Auditor of State Performance Audit Recommendation

Eliminate the General Fund Subsidy for Extracurricular Activities	\$ 860,000
Less Estimated Non-Athletic Activities	<u>\$ (60,000)</u>
	\$ 800,000

Approximate number of Athletic Participants from 2022-2023

Fall Season	500
Winter Season	300
Spring Season	<u>400</u>
	1,200

Estimated Decrease in Athletic Participants of Approximately 30%	840
	\$ 952



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A Failed Levy Athletic Fee Increase

CAUSE



EFFECT

Requirement to Cover \$800,000 Annual Cost With
Reduced Student Athlete Participation
=
Movement from \$250 Per Student Per Year to \$950 Per
Student Per Sport

Reduced Student Athlete Participation

Missed Student Opportunity to Try New Sports in LMHS

Missed Student Opportunity for Scholarships in College

Missed Student Benefit of the Increased Academic Performance with
Athletic Participation

Families Departing LLSD for Districts with Available Sports Offerings

LLSD Athletics Will Suffer for at Least 10 years with the Lack of
Participation and Departure of Student Athletes and Entire Families
from the District.



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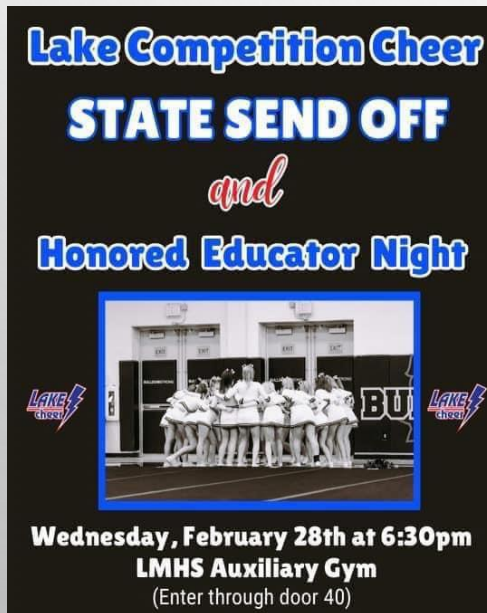
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**THIS LEVY IS THE *LAST CHANCE* TO
SAVE MANY OF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT
MAKE LAKE GREAT.**

What Do You Have To Do?

Remember

- Remain rooted in the facts.
- Seek clarity on any questions you have.

Take Action:

- 1 in 4 Lake parents did not show up at the polls in November.
- We passed by 6 votes the last time we passed an Operational Levy...your vote counts!

**The only way to Keep Lake Great....is
to Get Out & Vote!**



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We are **Responsible**
We are **Respectful**
We are **Safe**
We are **#GreatatLAKE**

