



# HIGH PERFORMANCE GOOD VALUE IN A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

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## 4.7-MILL OPERATING LEVY NOVEMBER 2019

# THE FACTS:

- Forest Hills School District has stretched its 2012 levy to last four years longer than promised to residents. The district receives significantly less funding than the average school district in Ohio and the state's school funding model does not account for inflation.
- Forest Hills delivers a high performance at a lower cost to taxpayers. According to the Ohio Department of Education Performance Index, our students are in the top 10% statewide while the district spends less per student than many neighboring districts.
- 73 cents from every dollar is spent on students at Forest Hills. Annually, this is \$4.5 million more on classroom instruction than if the district operated at the state average.
- With the passage of this 4.7-mill operating levy, residents in the Forest Hills School District will continue to pay less than the average rate of all 22 Hamilton County school districts.
- Your home's property value is connected to the district's performance. The Brookings Institute stated that housing costs are generally higher in areas where high-performing schools are located.
- Passage of this 4.7-mill operating levy will allow the district to continue to provide personalized learning opportunities, AP course choices, target class sizes, 21st century technology in classrooms, a variety of extracurricular options, necessary collaboration between teachers, and health and wellness resources.
- Without continued investment in Forest Hills School District, the district cannot maintain the experience we provide for our students. Reductions may include staffing, instructional support, student services and technology. Less funding will result in fewer extracurricular activities and increased class sizes.



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Bonds are for *building*  
Levies are for *learning*

## What is a bond?

A bond issue provides a school district with local revenue for construction purposes. The 2014 bond issue provided renovations for eight schools and replaced Wilson Elementary.

## What is an operating levy?

Operating levies fund day-to-day operations such as teachers, utilities, and supplies. Operating levies are a normal part of school funding in Ohio.

## How much will the operating levy cost me?

A 4.7-mill operating levy is on the November 2019 ballot. This equates to \$164.50 annually per \$100,000 of home market value.



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