

How Does Our Current Levy Compare?

We currently have the lowest operating levy of any school in our county and our conference. The last time the Lexington R-V School District asked the voters for a tax levy increase was 16 years ago, in 1996. The existing levy is no longer sufficient to support the district in 2012 and into the future.

Current Tax Levy 2011-2012 (Funds 1, 2, 4)

1 Carrollton	\$4.871	8 Well-Nap	\$3.909
2 Santa Fe	\$4.55	9 Higginsville	\$3.8862
3 Excelsior Springs	\$4.25	10 Holden	\$3.75
4 Harrisonville	\$4.2072	11 Odessa	\$3.7113
5 Richmond	\$4.0956	12 Oak Grove	\$3.68
6 Grain Valley	\$3.9677	13 Pleasant Hill	\$3.6608
7 Concordia	\$3.95	14 Lexington	3.5706

What If The Levy Fails?

If the levy fails the following items will be recommended in order to balance the 2012-2013 budget:

1. Reduce classroom teachers
2. Cut middle school athletics
3. All salaries decreased by \$600, employees to contribute \$50 monthly to their insurance premium
4. Cut LMS remedial academic classroom and staff member
5. Cut the LBS Recovery Room and staff member
6. Cut classroom and district technology budget by 50%
7. Cut transportation routes within three miles of the schools

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"YES"
April 3rd



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WHAT ARE WE ASKING?

On Wednesday, December 15, 2011 the Lexington R-V Board of Education approved ballot language for the April 3, 2012 election that will allow us to increase our operating tax levy by \$0.63 for the purpose of reducing the operating budget deficit and maintaining current programs and staffing impacted by decreased state and federal funding. If this question is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District is estimated to be \$4.2006 per one \$100 of assessed valuation.

WHY NOW?

For the third consecutive year our school district is facing a significant reduction in state and federal funding. We need to accommodate for a \$650,000 budget deficit in 2012-2013. In response to the budget deficit the district is cutting over \$350,000 in expenditures. These reductions do not impact class size or achievement, and have a minimal affect on staff. We are asking the community to generate the balance by approving a \$0.63 levy increase that will prevent cuts to academic programs, teaching staff, and student services critical to achievement.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO EARN YOUR SUPPORT?

In an effort to spend tax dollars as efficiently as possible, we have worked to cut over \$1.5 million from our budget over four years to match the reductions in funding. Other local schools (Higginsville, Concordia, Santa Fe) have already gone to their voters over the past two years and passed levy increases. We have used every available cost-cutting alternative, short of impacting the education we provide, to prevent the need for a levy increase up to this point. This levy increase is not a luxury that will allow us to expand programming. It is a necessity to maintain the district in the long-term.

HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST ME?

To calculate the increase you need to first determine your assessed valuation from your tax bill. Simply multiply the valuation of your property (real, personal, commercial or agriculture) by 0.63, then divide that product by 100. As an example, if your home and cars have a combined market value of \$100,000, they will be assessed at 19%. Their assessed valuation is \$19,000. If you multiply that by 0.63 and divide by 100, it equals to \$119.70. That is your annual increase.

REAL/PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

Market Value	Assessed Valuation (19%)	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$75,000	\$14,250	\$90	\$7.50
\$100,000	\$19,000	\$120	\$10.00
\$150,000	\$28,500	\$180	\$15.00

AGRICULTURE TAX IMPACT

Market Value	Assessed Valuation (12%)	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$75,000	\$9,000	\$57	\$4.73
\$100,000	\$12,000	\$75	\$6.30
\$150,000	\$18,000	\$113	\$9.45

COMMERCIAL TAX IMPACT

Market Value	Assessed Valuation (32%)	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$75,000	\$24,000	\$151	\$12.60
\$100,000	\$32,000	\$201	\$16.80
\$150,000	\$48,000	\$302	\$25.20