

# WIRT COUNTY SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL OPERATING LEVY RENEWAL

Questions  
and  
Answers



## Question

**Are Boards of Education allowed to levy taxes for general current operating expenses?**

*Answer*

*Yes. Boards of Education are permitted under Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16, of the West Virginia Code to submit to the voters the question of a School Levy for general current operating expenses.*

## Question

**How long will the Levy be in effect?**

*Answer*

*Levies must be submitted to voters every 5 years.*

## Question

**Does the Wirt County School System currently have a general current expense Levy?**

*Answer*

*Yes. Wirt County's citizens have been supporting the school system through the additional school levy since 1962.*





### Question

**When does the Levy expire?**

*Answer*

*The present Levy will end June 30, 2022.*

### Question

**Will the renewal of the School Levy cause an increase in my taxes?**

*Answer*

*No. The current rate will remain the same.*

### Question

**What are the general current expense purposes for which the School Levy will be used?**

*Answer*

- 1) To continue the purchase of textbooks, instructional supplies, services and equipment, and technology support.*
- 2) To continue support of professional salaries, extracurricular salaries (including athletics, band, and student travel), and service personnel salaries.*
- 3) To maintain and improve the transportation system, purchase buses, maintenance and fuel for buses, insurance for the fleet, and facility improvements.*
- 4) To maintain an improvement fund for facilities, to purchase custodial/maintenance supplies, property/building insurance, and utilities.*
- 5) Continue to provide financial support to community organizations: Dora B. Woodyard Memorial Library and WVU 4-H Extension programs.*

### Question

**Are Wirt County Taxpayers protected if there is another state-wide reappraisal of property values?**

*Answer*

*Yes. A clause in the Levy renewal requires the Board of Education to reduce the School Levy rates to produce no more than 4% of the preceding years revenue on existing property.*

## Question

**What current services and/or benefits would need to be eliminated if the levy were to be defeated?**

*Answer*

*The following services/or benefits would be eliminated:*

- 1) Extra curricular activity salary/athletics/band/student travel (unless activity fees could be collected to support these activities).*
- 2) Salary supplements to personnel.*
- 3) Additional purchase of buses over that provided by the transportation formula.*
- 4) Improvement fund for facilities, supplies, insurance and utilities.*
- 5) Financial support to community organizations such as Dora B. Woodyard Memorial Library and WVU 4-H Extension Program.*

## Question

**Are any of the School Levy funds required to be sent to Charleston?**

*Answer*

*No. All School Levy funds remain in Wirt County.*

## Question

**Who can I contact with questions about the Levy?**

*Answer*

*The Wirt County Board of Education central office at 304.275.4279.*



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