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Lexington Local Schools MINUTEMAN Report

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Voters to see **ZERO** Increase Levy Renewal on March 15 Ballot

A Message from Your Superintendent

Dear Lexington Resident:

Our schools continue to be a great source of pride in our community. They are a great value to residents as we continue to provide the best educational and co-curricular opportunities possible and earn high marks on the state report card. We have excellent, caring teachers and support staff. Our students excel in the classroom, in athletics and in the arts. And, our parents, community members and local businesses continue to value a quality education and are most supportive.

In order to maintain the great value our schools are, we continue to work diligently to operate in a common sense, fiscally responsible manner. We have cut and reduced our operating expenses approximately \$3 million during the past twelve

"Delivering on the promise of excellence and opportunity for each child is a tremendous responsibility, challenge and opportunity, which we will not take lightly!"

Mike Ziegelhofer,
Superintendent

years. While making cuts is never easy, we understand that we must be responsible to you, our community, in how we utilize your tax dollars.

On Tuesday, March 15 our district will have an operating RENEWAL levy on the ballot. This is a 10 year renewal of the district's current emergency operating levy, originally approved in 2011. **This is a ZERO tax increase for residents. It is a renewal**

of current operating funds and it will NOT increase taxes.

We will be mailing more information to your homes regarding this renewal levy. You can also find information on our website (www.lexington.k12.oh.us) about the renewal levy and absentee voting.

I hope that between now and Tuesday, March 15, you will take some time to learn more about this renewal levy. I also hope you will remember to vote March 15th.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our schools. We cannot properly serve the long range best interests of our students without your support.

Sincerely,

Mike Ziegelhofer,
Superintendent



Lexington Students, A Winning Investment!





FAQs: on the ZERO Tax Increase Emergency Levy Renewal

What is on the ballot?

A 10 year renewal of the District's current emergency levy, originally approved in 2011.

What will this levy cost me?

Nothing more. This is a ZERO tax increase renewal levy. It will not increase your taxes.

What will this renewal levy fund?

The levy represents 13% of the district's total operating budget. The levy will maintain that funding in order to pay for day-to-day operations of our schools such as staff, utilities and supplies.

When does the current levy expire?

The existing levy expires at the end of this calendar year.

What happens if it does not pass?

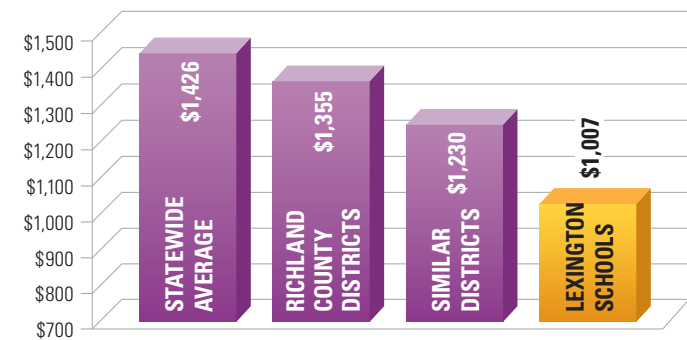
If it does not pass then the need does not go away. We will start making the hard decisions of cutting back on certain items.

How do our expenditures compare to other Districts around the State?

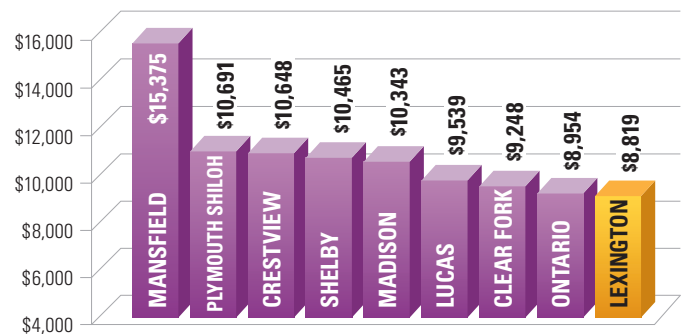
The graphs to the right compare the Ohio Department of Education 2013-2014 costs per pupil for Richland County districts and other districts around the State. The graphs demonstrate how Lexington Local Schools offer a great value to taxpayers...an excellent education for our students at a lower cost than other schools around the State.



Total Expenditure per Pupil



Administration Expenditure per Pupil



Expenditure per Pupil - Richland County