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Columbus City Schools Consider Levy Millage Options: A Nonpartisan Fact Sheet

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Columbus City Schools: Three Draft Levy Millage Options

- The 23-member Levy Millage Committee is considering two recommended options, with costs ranging from 7.75 mills to 8.18 mills before a facility bond issue is added. The Committee also asked Superintendent Good to prepare a third option in the 7 mills range.
- The Committee will continue discussions on June 27 before making a recommendation to the School Board. The Committee could consider other options, including adjusting the millage amount.
- The two options include an operating levy that provides more social workers, nurses and intervention specialists, a bond issue to address deferred maintenance needs (plumbing, HVAC, paving, and roofs), and a permanent improvement levy to address ongoing needs. The combination bond/levy issue would total \$216 million for capital improvements over five years.
- The Levy Millage Committee also has to decide if there will be a facility bond issue and, if so, at what amount.

Option 1	Millage Amount	Option 2	Millage Amount	Difference between Options 1 and 2
Staffing/Operations: 324.5 new staff over 5 years	5.58	Staffing/ Operations: 383.5 new staff over 5 years	6.0	0.42 mills
Bond will address deferred maintenance needs: \$176 million*	1.17	Bond will address deferred maintenance needs: 176.5 million*	1.18	0.01 mills
Permanent Improvement levy will address ongoing needs: \$4.4 million in first year; \$8.9 million in following years - total of \$40 million over 5 years.	1.0	Permanent Improvement levy will address ongoing needs: \$4.4 million in first year; \$8.9 million in following years - total of \$40 million over 5 years.	1.0	0 mills
Total Millage	7.75	Total Millage	8.18	0.43 mills

This fact sheet is available at www.KidsOhio.org and will be updated as new information becomes available.

*Does not include bond for Facilities Master Plan projects. Additional bond would need to be added for modernizing school buildings.

Proposed Increased Staffing over Five Years

- The district reports 8,800 staff in June 2016.
- The district reports that Option 1 would add 324.5 additional staff, representing about a 3.7 percent increase in staff over five years.
- Option 2 would add 383.5 additional staff, representing over a 4 percent increase in staff over five years.
- Option 2 would provide 59 more staff than Option 1.
- Certified staff would include nurses, social workers, and intervention specialists. Classified staff includes instructional assistants. *(More detail soon)*

Estimated Cost of 2016 Options

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Millage*	Cost per \$100,000 in Home Value	Percent Increase
Current millage: 56.4 mills	\$1,974.00	n/a
Proposed millage option: 8.18 mills	\$286.30	14.5%
Proposed millage option: 7.75 mills	\$271.25	13.7%
Proposed millage option: 6.9 mills	\$241.50	12.2%
Proposed millage option: 5.5 mills	\$192.50	9.8%

*1 mill = \$35 for every \$100,000 in home value – proposed millage options are the additional amounts to be added to a homeowner’s current annual tax bill
Note: The proposed 2013 levy would have raised taxes by 24 percent

Cost of Millage per \$100,000 in Home Value

Cost of Millage*			
# of Mills	Amount	# of Mills	Amount
1 mill	\$35	6 mills	\$210
2 mills	\$70	7 mills	\$245
3 mills	\$105	8 mills	\$280
4 mills	\$140	9 mills	\$315
5 mills	\$175	10 mills	\$350

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