

Northmont City Schools - Conversations for a Stronger School Community
Understanding Our School District's Funding Needs - May 2025

CURRENT FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- School districts need money to maintain operations, and voted levies are the main source of funding for most districts in Ohio.
- State law freezes how much districts receive from voted levies - providing the same dollar amount year after year. As home values increase, the county auditor lowers the tax rate, which is called “effective” millage.
- Flat funding from the State and voted levies have not matched rising operational costs. This has caused our annual expenses to exceed our revenues.
- Northmont has not approved a new voted millage in nine (9) years.

FUNDING CHALLENGES & IMPACTS

- Operating funds support the day-to-day expenses of running our schools, such as paying teachers and support staff, buying classroom supplies, fueling buses, paying for utilities, and more.
- Some immediate reductions were applied after the May 2023 levy failed, which made an impact on our budget.
- After voters rejected 2 levies, we implemented a reduction plan, cutting 41 staff positions (including administrators, teachers, and support staff), closing a building, and increasing fees.
- These cuts have created larger class sizes. Reductions in support staff positions have impacted teacher planning/preparation and building support.

MAY 2025 LEVY REQUEST

- Northmont City Schools' levy on the May 6, 2025 ballot is a 3.44 mill emergency levy.
- This levy is to maintain current education programs, continue implementing the district's strategic plan, and keep up with rising daily expenses.
- This levy will cost \$10 per month per \$100,000 of home value as determined by the county auditor. Look up your home value: www.mcrealestate.org
- The most recent levy for additional operating funds was passed in 2016.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- Here is the contact information for the individuals who represent the Northmont area at the state level:
 - State Representative Phil Plummer
Phone - 614-644-8051
 - State Representative Rodney Creech
Phone - 614-466-2960

- State Senator Stephen Huffman
Phone - 614-466-6247



IMPORTANT DATES

- February 10, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- February 24, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- March 10, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- March 18, 2025 - Community Forum
- April 14, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- April 16, 2025 - Community Forum
- April 28, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting
- May 6, 2025 - Election Day



MORE INFORMATION

- Frequently asked questions about school levies: www.northmontschools.net/levy
- Five-year forecast: <https://www.northmontschools.net/departments/finance-treasurer>
- Strategic plan: <https://www.northmontschools.net/strategic-plan>
- Northmont Profile: <https://www.northmontschools.net/district-profile>
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