



Cuts, Reductions, and Efficiency Measures

Our top priorities are students, classrooms, and fiscal accountability. Like most school districts, our costs are rising due to inflation (utilities, salary steps/contractual increases, transportation, specialized services). Even without adding staff, districtwide expenses increase by an estimated \$3–\$5 million per year because of cost-of-living and price inflation for products and services.

How Levies Differ

- **Operating levies** fund daily operations: staff, classroom programs, and services.
- **Bond issues** fund major construction and facilities.
- **Permanent Improvement levies** fund long-lived items (e.g., roofs, parking lots, buses) and cannot be used for salaries.

Context

- The district's PI levy was renewed in May 2025 to maintain facilities.
- The November 2024 operating levy did not pass, the first unsuccessful operating request since 2002.
- Bond issues in 2023 and 2024 were not approved, creating facility capacity pressures and additional general fund costs.
- Community philanthropy has been strong—over \$9 million since Fall 2013 (as of September 2025)—enhancing student opportunities. Donor funds are typically restricted or one-time and are not a reliable source for ongoing operating costs.

Programs if Approved / Reductions if Not

Here is a link to the Programs Funded by the Nov. 4 Levy if Passed/Breakdown of Cuts Needed if Nov 4 2025 Levy is Rejected:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NZ2GcfGmgeZkGeufvb0ER4SUGgVZICf7Ko7amTlnEcg/edit?usp=sharing>

Cost Containment & External Savings (What is keeping Costs Down)

Examples:

- EPA grants for propane buses to lower acquisition and fuel costs.
- Competitive bidding for custodial supplies and copy paper.
- Inventory controls (just-in-time materials) to reduce waste.
- Employee cybersecurity training lowering cyber-insurance premiums.
- WeCare Clinic (in collaboration with Principle Business Enterprises and the City of Perrysburg): about 70% of employees use the clinic; preventive screenings help moderate premium increases.
- Prescription benefit manager change: \$3.6 million saved since 2023.

Reductions tied to 2025 Revenue Shortfall

(Not Funded in this Levy; Future Restoration depends on Revenue)

Examples:

- Hull Prairie Intermediate (HPI) schedule reduction.
- Reading teacher reductions.
- Reduced student clubs/activities.

- Gifted education reduction.
- District support for the Perrysburg Heights Community Center Reading Program.

Permanent Efficiencies Already Implemented (Will Remain)

Examples:

- Printing quotas to curb paper/toner costs.
- Elementary redistricting with estimated annual savings of \$505,000–\$630,000 through fewer bus routes (drivers) and fewer elementary sections (teachers).

Our Commitment

We will keep reassessing spending and goals to protect classroom learning while being transparent about trade-offs. As conditions change, we'll keep the community informed.