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April 29, 2021

Dear Bethel-Tate Parent/Guardian:

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, the Bethel-Tate Local School District has a critical issue on the ballot. This 5-year 7.5 mill Emergency Levy **is needed to maintain and protect our current programs and services.**

If the levy does not pass in May, the district will be forced to make **\$1.5 million in cuts annually** that will negatively impact our students, staff, and community starting in the 2021-2022 school year. Our district operates on a lean budget, and cuts of this magnitude will impact both the classroom and after-school activities.

I hope you take a moment to learn more about the issue. If you have questions, please reach out to our Treasurer, Karen Royer, at karen.royer@betheltate.org.

What is at Stake?

If the levy fails, the following cuts will take place beginning in the 2021-22 school year:

- Total of 14 staff will be cut before the start of the 2021-2022 school year (five teachers, five bus drivers, four part-time secretaries).
- Busing will no longer be provided to Bethel-Tate High School students.
- Grades K-8, busing will not be provided to students whose residence is within 2 miles of the school they attend; nor may these students use caregiver's locations beyond the 2 miles to receive busing services.
- Teachers who are retiring or resigning will not be replaced resulting in larger class sizes.
- Specials (art, music, physical education) will not be offered in grades K-5.
- Gifted classes will not be offered during the school day.
- Loss of school resource officer.
- School buildings and parking lots will be closed after the school day ends including the weekend for all after-school programs, community sports, etc.
- Due to maintenance costs, Fossyl Drive will be closed after the school day ends including the weekends.
- Pay-to-play fees will be significantly increased.

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What Will it Cost?

The increase in taxes from the 7.5 mill Emergency Levy is offset by two issues dropping off our resident's taxes. The current Emergency Levy will expire at the end of 2021 and the Bond Issue dropped off at the beginning of 2021.

The total tax increase on a \$100,000 home will be \$18.55 a year. See the detailed explanation below. The collection of the new levy will begin in calendar year 2022.

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AUDITOR
Linda L. Fraley, Clermont County Auditor

PROPERTY SEARCH →

Proposed Levies for the May 4, 2021 Special Election

Name	Description	Mills	Additional Cost	Current Cost	Estimated Tax	Passed
Bethel Tate Local Schools	Renewal of Emergency Tax Levy with an Increase; 7.5 mills for Period of 5 Years	7.50				

Calculations for Total Increase in Taxes on \$100,000 Home 7.5 Mill - 5-Year Emergency Levy

Home Appraised Value	Home Assessed Value (35%)	New Levy Millage 7.50 or .75 for each \$100	Current Emergency Levy 5.47 mills	Bond Issue that Expired 1.50 mills	Total Cost for Current Levy and Bond	Difference Between New Levy & Current Levy Annual Amounts
\$100,000	\$35,000	$350 \times .75 = \$262.50$	$350 \times .547 = \$191.45$	$350 \times .150 = \$52.50$	\$243.95	$262.50 - 243.95 = \$18.55$

Voting Information

The polls on May 4 will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you need to know where your polling place is, or any question in general about voting please contact Clermont County Board of Elections. Their number is (513) 732-7275 and office hours Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the levy please contact our Treasurer, Ms. Karen Royer, or myself.

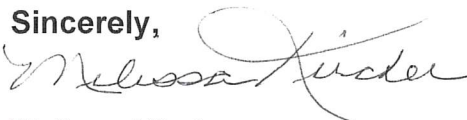
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We truly need everyone's help in this very critical time.

Thank you for supporting our schools and students.

Sincerely,



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