

March 2020 Operating Levy for Loveland Schools

Loveland Schools have a 6.95-mill operating levy on the March 17 ballot. The levy will provide the financial support to ensure that Loveland remains a high-quality, stable, and strong school district by sustaining academic programs and the progress made in student achievement.

What is the levy for?



This is a continuing levy needed for day-to-day expenses, such as technology, classroom supplies, utility bills, busing, and salaries and benefits for staff. This levy is NOT for building new facilities.

What will it cost?



\$243.25/year (\$20.27/month) per \$100,000 of appraised home value as determined by the county auditor. Collections will begin in January 2021.

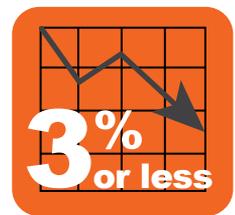
Continued commitment to purposeful, responsible spending



\$2.7 million in expense reductions, regardless of the outcome of the levy.



Transition from a period of investment and growth to SUSTAIN and OPTIMIZE*.



Commitment to limiting expense growth to 3% or less annually.

*Sustain recent progress and optimize our performance and resources by continually identifying ways to reduce expenses.

Per-pupil spending: \$12,472 (state average), \$12,550 (Loveland)

72% of the district's operating budget goes directly to classroom instruction, placing Loveland in the top 10% of all public districts in Ohio (57th of 610).

It's been six years since the last operating levy was approved by voters in 2014.

The district has earned the Auditor of State Award for four consecutive years for its excellent financial reporting.

If the levy passes

The district can pay for the day-to-day operating costs that will sustain the strong academic outcomes, student achievement results, and services added since the last operating levy in 2014.

If the levy fails

If the levy fails, the district has a fiscal responsibility to enter into the 2020-21 school year with additional and significant adjustments to the budget due to uncertain funding. The cuts will affect class size, student services, and programs, including music, physical education, media centers/library, and gifted services. The cuts will include:

- The elimination of a combination of at least 25 administrative, teaching, and non-teaching staff positions.
- Elimination of high school busing, including non-public routes.
- Further reductions in department and building budgets.
- Additional increases in pay-to-participate fees.