

2024-2029 Excess Levy

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What is the KCS excess levy?

The excess levy is a tax on personal and real property that is approved by the voters every five years. The current excess levy provides 22 percent of the school system's current operating budget.

How long has the levy been in effect?

Citizens of Kanawha County have supported the excess levy since 1937.

Is the 2024 excess levy a new tax?

No. The excess levy has been supported by Kanawha County citizens since 1937.

Is the 2024 excess levy a tax increase?

No. There will be no increase for the 2024-2029 excess levy.

What will happen if the levy doesn't pass?

Kanawha County Schools will lose almost one-fourth of its current operating budget - \$64 million.

How will funds from the 2024 excess levy be spent? (1st year figures provided)

Operations (Professional, Service & Substitute Salary) -- \$37,785,048 will be spent for professional, service and substitute wages. The levy specifically funds custodians, counselors & art teachers in elementary schools that would not otherwise be funded.

Additional Staff -- \$2,496,000 will be spent on additional staff including one additional legal/Title IX investigator, stipends for 504 coordinators at 63 schools, seven additional counselors, five additional nurses, ten additional maintenance staff and fourteen additional special education teachers and aides.

Safety & Security Improvements -- \$2,737,000 will be spent on safety & security improvements in schools across the district, including digital surveillance upgrades at all locations, security vestibules at all locations that do not currently have them, twelve school security team members and the installation of weapons detection equipment in all high schools.

HVAC & Roofing Improvements -- \$11,157,089 will be spent on HVAC improvements at 10 schools with the greatest need.

Facility & Extracurricular Needs -- \$7,489,590 will be spent on facility and extracurricular improvements, including middle school and high school tennis courts, baseball and softball fields, and tracks. This funding includes raises for coaches and extracurricular staff (approximately 20%), a contribution to local aquatic center(s), as well as scoreboards and miscellaneous improvements listed in full levy call.

On the ballot November 8, 2022. More information at: kcs.kana.k12.wv.us/excesslevy

Did you know?

The largest portion of the KCS excess levy is for staff.

The 2024-2029 excess levy would continue funding for:

- Professional, service and substitute salaries (across the district)
- Retirement
- Free dental benefits
- Free vision benefits
- Income protection
- Instructional materials
- Supplies for printing, copying, custodial, library, office, vocational and health
- Pest management
- Fire alarm inspections
- Construction, repairs and maintenance
- Lab equipment
- Administrative equipment
- School copier rentals
- Drivers' ed car rentals
- And, much more!

Every KCS employee benefits from funds that we have thanks to the voter-approved excess levy.

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Additional Fast Facts

- Kanawha County Schools pays above the state minimum in all job categories, which is funded by the excess levy.
- The excess levy up for vote this November 8 results in NO new or increased taxes. This is a continuation of the same level of the last voter-approved excess levy.
- There are three levies on your property tax receipt. One is the regular levy (from state code, not voted on), one is the KCS excess levy, and the last is the library excess levy. There are not three KCS excess levies.
- 80% of West Virginia counties have active excess levies.
- Without the excess levy, we'd lose one fourth of our budget and have to make significant cuts to staff and services.

Election Day - Nov. 8

Early Voting - Oct. 26-Nov. 5

The KCS excess levy appears on the ballot after the four constitutional amendments (which are all separate from our excess levy).

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