2024-2029 Excess Levy



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 onefourth of its current operating budget - \$64 million. How will funds from the 2024 excess levy be spent? (1st year figures) These are abbreviated summaries. Please see full levy call for full list.

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 school behavior plan coordinators at 63 schools, seven additional counselors, five additional nurses, ten additional maintenance staff and fourteen additional special education staff.

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, secure reception areas 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 (with striping for pickleball), 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.

Proposed Excess Levy Projects

2024-2029

Belle Elementary

Rubber mulch

Cedar Grove Elementary

Rubber mulch

Chesapeake Elementary

Custodian/maintenance, rubber mulch

Malden Elementary

Custodian/maintenance, rubber mulch

Marmet Elementary

Custodian/maintenance, counselor, rubber mulch

Mary Ingles Elementary

Custodian/maintenance, counselor, rubber mulch

Midland Trail Elementary

Custodian/maintenance

Pratt Elementary

Rubber mulch

Sharon Dawes Elementary

Custodian/maintenance, rubber mulch

DuPont Middle

HVAC, roofing, soccer/football turf, track improvement, all fields graded/leveled, fence replacements, parking lot paving, front entry awning, scoreboard package, tennis court improvements

East Bank Middle

Soccer/football turf, track improvement, fence replacements, bleachers, scoreboard package, tennis court improvements

Riverside High

Additional nursing services, softball field turf, baseball field turf, scoreboard package, tennis court improvements

For All Schools

Digital surveillance equipment upgrades, increase in all athletic coach pay, payment for school behavior plan coordinators, an art teacher available to each elementary school

Current Excess Levy Projects

2019-2024

Belle Elementary

Roof

Chesapeake Elementary

Custodian

Malden Elementary

Custodian, roof

Marmet Elementary

Custodian, counselor

Mary Ingles Elementary

Custodian, counselor

Midland Trail Elementary

Custodian

Pratt Elementary

Roof

Sharon Dawes Elementary

Custodian, roof

Riverside High School

HVAC, roof, turf

All KCS Classrooms

Intruder lock sets:

Camera upgrades, panic alert system, door contact alarms

ESSERF/SBA/Other Recent

Projects

2023 - Cedar Grove elementary renovation (SBA)

2023 - Sharon Dawes HVAC (ESSERF)

2023 - Pratt HVAC (ESSERF)

2024-2029 Excess Levy Riverside Area

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