



# Superintendent Update

April 19, 2023



# Excellence in Forest Hills

## **Community Connections**

- Elementary Adopt-A-Roadway next week
- History to Schools field trips to Anderson Center
- Well-deserved volunteer recognitions

## **High-Quality Education**

- AHS and THS are in Top 5% of Ohio high schools
- Six “Hall of Fame” elementary schools
- Nationally recognized music programs
- District-wide PBIS recognition of excellence

# Year-Over-Year Reductions

**Goal: Make FHSD as lean as possible, while maintaining a high level of performance and support.**

## Current Actions

- \$750,000 in reductions prior to 2023-2024 school year
  - These will happen whether the levy passes or fails.

## Past Efforts

- \$2.7 million in reductions since 2018

# May 2, 2023 Levy

## Combination Levy — 6.9 mills

- 5.4 mill operating levy
- 1.5 mill permanent improvement levy
  - District Informational Levy Webpage (details on what this will cost and fund)  
<https://www.foresthills.edu/levy.html>
  - [Priority Maintenance Plan](#)

Home Market Value	Cost Per Month
\$100,000	\$20.13
\$200,000	\$40.26
\$300,000	\$60.39

The levy cost is based on the market value of a home, as assessed by the Hamilton County Auditor.

# Levy Passage: What It Means

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- **Maintain Current Educational Standards**
  - No new programs or costs, but FHSD will be able to offer the same high-quality educational opportunities to students
  - Keep class sizes at similar levels
  - Maintain similar offerings in music, media and gifted programs
- **Address Critical Maintenance/Repair Needs**
  - The PI levy will set aside much needed money for capital improvement projects.
  - These funds are required by law to be used for any property, asset or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more.
  - This will allow FHSD to address things like building updates, roofs, parking lots, heating and cooling systems, or new buses or technology.

# Levy Failure: Impact on Education

- **Larger Class Sizes**
  - The reduction of teachers at the secondary level will likely cause an increase of average class sizes in listed subject areas.
- **Less Robust Personalized Learning**
  - Phase 2 reductions limit FHSD's ability to align and collaborate between buildings to deliver current levels of personalized learning and curriculum to students across all grade levels.
- **Reduced Support Services**
  - Fewer students will be able to receive intervention services from a reading specialist.
  - The elementary gifted program will have to be redesigned, including less pull-out instruction and potential restructuring of grade level delivery.
  - Dedicated case coordinators are reduced at the secondary level, shifting some special education responsibilities to other employees and administrators.

# Informational Levy Website

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## Welcome

Forest Hills is a place where all members of the district are engaged in providing educational opportunities that empower students to excel. With a tradition of excellence and a supportive community, Forest Hills School District provides an innovative curriculum, high expectations and total devotion to young people.



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Check out this inspiring story about 2018 Turpin High School graduate Ryan Scoble! We're so happy he's made it this...  
<https://t.co/tytVDGwiCF>

@FHSchools  
APRIL 18, 2023

Take a look at this brief video on

- Facts/Information
- Videos
- FAQ Sheets

<https://www.foresthills.edu/levy.html>

# Live Levy Presentation



Superintendent and Treasurer will be live on YouTube to provide an overview on the combination levy and answer questions from the community.

When: Tuesday April 25, 2023 from 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Where: [FHSD YouTube Page](#)

Search “Forest Hills School District” on YouTube

Please submit questions prior to the event by emailing [contact@foresthills.edu](mailto:contact@foresthills.edu) (questions can be submitted during the event as well).