



# The Midview Schools

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## *E-NEWSLETTER*

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### **Welcome to the *Midview E-Newsletter!***

Midview is committed to providing you with the latest information about your schools to keep you well informed about the latest happenings in your schools. This month's "Special Edition" E-newsletter features answers to your frequently asked questions about Issue 39—the 2.5-mill permanent improvement issue on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. If you have a question you would like answered about the levy, please submit your request to: [info@midviewyes.org](mailto:info@midviewyes.org). Someone from the campaign will get back to you with an answer. Until next time, be well!

*Together, we're expecting more, achieving more!*

#### **\*\*\*\*SPECIAL EVENT\*\*\*\***

##### **Friday, October 24: TAILGATE PARTY 4:30-gametime**

Join us before the North Ridgeville Football Game behind the high school for a Tail Gate Steak Fry! Adult admission is \$20 and includes a 20 oz. Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll, and Drink. Child admission (12 years and under) is \$5 and includes a Hamburger, Chips, Drink, and a Cookie. Bring a canned food item to donate to the food drive and receive a free dessert! To reserve your spot, contact 440-343-8231 or email [support@midviewyes.org](mailto:support@midviewyes.org). Go Middies!

### **Frequently Asked Questions About **Issue 39****

#### **Why is Issue 39 important?**

The Midview Schools provide a quality education for all students and that quality makes our communities better because it offers strong futures for our children. While our students are accomplishing great things in and out of the classroom, our district is facing difficult financial struggles that threaten the quality of education.

Issue 39 is a 2.5 mill issue—we are asking voters for the minimum amount needed this November. Without it our community gets worse and falls behind.

#### **Why does Midview need a Levy right now?**

Midview is asking voters to approve this small issue because property taxes in Ohio are frozen and don't keep up with severe inflationary pressures. Issue 39 will allow us to keep the programs, teachers, and technology our kids need to succeed. It's a 2.5 mill issue for 5 years, legally called a permanent improvement levy.

#### **Why doesn't the Board just make cuts instead of putting a levy on the ballot?**

The district has been fiscally responsible and has already cut more than one million dollars from the budget. In fact, ***Midview already has the lowest per pupil instructional spending in the county***. Further cuts would devastate our schools and would hurt our community.

The Midview community takes pride in its schools, and the quality of a school system affects the value of a homeowner's investment. We feel it is our responsibility to go to the

public one more time to ask for your support before making cuts that will severely hurt the education of our students.

### **What exactly is a PI Levy?**

A Permanent Improvement (PI) levy is a tax that can only be used for items lasting five years or more. PI can only pay for investments like up-to-date textbooks, modern classroom technology, maintained facilities and safe student transportation. By law, it cannot pay for salaries.

### **How long will this PI levy last?**

Issue 39 is a 5-year levy. The Board believes that giving the voters the opportunity to review and renew this issue (and others) every five years safeguards the voters' money by giving them the chance to non-renew if the money isn't used wisely.

### **What will this cost me?**

The passage of this 2.5-mill permanent improvement levy will cost an additional \$76.56 per year for every \$100,000 in appraised property value. With the average home in Midview appraised around \$150,000, the average home owner will pay an additional \$114.84 a year, or, \$9.57 a month, to keep Educational Necessities in the classroom.

For an exact calculation, log on to the Lorain County Auditor's website at:  
<http://oh-lorain-auditor.governmaxa.com/propertymax/rover30.asp>

***If you're 65 or older, don't forget to take this into consideration: the Homestead Exemption that is saving you money on your property taxes will significantly lessen the impact of the new levy!***

### **What will the money be used for?**

As a PI levy, the funds can only be used for things such as up-to-date textbooks, modern classroom technology, maintained facilities and safe student transportation.

Issue 39 will help KEEP EDUCATIONAL NECESSITIES for Midview students.

### **What are the benefits if Issue 39 passes?**

Passage of this levy will ensure that Midview can keep providing an excellent education to our students and maintain pace with other school districts in the county. There are no bells and whistles if this levy passes. We are only asking to keep educational necessities for our students.

It's a meaningful investment in our schools because it targets dollars for specific items. The issue is the right thing for Midview. Without it our community gets worse and falls behind.

### **What specifically will be cut if the levy does not pass?**

Without this 5 year PI, the district will need to cut an additional million dollars from the already bare bones budget. Since there is nowhere else to cut, the district will have to consider:

Laying off teachers and tutors

Postponing the integration of today's classroom technology

Not replacing textbooks that are more than 15 years old

Those cuts would devastate our schools and would hurt our community.

**I read in the paper recently that we have \$22 million in credits with the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission (OSFC) to build a new school...do we still need Issue 39?**

YES. In fact, this makes the passage of Issue 39 even more important. OSFC funding and Issue 39 are two separate funding areas with two separate “pots” of money which can only be used for specific items:

**OSFC funding** can only be used for new construction of school buildings. It can NOT be used for educational necessities such as those provided through Issue 39.

**Issue 39 funding**, by law, can only be used to purchase items with a lifespan of 5 years or more: items such as textbooks, classroom technology, and safe transportation. All of these items are desperately needed by the Midview Schools right now.

If Issue 39 does not pass in November, the district will need to make an additional \$1 million in cuts. Since Midview is already working from a bare bones budget, those cuts will have to come from areas which will affect the educational program—teachers, classroom materials, and programs—and all of these are essential to Midview’s ability to educate students. Without them, a new school building doesn’t count for much.

**I have additional questions. Where can I get more information?**

Please contact your Midview School Board members or the superintendent’s office at 440-926-3737 for additional information. The Funding the Future levy committee also has an informational website located at: [www.MidviewYes.org](http://www.MidviewYes.org).

**UPCOMING DATES**

- October 20: MHS Choir Concert 7:00
- October 20: Touchdown Club 7:00
- October 21: BOE Meeting at West 6:30  
[What Happened at the September Board Meeting?](#)
- October 22: Marching Band Concert 7:00
- October 22: Funding the Future Meeting 6:30 at West
- October 24: Issue 39 Tail Gate Party 4:30
- October 27: OGT: Juniors and Seniors
- October 27: Academic M 6:00
- October 27: Touchdown Club 7:00
- October 27: Elementary Conferences
- October 28: OGT: Juniors and Seniors
- October 28: Parents and Pumpkins Night
- October 29: OGT: Juniors and Seniors
- October 29: Funding the Future Meeting 6:30 at West
- October 30: Drama Boosters 7:00
- October 31: End of First Grading Period
- October 31: Halloween
- October 31: Elementary Room Parties
- October 31: OGT: Juniors and Seniors
- November 2: Daylight Saving Time
- November 3: Touchdown Club 7:00
- November 4: ELECTION DAY
- November 4: No School: Professional Development Day

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