



# Bexley City School District

To provide educational experiences that engage, equip and empower each student.

Dear Bexley Resident,

On Monday, May 13 the Bexley City Schools Board of Education passed the first of two required resolutions that will place an operating levy on the November 5, 2019 ballot. We anticipate holding the second resolution vote in June, thereby making it official for the ballot. We are reaching out to you now so that you can be aware and become educated on this important ballot issue for our schools.

As you may know, operating levies are a critical part of school funding and provide necessary resources for the day-to-day operations of our schools such as teachers, textbooks and supplies. This levy in November will allow Bexley City Schools to continue to engage, equip and empower each student through the excellent education that we offer right now.

The school board's decision to move forward with an operating issue is well researched and vetted. After considering the feedback from the Finance Advisory Council, comprised of community members and two board of education members, and the results of a scientific telephone survey to measure community feedback on several levy options, the board of education voted to place a 9-mill levy on the November 5th ballot. This will amount to approximately \$26 per month or \$315 per year for each \$100,000 of property value.

This levy is Bexley Schools' first request for additional funding in nine years: That's three times longer than the typical three-year school levy cycle that we see in other school districts. Over the past nine years, our state funding remained steady, we made no major upgrades to academic programming or technology and our teachers received minimal raises for several years. But now, we have stretched our resources as far as we can and we must request additional funds for our schools in order to maintain our current staffing, programs and services.

The school board expects passage of the November 5th levy to meet the operational needs of our growing district for the next three years. The levy will allow the district to ensure we have enough teachers and instructional assistants for personalized learning, keep up with the cost of high-quality staff, offer a wide range of activities and provide learning opportunities that are comparable to other top rated districts in central Ohio. The board plans to return Bexley Schools to a typical three-year school funding cycle, where smaller and more consistent levy requests will allow our community to maintain staffing, programs and services available to students.

Bexley City Schools is a pillar of excellence in our community and over decades. Thank you for your support of our students and schools and for valuing education.

Sincerely,

John Barno  
*President*  
*Bexley School Board*