

# Bricks-and-mortar votes

On May 6, four area school districts are asking voters to approve bond issues worth millions of dollars to build or renovate schools. The Enquirer compiled this numbers snapshot with the latest available data from the Ohio Department of Education and the local school districts.

Category	Cincinnati Public	Princeton	Kings	Franklin	Ohio Average
County	Hamilton	Hamilton	Warren	Warren	
Amount of Bond Issue	\$480 million; 4.61 mills for 28 yrs.	\$85 million; 2.84 mills for 27 yrs.	\$43 million; 4.49 mills for 28 yrs.	\$16.7 million; 2.84 mills for 28 yrs.	na
Purpose	Build 35 new schools and renovate 31 others	Build new or renovate 8 elementary schools	Increase size high school & jr. high; other renovations	Expand elem schools; add wing jr. high; improve stadium facilities; repairs	na
Cost to Taxpayers on \$100,000 home	Extra \$134 yr.	Extra \$87 yr.	Extra \$138 yr.	Extra \$87 yr.	na
Age of Buildings	Average 61 yrs.	Average elem. 62 yrs	14 and 36 yrs.	35-82 yrs..	na
Enrollment/Growth	40,347; declining	6,200; flat	3,774; slow growth	3,051; flat	na
Last Bond Issue Passed	1975	1956	1999	1989	na
Last Operating Levy Passed	2000	1999	2001	1995	na
Current total Tax Rate for Schools <sup>1</sup>	34.32 mills	27.05 mills	28.32 mills	22.0 mills	na
Revenue Raised by 1 mill property tax	\$6,557,373	\$1,816,994	\$600,000	\$369,750	\$343,374
Assessed Property Value per pupil <sup>2</sup>	\$162,520	\$305,803	\$151,845	\$121,190	\$116,054
Median Income <sup>3</sup>	\$26,823	\$32,902	\$43,151	\$29,877	\$30,079
Residential/agr property valuation % of total	51.3%	30.5%	62.0%	55.2%	63.2%
Local Tax Effort <sup>4</sup>	0.82	0.57	0.54	0.86	1.00
Number of State Standards Met (out of 22) <sup>5</sup>	5	12	22	13	na

na=data not available

1. Total rate paid currently by homeowners for all local school-related taxes, including operating and permanent improvement levies, bond issues and vocational education levies.
2. Total unadjusted property valuation of district divided by the total number of students.
3. Median income per resident tax return. Half earn more than this number, half earn less.
4. A state-created index that reflects extent of effort residents make in support of public education taxes. Calculation includes residents' relative ability to pay (compared to other districts in the state) and the portion of personal income devoted to school taxes.
5. Academic standards reported on most recent state report card.