

A summary of school funding issues on Tuesday's ballot

District	Issue	Annual cost to \$100,000 homeowner	Would annually raise	Money would be used for	What happens if it fails	For more information
BUTLER Edgewood	6.9-mill continuing operating levy	\$211	\$2.5 million	Day-to-day operations; reinstate busing; eliminate pay-to-play.	\$3.8 million cuts for 2005-06, including administrators, teachers, classified employees, preschool and gifted programs.	www.edgewoodlevy.com
Fairfield	4.9-mill continuing operating levy	\$150	\$6.4 million	Day-to-day operations; restore high school busing and extracurricular activities; reduce pay-to-play fees; avoid reducing academic programs to state minimums.	\$4.7 million cuts for 2005-06, including 107.5 full-time jobs (88 teaching positions, 7 administrators, 12.5 classified jobs); more busing cuts for students living less than 2 miles from school.	www.4fairfield.com care45014.net
Lakota	7.7-mill combination levy (5.5-mill operating levy and 2.2-mill bond issue)	\$236	\$12.4 million operating; \$80.3 million one-time construction costs	Day-to-day operations; build three schools; classroom additions to Lakota East and West high schools; renovations and repairs.	\$7 million in budget cuts including no busing for grades 10-12 starting Jan. 18; staff reductions. Additional cuts in extracurriculars.	www.yeslakota.org or (513) 403-1524
Madison	0.5-percent income tax	*	\$740,000	Day-to-day operations	Unspecified budget cuts	www.MadisonCAST.com
Monroe	5.95-mill renewal of emergency levy	No tax increase.	\$1.5 million	Day-to-day operations	Unspecified budget cuts	(513) 539-2536
Ross	0.5-percent income tax	*	\$1.2 million	Day-to-day operations	Cuts in teaching, administrative and classified jobs; extracurriculars, capital improvements, building maintenance, textbook and computer purchases	(513) 863-1253
Talawanda	1 percent income tax	*	\$3.9 million	Operations, programming, minor capital improvements.	District will put 6.9-mill property tax on ballot this spring.	www.talawanda.net
CLERMONT Clermont Northeastern	4.9-mill permanent improvement levy	\$150	\$1.2 million	Building/grounds, maintenance, textbooks, computers.	No high school busing, sports, extracurriculars effective Jan. 3	www.growingourfuture.com
HAMILTON Cincinnati	10.14-mill levy renewal, 5-years	No tax increase.	\$65.2 million	Day-to-day operations	\$32.5 million cuts for 2005-06	www.fourourschools.org
Deer Park	8.63-mill combination levy (7.63-mill operating, 1 mill permanent improvement)	\$264	\$1.8 million	Textbooks, materials, health care, utilities, salaries, maintenance and repair of schools, computers.	\$500,000-\$1 million cuts for 2005-06. Possible cuts: staff, sports and extracurriculars, building maintenance; delay textbook, computer purchases.	Board Vice President Pat Branam, 556-6435
Finneytown	7.95-mill continuing operating levy	\$234	\$1.6 million	Day-to-day operations	\$1.7 million cuts, likely in all areas from personnel to transportation to extracurricular activities.	www.eos.net/votefinneytown
Northwest	5.75-combination levy (4.75-mill operating levy and 1-mill permanent improvement levy)	\$170	\$7.1 million operating, \$1.5 million permanent improvement	Curriculum development, textbooks, technology, increase fuel and utility costs, salaries, benefits, elementary support program, secondary alternative program.	Unspecified budget cuts	www.investinourcommunity.com www.nwisd.net
Reading	6.9-mill continuing operating levy	\$203	\$1.5 million	Day-to-day operations	\$800,000 in cuts for 2005-06, including sports and other extracurricular activities, technology, classified and administrative positions.	www.sayestoreadingschools.org or (513) 554-1800.
Sycamore	5.5-mill levy, 5-years	\$168	\$8.8 million	Day-to-day operations	Cut in 2005-06: 52 more staff, reduce art, music, physical education; suspend computer replacement and building maintenance; consolidate bus routes.	Levy hot line, (513) 791-1884, or www.yes2sycamore.com; Citizens for Responsible Fiscal Mgmt. (513) 793-9370
Three Rivers	5.95-mill operating levy, 5-years	\$174	\$2.2 million	Day-to-day operations	More budget cuts, including personnel, instruction, special courses, materials, textbooks, increased fees.	www.CitizensforThreeRivers.org www.threeriverslevy.com
Winton Woods	7.95-mill combination levy (6.95-mill operating and 1-mill permanent improvement)	\$243	\$3.9 million	Day-to-day operations, restore high school busing, update computers, provide parents with Internet access to grades/assignments, maintain small class sizes, attract/retain quality staff.	Delay repairs of buildings, bring total staff cuts to 15 percent from 2003-04 school year, fewer electives, larger class sizes.	www.wlevy.org
WARREN Franklin	9.79-mill continuing operating levy	\$300	\$3.9 million	Day-to-day operations, salaries, benefits, student services, textbooks, supplies, maintenance, utilities, insurance, equipment, roof repair/replacement.	Unspecified budget cuts for 2005-06.	(937) 746-1699
Kings	4.9-mill continuing operating levy	\$150	\$3.3 million	Day-to-day operations	\$4.9 million cuts through June 2007, freeze salary base for all staff, cut 19.5 teaching positions, cut classified positions, initiate pay-to-participate plan; eliminate high school busing.	www.kingslocal.k12.oh.us
Little Miami	4.45-mill bond issue, 28 years	\$136	\$37 million one-time cost for construction	Build junior high and elementary, along with 22-classroom addition to Little Miami High School.	No construction.	www.littlemiamischools.com

*Does not affect property taxes. Tax varies according to income.

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