

# Wooster City School District

## March 17, 2020 6.5-Mil Operating Levy

### Frequently Asked Questions

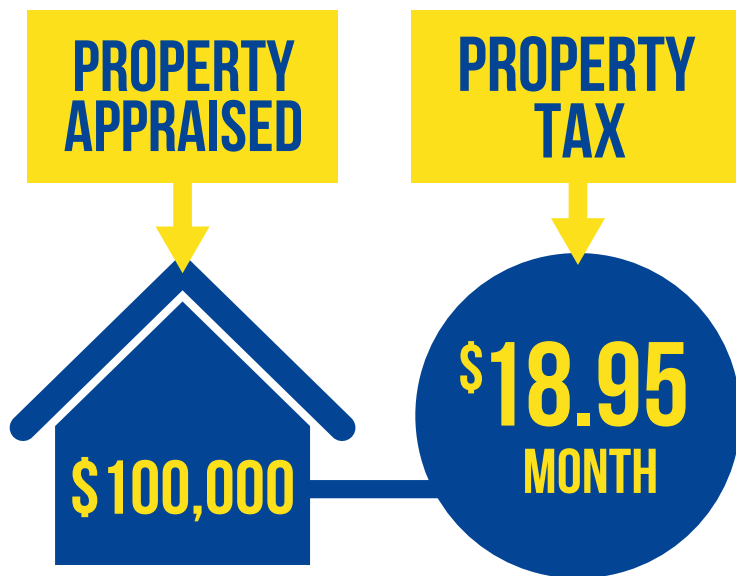
#### What is it?

The issue on the March 17 ballot is an operating levy funding world-class educational programming, operations, and support services provided to the students of the Wooster City School District.

#### How much will a 6.5-mil levy cost?

The monthly payment is based on the County Auditor's assessed property value. For example, a resident with a property market value of \$100,000 will pay \$18.95 per month.

#### What will this levy cost me?



#### How can I get involved?

Help share the facts and encourage residents to get out and vote! For more information on the levy, visit: [woosterschoolsalliance.org](http://woosterschoolsalliance.org). For more information on the Wooster City School District, visit: [woostercityschools.org](http://woostercityschools.org) or follow us on Facebook @WoosterCitySchools.

## Why does the district need this money?

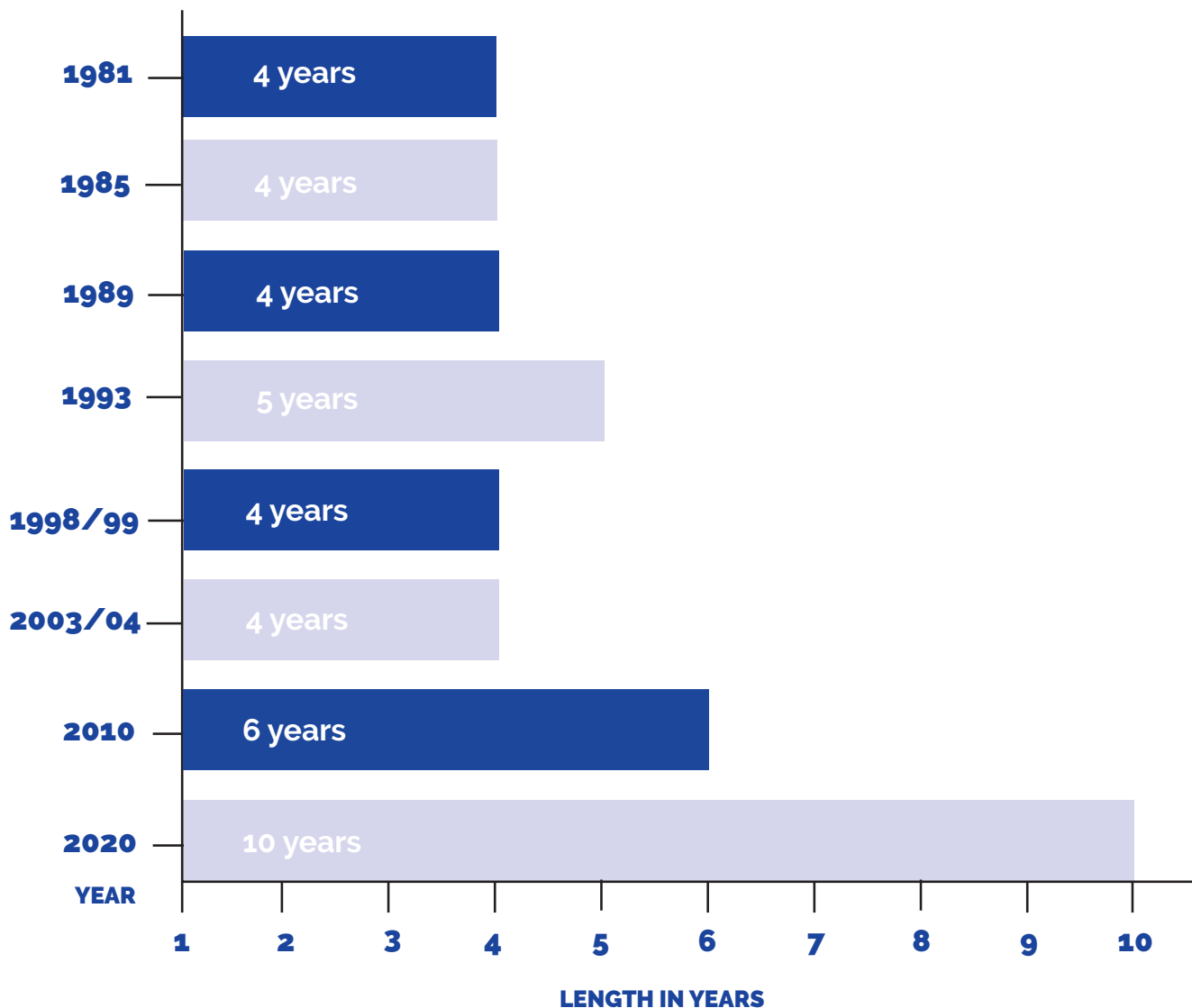
### **INFLATION, INFLATION, INFLATION.**

### Why are levies needed?

In 1976, the state of Ohio passed House Bill 920, which does not allow for inflationary increases in property valuation to provide additional funds for schools. This forces school districts to place periodic levies on the ballot to raise revenue for inflationary costs such as transportation, curriculum, supplies, school maintenance, and operations.

### How long has it been since the Wooster City School District has asked for new operating funds?

**TEN YEARS!** 2010 was the last operating levy request. Ten years is the longest duration in district history.



## How many mils were each of the previous levies for Wooster City Schools?

Since 1989, the operating millage has averaged 6.58 mils.

### **30-YEAR LEVY HISTORY**

Year	Millage	Effective Millage	Levy Type	Levy Span
1981	4.9	1.90	Continuing	4 years
1985	4.5	2.53	Continuing	4 years
1989	6.8	3.80	Continuing	4 years
1993	6.95	4.03	Continuing	4 years
1999 (Levy requested in 1998 but failed)	6.25	4.89	Continuing	4 years
2004 (Levy requested in 2003 but failed)	6.5	5.73	Continuing	6 years
2010	6.5	6.18	Continuing	10 years
2020	6.5	N/A	Continuing	N/A

### **Are these proposed funds going to be used for buses, building maintenance and renovation?**

The school district permanent improvement levy (PI) funds the bulk of required building maintenance and renovations. The operating levy does expend approximately \$750,000 annually to supplement PI funds for buses, computers, furniture and at times, building maintenance and renovation.

### **More questions?**

Submit your questions by emailing [info@woostercityschools.org](mailto:info@woostercityschools.org).

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