

Vote No to More Taxes; Against the Levy

The Jefferson County **School Excess Levy**, named simply "The Levy" on the November 5th, 2024 ballot is currently **39.2% of all property tax collected**.

The current School Excess Levy was voted in on November 3, 2020 and runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026 and raises at least **\$22,412,937 per year**, or **\$2720 per student EXTRA!**

Now the Jefferson County Board of Education wants us to pay \$25,427,656 per year for the next School Excess Levy, which, if not defeated on November 5, 2024, will take effect from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031.

74% of High School students are not proficient in math

38% are not proficient in reading

61% are not proficient in science

51% of Middle School students are not proficient in reading

56% of Elementary students are not proficient in reading

38 Central office staff for **8239** students or one for every **217** students

Kanawha County has **47** Central office staff for 25,373 students or one for every **540** students!

- **The accounting for what our tax dollars are spent on is very opaque.** I believe in the **necessity of transparency, honesty and accountability** on the part of our Board of Education.
- Since the Board of Education cannot detail clearly where our tax dollars have gone, the next **Excess Levy should not be approved.**
- On average, West Virginia spends [\\$15,360 per student](#) for K-12 Education. State funds, not local property taxes, account for about 56% of this amount. Federal Funds account for about 12%. About 30%, on average, is derived from local property taxes. All property owners already pay property taxes that are spent by the Board of Education, listed on your tax bill as "School Current".

Sample Property Example: Vacant Parcel 04 13K0087 in Westridge Hills. Property 2024 Assessed Value \$18,667, a **133% increase from 2023. The 2024 Excess Levy is \$100 for a tiny 0.28 acre vacant parcel.**

Tax Breakdown per \$1000 of property tax:	
State	\$9
County Current	\$225
School Current	\$330
School Per Improve.	\$45
School Excess Levy	\$391
Total	\$1000

	2023 Tax-Sample	2024 Tax-Sample
State	\$0.48	\$1.09
County Current	\$25.03	\$57.78
School Current	\$37.23	\$84.60
School Per Improve.	\$5.29	\$11.69
School Excess Levy	\$44.03	\$100.02
Total	112.14	\$255.22

Vote "AGAINST THE LEVY" on November 5th