

# 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 raised **\$27,709,081 last year**, or **\$3363 per student EXTRA!** This was **\$5,296,684 over** the projected amount of \$22,412,937 per year.

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

**44** Central office staff for **8239** students or one for every **187** 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.**

<b>Tax Breakdown per \$1000 of property tax:</b>		<b>2023 Tax-Sample</b>	<b>2024 Tax-Sample</b>
State	\$9	\$0.48	\$1.09
County Current	\$225	\$25.03	\$57.78
School Current	\$330	\$37.23	\$84.60
School Per Improve.	\$45	\$5.29	\$11.69
<b>School Excess Levy</b>	<b>\$391</b>	<b>\$44.03</b>	<b>\$100.02</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>112.14</b>	<b>\$255.22</b>

**Vote “AGAINST THE LEVY” on November 5th**