

# FACT SHEET

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8, 2022

## JEFFERSON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS PLACED A SUBSTITUTE LEVY ON THE BALLOT

### What is a substitute levy?

The substitute levy is essentially a renewal of the emergency levy first approved by voters in **1985**. The substitute levy **WILL NOT RAISE TAXES**. It will cost the same as what you are currently paying for the current emergency levy.

However, the District can collect additional revenue when new houses and new businesses/industry buildings are built in the District. This will allow revenue to grow with development.

Since it is a renewal taxpayers will still receive the **12.5% tax reduction** the Ohio Legislature eliminated for new levies passed after 2013.

### How much money will the substitute levy raise for the District?

The levy will generate \$1,452,338 annually, which is approximately 9% of total District revenues. This has been the **same amount since 2010** even though the District has seen its costs rise and state funding remaining essentially flat. Due to sound fiscal management, the District is not asking existing taxpayers for any additional taxes. This dollar figure will remain constant and will only increase with new construction.

### What does the levy fund?

The substitute levy will fund the basic operations of the District, such as teachers, classroom materials, support services, utilities, buses, extracurricular activities, and everything else that goes into providing a well-rounded, quality education. **This is an investment in our community's future.**

### What is the millage rate?

The emergency levy was last renewed with an increase in 2010 at a rate of 9.5 mills. Due to property valuation increases, the county auditor certified the substitute levy for 5.78 mills, a reduction of 3.72 mills, a nearly 40% reduction. **Taxpayers are paying less for the same amount of levy funds.**

### When is the election?

**Early voting starts October 12.** All absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 7 and in-person early voting is available at the Madison County Board of Elections. **Election Day is November 8.** Questions may be addressed to William Mullett, Superintendent ([wmullett@westjeff.org](mailto:wmullett@westjeff.org)) or Mark Ingles, Treasurer ([mingles@westjeff.org](mailto:mingles@westjeff.org)).