



North Ridgeville City Schools: Investing in Excellence

Please Vote FOR Issue 16 on November 8, 2011

What is Issue 16?

A ten-year, 4.9 mills, property tax levy to generate an additional \$3,522,900 per year

Did you know...?

- North Ridgeville City Schools achieved **Excellent with Distinction**, highest State rating, on the Local Report Card. Please help us work together as a community to keep the programs and services that have helped us earn this top rating.
- The district continues to experience a growth in student enrollment. The district is currently serving 4,082 students in grades PreK-12.
- The district has experienced a loss of over \$4 million in revenue, over a three-year period, in local property taxes, state foundation payments and federal stimulus funds.
- The district has streamlined the budget and made responsible reductions by spending down its reserves and by making over \$2.4 million in cuts over the last two years. As a result, over 50 positions were eliminated or reduced. These cuts have directly impacted the teaching and learning that takes place in our schools.
- Homeowners in North Ridgeville currently pay less effective millage towards our school district than those residing in Amherst, Avon, Avon Lake, Clearview, Columbia, Elyria and Sheffield/Sheffield Lake.

How much will the new Emergency Operating Levy cost?

We are asking that our residents consider the following investment in our schools and community:

<u>Home Value</u>	<u>Tax/Month</u>	<u>Tax/Year</u>
\$100,000	\$12.51	\$150.06
\$150,000	\$18.76	\$225.09
\$200,000	\$25.01	\$300.13

Your investment will allow the district to:

- Restore and fully fund intervention services
- Reduce class sizes resulting in more individual attention for students
- Fully fund classroom technology and textbook adoptions
- Preserve award-winning choral, instrumental and art programs
- Maintain extracurricular activities and athletic programs
- Restore electives, educational field trips and enrichment activities

Without a successful levy passage in November, even deeper cuts will be necessary and will impact not only the quality education offered to our students but all extracurricular activities will be in jeopardy.

For more information about Issue 16, please visit the Citizens for Better Schools' website at www.nrcbs.org.

Protect your property value and financially support the community's future by voting FOR Issue 16 on November 8th!