



2018 Excess Levy Q&A **So. Charleston Area Schools**

What is the Kanawha County Schools Excess Levy?

The excess levy is a tax on personal and real property that is approved by the voters every five years. The current excess levy provides 19 percent of the school system's current operating budget.

How long has the levy been in effect?

Citizens of Kanawha County have supported the excess levy since 1937.

What is the difference between a levy and a bond election?

The excess levy pays for current operating expenses, while a bond election provides funding for new buildings. The excess levy is a pay as you go tax, while bonds constitute money that is borrowed and paid back over time.

Is the 2018 levy a new tax?

No. The excess levy has been supported by Kanawha County citizens since 1937.

Is the 2018 levy a tax increase?

Yes, this levy would increase a taxpayer's annual bill by \$8.39 for every \$10,000 of fair market value of their home and increase it by \$1.68 for every \$1,000 of fair market value of their vehicles. This increase is due to the excess levy being capped for decades.

How will funds from the excess levy be spent? (1st year figures provided)

- \$39,584,000 will be spent for professional, service and substitute wages. The levy specifically funds custodians, counselors & art teachers in elementary schools that would not otherwise be funded.
- \$239,994 will be spent on safety & security improvements in schools across the district.
- \$18,577,687 will be spent on HVAC improvements at 15 schools with the greatest need.
- \$4,869,807 will be spent on roofing projects.
- \$1,648,512 will be spent on athletic turf installation at 7 of 8 high schools.

What will happen if the levy doesn't pass?

Kanawha County Schools will lose almost one-fifth of its current operating budget — \$44.2 million.

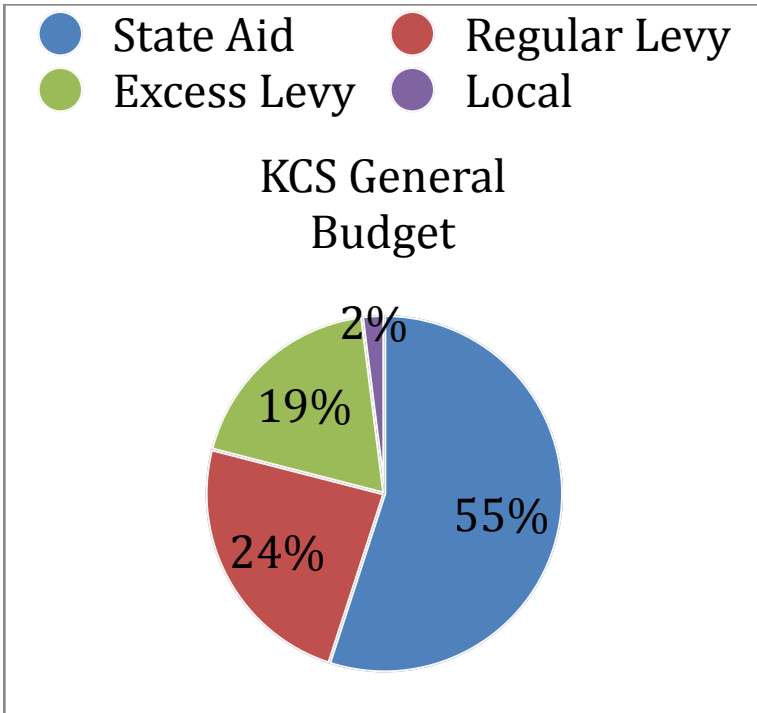
Is the excess levy unique to Kanawha County?

No. About 75% of the counties in West Virginia support their local school system through an excess levy.

When will the excess levy be on the ballot?

The excess levy will be on the ballot Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

How does the excess levy fit in to the current (2018-2019) expense fund budget?



How do our current & proposed excess levy rates compare to other WV counties?

Kanawha CURRENT rate 14.92

Boone County	22.95
Cabell County	22.95
Fayette County	22.95
Putnam County	22.95

Kanawha PROPOSED rate 21.91

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Projects included in excess levy:

Safety & Security Improvements - intruder lock sets for classrooms, camera upgrades, panic alert system for teachers, door contact alarms

HVAC improvements - Dunbar Middle School, South Charleston High School

Roofing improvements - Montrose Elementary, Dunbar Middle School

So. Charleston High School - athletic turf installation

Custodians at: Montrose, Richmond

Counselor at: Montrose

Some additional major past projects in your feeder area, not included in this levy:

2018 - Ben Franklin HVAC and roof - SBA

2015 - Bridgeview Elementary - fire alarm system replacement

2015 - energy management program installation

2014 - So. Charleston Middle School - HVAC at auditorium and gymnasium

2013 - So. Charleston Middle School - roof replacement

2011 - All Schools - building access system

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