PROPOSITION SUPPORTING TEACHERS \$.68 OPERATING TAX INCREASE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the Board of Education of the Cole County R-V School District, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy by \$0.6800 from \$3.4288 to \$4.1088 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purposes of retaining and attracting quality teachers and support staff as well as meeting additional operating expenses?

(If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating tax levy of the District is estimated to increase by \$0.6800 from \$3.4288, currently, to \$4.1088 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2024 Tax Year and will be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.)

PROPOSITION SUPPORTING STUDENTS \$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall the Board of Education of the Cole County R-V School District, Missouri, borrow money in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of providing funds to construct a new security entrance into the High School; to renovate the existing Elementary School playground to expand ADA compliance and accessibility; to the extent funds are available, complete upgrades and improvements to classrooms and agriculture facilities as well as other existing facilities of the District; and issue general obligation bonds for the payment thereof resulting in an estimated increase to the debt service property tax levy of \$0.1417 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation?

(If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to increase from \$0.2383 to \$0.3800 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property.)

PROPOSITION FACTS

In April 2022, the community supported Proposition FACTS with a nearly 87% approval rate. This no-tax rate increase bond issue, in addition to grants and conservative fiscal spending, allowed the district to complete the following capital project improvements:



- New preschool addition (three added classrooms, restrooms, and renovation of two classrooms)
- Track facility improvements (infield grading and irrigation, bleachers, water and sewer system, completion of the concession stand, electricity to the storage shed, and a back drive to the lower elementary parking lot)
- Security upgrades include a new video security system and telephone system.
- · High school gym roof replacement
- Asphalt resurfacing and striping of the front elementary parking lot and the front and back high school parking lots
- Repair of courtyard drainage issues
- Renovations to three lower-level middle school classrooms.
- Concrete replacement and step repair to the elementary playground
- Concrete replacement to the back high school entrances, front PAC entrance, and central office sidewalk
- · HVAC repairs and replacements
- · Renovations to the library for an ITV classroom
- · Addition of two ADA staff and family bathrooms
- Renovation of upper high school and middle school bathrooms
- Floor renovations to the high school gym seating area and upper elementary
- Technology upgrades (new server, switches, cabling, and one-to-one devices for every student).
- New projector in the Performing Arts Center.
- Carpet replacement in the high school business rooms and band room

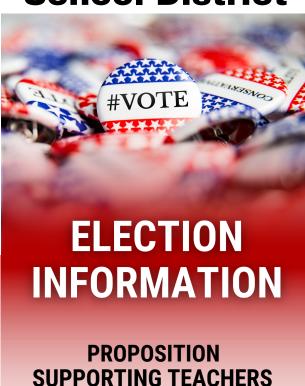
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PROPOSITION
SUPPORTING STUDENTS
\$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE

\$.68 OPERATING TAX INCREASE

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APRIL 2, 2024

PROPOSITION SUPPORTING TEACHERS \$.68 OPERATING TAX INCREASE GOALS

STAFF RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Our district is losing quality teachers and staff to other districts with higher starting salaries.

Our salary increases do not align with inflation.

- Increase certified teacher base salary to \$40,000.
- Increase classified salaries.

| School District | 2023-2024
BASE SALARY | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| School of the
Osage | \$42,500 | |
| Camdenton | \$42,000 | |
| Harrisburg | \$41,000 | |
| Jefferson City | \$40,000 | |
| Eldon | \$38,500 | |
| Blair Oaks | \$37,450 | |
| Linn | \$35,300 | |
| New Bloomfield | \$35,000 | |
| Russellville | \$34,500 | |
| Eugene | \$34,000 | |

ABSORB INCREASED OPERATING COSTS

School districts have felt the pressure of increased costs across the board.

Districts rely on federal grant funding, state funding from the Missouri Legislature, and local tax dollars to operate.

| Category | 5-Year
% Increase | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Utilities | 12% | | | | | |
| Food Service | 25% | | | | | |
| Transportation | 61% | | | | | |
| Supplies | 106% | | | | | |
| Insurance
(2023-2024 only) | 20% | | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$418,000 | | | | | |

- Allow the district to absorb increased operating costs without reducing educational quality for our students.
- Continue to provide tools to the teachers to provide the best possible educational experience.

PROPOSITION SUPPORTING STUDENTS \$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE

A District Facility Improvement Plan (DFIP) was collaboratively developed by a committee comprising various stakeholders within the district. This committee included the district superintendent, the district maintenance director, board members, and community representatives. Thoroughly assessing both the interior and exterior aspects of district facilities, the committee compiled a comprehensive list of necessary improvements aimed at addressing facility concerns and enhancing the educational learning environment for students. The DFIP can be found on the district website at: www.coler-v.k12.mo.us/about-us/csip

The committee assigned each improvement a tier level, establishing a suitable timeframe for implementation. Each identified improvement was prioritized and associated with a recommended financial approach for optimal addressing.

The committee identified significant district needs that can be addressed with an increase in funds and additional Fund 4 district balances. Those needs include but are not limited to the following (with estimated figures):

- High School Security Entrance \$700,000
- Elementary Playground Upgrades to ensure ADA compliance \$225,000
- o Roof Replacements \$540,000
- HVAC Upgrades \$250,000
- Science Classroom and Ag Shop Improvements -\$100,000
- Drop Ceiling and Lighting \$150,000
- o Polished Concrete \$115,000
- Sealing Rear Elementary Parking Lot \$10,000
- Baseball Field Upgrades \$55,000
- High School Gym Floor Replacement \$175,000

TOTAL - \$2,320,000

CURRENT TAX LEVY COMPARISONS FY2023-2024

| School District | Operating
Fund | Debt
Service
Fund | Capital
Projects
Fund | Total Levy |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Southern Boone Co. R-I | \$3.9846 | \$1.8055 | \$0.0000 | \$5.7901 |
| Harrisburg R-VIII | \$4.0002 | \$1.2538 | \$0.0000 | \$5.2540 |
| Chamois R-I | \$4.9576 | \$0.0000 | \$0.1500 | \$5.1076 |
| Fayette R-III | \$4.2200 | \$0.7762 | \$0.0000 | \$4.9962 |
| Jefferson City | \$3.8565 | \$0.9028 | \$0.0000 | \$4.7593 |
| North Callaway Co. R-I | \$3.7761 | \$0.9041 | \$0.0000 | \$4.6802 |
| Fulton 58 | \$3.5444 | \$0.7612 | \$0.3400 | \$4.6456 |
| Jamestown C-1 | \$3.6977 | \$0.0000 | \$0.9000 | \$4.5977 |
| Tuscumbia R-I | \$4.1881 | \$0.3942 | \$0.0000 | \$4.5823 |
| Cole Co. R-V
(proposed)* | \$4.1088 | \$0.3800 | \$0.0000 | \$4.4888 |
| Russellville R-I | \$3.5100 | \$0.9500 | \$0.0000 | \$4.4600 |
| New Bloomfield R-III | \$3.3922 | \$1.0392 | \$0.0000 | \$4.4314 |
| High Point R-III | \$4.3835 | \$0.0000 | \$0.0000 | \$4.3835 |
| Average Total Levy | | | | \$4.2693 |
| Blair Oaks R-II | \$3.0500 | \$1.2100 | \$0.0000 | \$4.2600 |
| Fatima R-III | \$3.2738 | \$0.0000 | \$0.8100 | \$4.0838 |
| Tipton R-VI | \$2.9302 | \$1.0834 | \$0.0000 | \$4.0136 |
| California R-I | \$2.8146 | \$1.1835 | \$0.0000 | \$3.9981 |
| St. Elizabeth R-IV | \$3.9940 | \$0.0000 | \$0.0000 | \$3.9940 |
| Iberia R-V | \$3.6235 | \$0.3300 | \$0.0000 | \$3.9535 |
| Linn R-II | \$2.7500 | \$1.0500 | \$0.0000 | \$3.8000 |
| Vienna R-I | \$3.3201 | \$0.4400 | \$0.0000 | \$3.7601 |
| Eldon | \$3.1539 | \$0.5731 | \$0.0000 | \$3.7270 |
| Cole Co. R-V (current) | \$3.4288 | \$0.2383 | \$0.0000 | \$3.6671 |
| Belle R-II | \$3.2217 | \$0.0000 | \$0.1200 | \$3.3417 |
| School of the Osage | \$2.4800 | \$0.6990 | \$0.1200 | \$3.2990 |
| South Callaway Co. R-II | \$2.3500 | \$0.0000 | \$0.4000 | \$2.7500 |

^{*}The proposed levy illustrates the ranking of Cole County R-V School District with the successful passage of **both** ballot issues.

^{*}It does not factor in any other school districts that may be running their own operating or bond ballot issues in 2024.