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## **PERRY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FIRST RESOLUTION FOR OPERATING LEVY**

*Operating Levy Will Fund Phase 2 of District Long-Term Improvement Plan*

PERRY TOWNSHIP, OH (January 12, 2023) — At its January 11, 2023 meeting, the Perry Local School District Board of Education approved the first necessary resolution for an operating levy to be placed on the May 2, 2023, ballot. If approved, the proposed 5-year emergency operating levy will generate \$6,200,000 annually and fulfill Phase 2 of the district's Long-Term Improvement Plan.

The Board's approval of this resolution is the first of two that must be passed for the district to continue pursuing the levy. The second resolution is expected to be considered at a Board of Education meeting later this month.

"This operating levy, if approved, will allow us to remain competitive while we strive to attract and retain qualified employees and will permit us to maintain the existing programs and services for which PLSD is known," said Superintendent Nathan Stutz. "With this levy passage, Perry Local Schools will have the funds necessary to continue to pay for educational programs and day-to-day operations, including employees' salaries and benefits, classroom supplies, textbooks, utilities, insurance and extracurricular and co-curricular activities."

The [Long-Term Improvement Plan](#) is a multi-phase plan designed to address the district's facilities and financial needs. Phase 1 included a bond issue that was passed in May 2020. In addition to Phase 1 (bond issue) and Phase 2 (operating levy), the Long-Term Improvement Plan calls for a third phase that includes a renewal of an 18.9 mill levy originally passed in 1996 that has been renewed every five years since its inception.

District Treasurer Jeff Bartholomew explained, "Our [district's financial history](#) demonstrates why a need is present today. The passage of the operating levy is a necessary step to remain competitive and current in today's educational landscape."

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