

School issues on Nov. 7 ballot

	TOTAL SCHOOL TAXES					
DISTRICTS (enrollment)	CURRENT TAX RATE (IN MILLS)	ANNUAL COST FOR OWNER OF \$100,000 HOME	ONE MILL RAISED THIS AMOUNT IN 2006*	ISSUE ON NOV. 7 BALLOT; school Web site	ANNUAL ADDITIONAL COST FOR OWNER OF \$100,000 HOME	TAX PROPOSAL WOULD:
Akron 27,166 students (Summit County)	31.13	\$953	\$3.06 million	A 7.9-mill permanent additional levy to raise about \$23 million a year for operations. www.forakronschools.com	\$242	Stave off further cuts that could involve school closings, as well as large reductions in staff, academic and athletic programs and textbook and technology programs.
Buckeye 2,266 students (Medina County)	24.8	\$760	\$400,800	A 5.84-mill, five-year emergency additional levy to raise about \$2.2 million a year for operations. www.buckeyeschools.org	\$179	Reverse some earlier reductions. Specifics have not been detailed. Earlier cuts include the closing of Litchfield Elementary School, as well as staffing and busing reductions.
Chippewa 1,380 students (Wayne County)	25.35	\$776	\$165,500	A 1 percent, five-year income tax to raise about \$1.5 million a year for operations. www.chippewa.k12.oh.us	Tax on residents' earned income (excludes pension and dividends).**	District would not seek to renew a 5.5-mill levy after it ceases collection in 2009. The millage on this levy could be reduced prior to 2009.
Cloverleaf 3,370 students (Medina County)	29.57	\$906	\$469,700	A 0.5 percent permanent income tax to raise about \$1.7 million a year for operations. www.cls.k12.oh.us	Tax on residents' earned income (excludes pensions and dividends).**	A levy collecting at 4.4 mills would cease being collected in December. District would maintain current programs. Previous cuts, including the closing of two schools, would not be reversed.
Coventry 2,236 students (Summit County)	29.35	\$899	\$321,311	A 2.9-mill, 28-year bond issue to raise about \$14 million for construction and a 1-mill additional levy for permanent improvements. www.coventryschools.org	\$119	Allow district to renovate all buildings, with the exception of Cottage Grove Elementary, which would be closed. District would add 10 pre-engineered classrooms and a multi-purpose room to Turkeyfoot Elementary; at Coventry High, district would build a gymnasium and convert bowling alley to classrooms.
Crestwood 2,664 students (Portage County)	24.09	\$738	\$285,266	A 4.99-mill, five-year emergency additional levy to raise about \$1.4 million a year for operations. http://crestwood.sparcc.org	\$153	Restore high school busing Dec. 1. Pay-to-play fees would be reduced significantly, beginning with winter sports.
Fairless 1,870 students (Stark County)	33.7	\$1,032	\$184,918	A 3.4-mill, five-year emergency additional levy to raise \$577,240 a year for operations. http://falcon.stark.k12.oh.us	\$104	Prevent the delay of bus and technology replacements and reductions in spending for staff development, educational supplies and student field trips, as well as the cutting of instructional-aide positions.
Highland 2,912 students (Medina County)	31.67	\$970	\$600,300	An incremental permanent additional operating levy. Millage would grow from 2.9 to 6.9. Amount raised would increase from \$1.8 million in the first year to \$4.2 million in the third year. www.highlandschools.org	\$89 in 2007, increasing to \$150 annually in 2008 and \$211 annually in 2009.	Allow district to hire additional teachers and add new buses and bus routes. Prevent district from leaving vacant some jobs and cutting some teacher-aide positions.
Hudson 5,259 students (Summit County)	40.73	\$1,247	\$930,068	A 5.5-mill permanent additional levy to raise about \$4.9 million a year for operations. www.hudson.edu	\$168	Prevent possible cuts, including staff reductions and pay-to-play fees, for the 2007-08 year.
Jackson 5,751 students (Stark County)	33	\$1,011	\$1.21 million	A 3-mill, five-year emergency additional levy to raise about \$3.4 million a year for operations. www.jacksonexcellence.org	\$92	Possibly result in elimination of pay-to-play fees and prevent further cuts, which are not yet outlined. These cuts could include the camp for sixth-graders and the Jackson School for the Arts at the high school.
Lake 3,388 students (Stark County)	28.82	\$958	\$384,434	Ten issues that would roll back each of the district's 10 operating levies by 0.01 mill. www.yesforlake.org	Total reduction of about \$3 annually if all pass.	Supporters of a levy, narrowly approved in February, placed the 10 rollbacks on the Nov. 7 ballot to protect the district from larger rollbacks they feared opponents would seek.
Louisville 3,239 students (Stark County)	27.69	\$848	\$326,391	A 9.85-mill permanent additional levy to raise about \$3.2 million a year for operations www.lepslevy.net	\$302	Prevent \$1.8 million in reductions, possibly including staff, busing and program cuts, as well as introduction of pay-to-play fees. Passage also would reverse \$600,000 in cuts made this year. These reductions include spending on textbooks, buses and staff.
Marlington 2,771 students (Stark County)	27.54	\$843	\$317,549	A 4.9-mill, five-year additional levy to raise about \$1.5 million a year for operations. www.dukes.stark.k12.oh.us	\$150	Stave off additional cuts, which are not yet outlined.
North Central 1,408 students (Wayne County)	22.94	\$703	\$139,200	A 5.5-mill, 27-year bond issue to raise \$11.4 million for construction. www.northcentral.k12.oh.us	\$168	Allow district to build an elementary school, renovate its high school to also serve as a middle school and build an addition to the high school for grades 9 through 12. State would pay 67 percent of the cost of the \$31.6 million project. The elementary school is expected to open for the 2009-10 school year.
Northwest 2,393 students (Stark County)	32.81	\$1,005	\$252,725	A 5.9-mill permanent replacement levy to raise about \$1.5 million a year for operations. www.northwest.stark.k12.oh.us	\$121	Prevent further cuts, which could include staffing and busing reductions, as well as pay-to-play fees.
Osnaburg 935 students (Stark County)	26.7	\$818	\$88,278	A combined 6.2-mill, 28-year bond issue to raise \$8.7 million for construction and improvements and a 0.5-mill permanent improvement additional levy for maintenance. www.ecweb.sparcc.org	\$205	Allow district to build a kindergarten-through-12th grade school on district property a quarter-mile from the high school. Two schools would be sold or demolished. State would pay 63 percent of the \$23.5 million project. Construction would begin in the fall of 2007.
Plain 6,173 students (Stark County)	28.6	\$876	\$923,883	A 9.8-mill permanent additional levy to raise about \$8.9 million a year for operations. http://plainlocal.org/levy	\$300	Allow district to eliminate pay-to-play fees, buy four buses, and restore club and intramural sports and field trips. Passage also would stave off further cuts totaling more than \$2.2 million. The reductions would include about 30 jobs and cuts to busing. There would be increases in pay-to-play fees.
Springfield 2,973 students (Summit County)	30.46	\$933	\$414,623	A 9.48-mill, five-year emergency additional levy to raise about \$3.7 million a year for operations. www.springfieldlevy.org	\$290	Would prevent busing cuts. If the levy fails, beginning Nov. 13, the district would transport only students in kindergarten through eighth grade who live more than two miles from their schools. Passage also would block pay-to-play fees that would begin with winter sports, as well as other cuts.
Stow-Munroe Falls 5,829 students (Summit County)	33.79	\$1,035	\$962,125	A 0.5-percent income tax for five years to raise about \$4.1 million a year for operations. www.smfcsd.org	Tax on residents' earned income (excludes pension and dividends).**	Will provide revenues from income tax rather than property taxes.

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*Amount changes year to year based on total property valuation. **Income tax would not apply to Social Security and pension benefits or interest and dividend income.