

This November's election ballot includes an issue that is important to the fiscal health of our school district. Pandora-Gilboa Local School District is seeking a renewal of our .75% income tax; we are increasing the term (time length) of this levy from 5 years to 10 years, a renewal levy is not a new tax but rather a continuation of a previously approved levy. Renewal of this levy will enable us to maintain current staffing and most importantly; preserve excellent educational opportunities for our students. With your continued support, P-G School will be able to sustain the educational opportunities our students deserve.

In addition to the above mentioned renewal levy; P-G Schools is also seeking a new permanent improvement levy that would replace the expiring bond levy. That bond levy, which expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, paid for the existing facility. In addition, there is also a ½ mill maintenance levy that was approved at the same time of the bond levy that the district will NOT be seeking renewal of. The new permanent improvement levy would NOT be an increase to the tax amount (millage) that you had previously been responsible for with the expiring bond levy. This new permanent improvement levy money can only be utilized for capital improvements, the money from this levy cannot be used for salaries and day to day operations. As previously announced; the district intends to utilize the permanent improvement funds to add an additional gymnasium to the existing facility, build a weight room/locker room at the football field complex, build a restroom/concession stand building near the baseball/softball field, build a restroom/concession stand/meet manager building at our existing all-weather track facility, and construct a bus barn located perpendicular to the current storage shed on the northwest side of the school building. Based on a property valuation of \$100,000, the cost of the proposed permanent improvement levy is approximately \$105.00 per year. The term of the proposed permanent improvement levy is 5 years; at which time the district may seek to renew the levy.

The district has hired Brick Street Studio to serve as our criteria architect; the end product of which will be designs that put our ideas into pictures and videos. Once these items are completed, they will be displayed on our website and Facebook pages for your review. We will also conduct community meetings this upcoming Fall to present the plans for these projects and offer an opportunity for questions. I will also keep you up to date with our progress and any other updates with either additional newsletters or postings to our website; as always you are welcome to contact me, or any Board of Education member, with any questions or concerns. I believe that this is an opportune time to bring our athletic facilities up to par and make other necessary improvements as they arise.

Finally, I want to wish the Class of 2022 congratulations and the best of luck with their future endeavors; I am confident that those students are ready to take on the challenges that will face them as they pursue the workplace and/or higher education. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful summer season.

Thank you for your support of the Pandora-Gilboa Local School District.

Sincerely,

R. Todd Schmutz, Superintendent