

**Reading Community City School District  
Substitute Levy  
November 6, 2018**

*The Reading Board of Education voted unanimously to place a substitute levy on the November 6, 2018 ballot. This levy is a substitute to the existing emergency operating levy that voters approved in 2012.*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Will the substitute levy increase my taxes?**

A substitute levy will create a zero increase in your taxes.

**Why does the District need the substitute levy?**

The community supported a 7-year emergency levy in 2012 and funding from this levy will expire in 2019. The substitute levy will begin collection in 2019 on a continual basis. It provides a seamless transition in District funding as the emergency levy expires.

**What will money collected from this levy be used for?**

Revenue generated from the substitute levy will continue to provide the same level of support to our students and staff. It will continue to fund day-to-day operational expenses such as utilities, classroom supplies, instructional equipment, and current personnel costs. This revenue will maintain the current services provided to our students, staff, and our community with zero increase to your taxes.

**How much will this cost homeowners?**

Based on current information from the county auditor, the estimated annual cost of the substitute levy to a homeowner of a \$100,000 home is \$191.67 or about \$16 a month. Our current emergency levy, set to expire in 2019, costs a homeowner with a \$100,000 home \$196.44 annually.

**How will the District allocate resources generated from the substitute levy?**

Resources from the substitute levy will be used for operational needs of the District and shall not be used for capital improvements or infrastructure needs.

**What will happen if the substitute levy fails?**

The District will need to reevaluate all areas of operations including staffing levels, curricular programs, and extracurricular programs offered. If the levy does not pass in November 2018, we have to try again in 2019, which means the District will not start collecting the new levy funding until 2020. This would create a gap in funding.

If you have any additional questions, please email Reading School District Treasurer Colette Lewis at [clewis@readingschools.org](mailto:clewis@readingschools.org).