



# Reading Community City School District

May 3, 2022

## 9.99 Mill Operating Levy

### QUICK FACTS

**Permanent Reduction if Levy Fails in May, 2022.** These reductions *will not be reinstated even if levy is passed in future:*

Personnel	Reductions
Administration	2.0
Counselor	1.0
Teaching Staff	15.0
Support Staff	5.5
Total Positions	23.5
<b>Total Reductions</b>	<b>\$1,305,300</b>

Increased class sizes all grades  
Decreased programming and course options

- PK-6 specials eliminated
  - Art
  - Music
  - PE
  - STEM
  - Wellness
- Elective course offerings at RJSH reduced
- Shorter day at RJSH
- Longer gap between RJSH and RES dismissal

Decreased operational support

- Secretary
- Custodian/Maintenance
- Dean of Students
- Administration

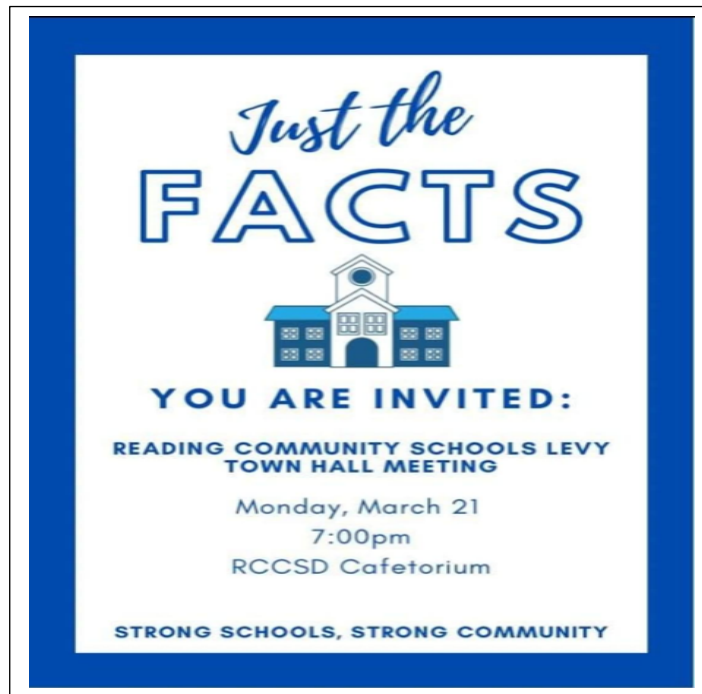
Increased pay to play fees from \$75 to **\$200 per season** – no cap

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### COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING



### DID YOU KNOW?

Example of a Reading Home Owner's Tax if Levy Passes:

Purchase Price of home:	\$240,000.00
Market Value:	\$176,870.00
Assessed Value:	\$ 61,910.00

$$\begin{aligned} \$61.92 \times 9.99 \text{ mills} &= \$618.48 \text{ per year} \\ \$618.48 / 12 \text{ months} &= \$51.54 / \text{month} \end{aligned}$$

[https://wedge1.hcauditor.org/view/re/6710030011600/2021/tax\\_distributions](https://wedge1.hcauditor.org/view/re/6710030011600/2021/tax_distributions)

**\*\* Taxes are calculated only on the ASSESSED value of your home. (35% of market value)**

**\*\* Changes to property tax bill, if the levy is successful, will not be collected until January 2023.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**3/15 7:30 p.m.**  
Superintendent Enix presents at City of Reading Council mtg.

**3/21 7:00 p.m.**  
Community Town Hall Meeting  
RCCSD Cafetorium

**4/5 11:30 a.m.**  
Community Chat  
Strong's Pizza

**4/6 3:30 p.m.**  
Dedication of Athletic Sports Complex

**4/10 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Community Open House and Art Fair

**4/12 6:30 p.m.**  
Community Chat  
Via Zoom

**4/15 6:30 p.m.**  
Community Chat  
RCCSD Lobby

**4/19 7:30 p.m.**  
Community Chat  
Via Zoom

**4/25 7:30 p.m.**  
Community Chat  
RCCSD Media Center

**4/30 3:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Spring Carnival

**5/3 – ELECTION DAY**



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**Q: I thought the Fair School Funding plan would improve our district financially. Is that true?**

*A: The Fair School Funding plan was legislatively agreed upon last year is in year one of a six-year phase-in process. Many factors, including election results (state legislators/Governor) and the next biennium budget (coming in 2024) will have an unknow impact as to whether it will be fully implemented.*

**Q: How does open enrollment affect our district financially?**

*A: RCCCSO receives approximately \$1.9 million dollars from the state as a result of open enrollment. The calculation is different now, and still being fully implemented/understood based on the new funding model, but we will not receive less funding this year than allocated in previous years.*

**Q: Hamilton County just completed property valuation assessments – my property value increased and my tax bill went up. Didn't the school district receive extra money?**

*A: Due to HB920, passed in 1976, school districts are capped with new revenue based on what was voted in at the time. With increased property values, school district revenue remains fixed while district expenses continue to increase each year due to salaries, benefit percentage increases, inflation, educational requirements, operating expenses, etc.*

**Q: How much revenue has the recent TIF agreement generated? What about the Duke Pipeline?**

*A: At this time, no revenue has been collected from the TIF agreement and is not expected to generate revenue in the immediate future. Revenue from the Duke Pipeline is not generated until the pipeline is in use. At this point, no additional revenue is forecasted and more information is needed.*

**Q: Can RCCSD have fundraisers to pay for operating expenses?**

*A. No. Public schools are held to different standards that do not permit fundraising for operating expenses. Booster Organizations, PTO's, etc. are not part of the district financial system and can fundraise to provide monetary donations to programs of the school district.*

**Q: I heard the district received money from the federal government. Why do we have a levy on the ballot?**

*A: ESSER funds were one time, pandemic-relief funds (much like stimulus checks individuals received). The district used the majority of those funds to offset current expenditures that are also pandemic-related; examples include counselors, cleaning, additional sub cost, technology, etc. They are not renewed every year and must be spent by the 2023-2024 school year.*

**Q: How much will it cost to maintain the Hilltop Athletic Complex?**

*A: We will have a two-part service agreement to maintain the field themselves (weed control, over-seed, aeration, warning tracks, clay composite, etc.) as well as routine moving/trimming. We anticipate the total cost to be \$35,000-\$40,000/year.*