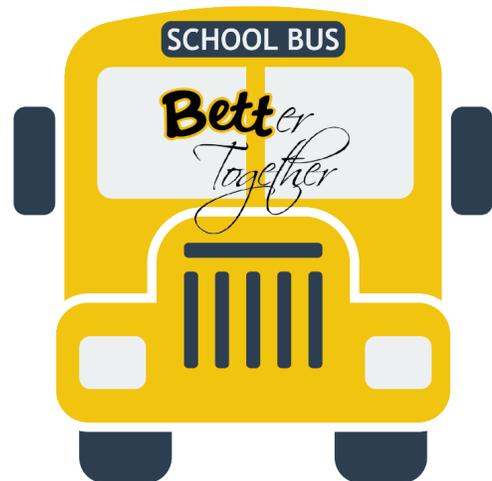


Bettendorf Community School District

Physical Plant & Equipment Levy

RENEWAL - VOTER APPROVED PPEL

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022



Renovating & Maintaining Existing School
Facilities | Funding School Technology, School
Buses | Infrastructure & Equipment Upgrades

Residents of the Bettendorf Community School District are being asked to vote on a 10-year extension of the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). Funds from the levy, which would raise \$2.3 million per year, would be used to renovate and maintain existing school facilities, technology purchases, school buses, and equipment upgrades.

The referendum will be on the ballot during the Tuesday, September 13 local election. A simple majority of votes (greater than 50%) is required to approve the measure and pass the referendum.

The levy helps the district maintain its infrastructure and keep up with changing technology. It also helps keep the BCSD school facilities in top condition, the equipment up-to-date, and the technology integration plan moving forward for students.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is the Sept. 13 vote for?

Residents of the school district are being asked to vote on a 10-year extension of the voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). **The fund would raise roughly \$2.3 million per year - more than \$23M over 10 years.** The money from the levy can only be used to maintain existing school facilities, purchase/build new facilities, fund technology and equipment

upgrades greater than \$500, pay debt and enter into equipment or facility lease agreements.

Q Will the approval of the levy mean a property tax increase?

Approval of PPEL will NOT increase taxes. This would be a continuation of the existing \$1.34 property tax levy.

Q How many votes are needed for approval?

A simple majority of votes (greater than 50%) is required to approve the measure to pass the Referendum.

Q Hasn't the district had a voted PPEL levy in the past?

The district has had a voted PPEL levy since 1975. The levy for the fund was most recently approved in 2013 for a 10-year period. If approved on Sept. 2, the voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy would be extended until 2034.

Q What will happen if PPEL isn't approved?

The district will work to the best of its ability to sustain existing infrastructure. The district's ability to upgrade facilities, purchase buses and maintain technology will be very limited.

Q Doesn't the district have enough money from the penny sales tax (SAVE fund)?

The SAVE fund has enabled the district to make significant improvements to every school building in conjunction with PPEL funds. The two funds work together to support ongoing needs.

State Sales Tax	\$4.5M per year
PPEL	\$2.3 per year
TOTAL	\$6.8M per year

Technology - Roughly \$1M per year

PPEL used for: annual technology integration, replacement printers and infrastructure

Operations - Roughly \$1.2M per year

PPEL used for: annual bus/vehicle purchases, grounds and building improvements, security cameras, and classroom/furniture upgrades

Additional Projects - \$4.5M per year

Over the past 10 years, the PPEL & SAVE funds have allowed the district to complete many projects.

PPEL Projects - 2004-2022

ADA Upgrades | Air Conditioning of Schools | Athletic Facility Improvements | Security Improvements | Asbestos Abatement | New Busses & School Vehicles | Classroom Remodels | Computer Replacement | Gym Floor Maintenance & Replacement | Electrical Improvements | HVAC Repair & Replacement | Intercom/Emergency Systems | Energy Efficient Lighting | Parking Lot & Sidewalk Maintenance | Playground Repair & Replacement | Plumbing Maintenance | Roof Replacements | Security Cameras | Technology Infrastructure | School Vehicles | Window Replacement

Major Facility Projects

(Funded with PPEL & SAVE)

Neil Armstrong Elementary | (2006-2007)

Middle School Pod Remodel/Addition & Renovations | (2004-2009)

Herbert Hoover Commons | (2011-2012)

District Administration Center | (2011-2013)

BHS Renovations, Library Remodel & Performing Arts Center | (2011-2013)

Grant Wood Elementary | (2018-2019)

Mark Twain Elementary | (2019-2020)

Herbert Hoover Secure Entrance | (2021-2022)

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