

1. Name of levy sponsor and primary contact

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2. Type of levy and general description of need for levy

Bond Issue and Permanent Improvement Levy

The goal of the Bond Issue and Permanent Improvement Levy is to complete the Board's master facilities plan, which includes the following items: Replace the middle school and high school, both of which have significant infrastructure needs, provide an addition for the elementary school to accommodate growth, convert the existing high school into a multi-use community facility designed to meet community needs and future growth, finish the renovations to the athletic complex to support all operations on a single campus, and a maintenance fund to protect the investment of the taxpayers.

3. Number of students served each of the past five years and projected for the next five years

Previous 5 Years:

2013-2014: 2,165
2014-2015: 2,184
2015-2016: 2,222
2016-2017: 2,216
2017-2018: 2,250

Projected Next 5 years:

2018-2019: 2,279
2019-2020: 2,317
2020-2021: 2,364
2021-2022: 2,400
2022-2023: 2,408

***Note - This count does not include students who attend Great Oaks on a full time basis.**

4. Total Number of employees each of the previous 5 years and projections for the next five years:

Previous 5 Years:

2013-2014: 248
2014-2015: 248
2015-2016: 248
2016-2017: 250
2017-2018: 252

Projected Next 5 years:

2018-2019: 252
2019-2020: 252
2020-2021: 253
2021-2022: 254
2022-2023: 254

5. Total expenses for each of the previous 5 years and projected for the next five years:

Previous 5 Years:

2013-2014: 18,448,061
2014-2015: 19,588,770
2015-2016: 20,594,878
2016-2017: 21,735,424
2017-2018: 21,670,060

Projected Next 5 years:

2018-2019: 22,377,450
2019-2020: 22,651,075
2020-2021: 23,211,821
2021-2022: 23,661,085
2022-2023: 24,134,307

6. When was your last levy request? How much was requested, what was the type of levy, did it pass, and at what rate?

The last levy request was in 2012. The request was for 7.5 mills, was a combination bond issue, operating levy, and permanent improvement levy, and it passed 50.92 to 49.08

7. Please list specific belt-tightening measures instituted since your last levy request:

Since 2012 the District hiring practices has centered on the strategic use of attrition to lower personnel costs. This strategy has paid off in an increase in fund balance by \$750,000 in FY18 to end the year with a fund balance of \$1,500,000 which is the strongest position the District has been in since the closing of the Ford Plant. Over the past eight years the District has paid for repairs out of the general fund, as there is no permanent improvement fund from which to draw dollars for ongoing maintenance and repairs. The District has thoroughly examined every maintenance expenditure to ensure a wise use of funds regarding infrastructure upkeep. During this time several energy efficiency projects have been undertaken with lifecycle investment horizons that have generated a net positive savings over time. Finally, the procurement process has been completely overhauled since 2015, with a much tighter control of expenditures and needs based testing occurring prior to large purchase in the areas of maintenance, technology, and curriculum.

8. Please provide the current millage:

9. What is the proposed millage and what percentage increase and dollars per \$100,000 increase from the the current millage:

The November levy is for 7mills, which is an increase of \$245 per \$100,000 of property value.

10. Other - Any additional considerations:

As both the middle and high school buildings are in need of a significant investments just to correct items identified by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission as 'needs replacement', the most prudent, cost effective, and forward thinking option is to partner with the State and take advantage of almost 80 cents on the dollar in support to build new facilities, and combine this with strategic local investments to plan for future growth and a future in the mid 2020's when the 32 corridor project is complete and the middle of Clermont County becomes wide open for residential and economic growth.

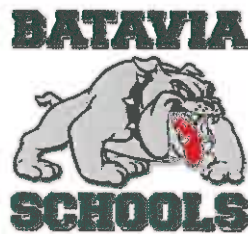
If the District were to choose to renovate only the items identified as 'needs replacement' by the State on our own in the middle and high school, we would spend just over 21.5 million local dollars, as compared to a local investment of 12.6 million dollars by partnering with the state and building new through the leveraging of state support. A renovation option also does nothing to plan for future growth, as the current plan being put before the voters does.

Finally, as we only get to spend money one time, the opportunity cost of spending funds to simply renovate comes at the expense of truly planning for meeting current as well as future needs of the District as well as the entire community.

To more fully explore the positive impact the bond issue will have on the entire Batavia Community and the scope of the project, please visit: voteforbatavia.com

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Batavia Local Schools Bond Issue Presentation



Vision

- Finish the Master Facilities Plan - One campus at Bulldog Place
- Prepare for a future where the 32 Corridor Project is complete

Opportunity

- Capitalize on an unprecedented level of State financial support
- Creatively prepare for the future of the school district and the community

48 MM 80%

Need

- Major middle and high school building systems are reaching the end of their life cycles
- Both the middle and high school lack the modern security features contained in the elementary school

Need

- Classrooms at the middle and high schools are undersized and lack the flexibility for student collaboration and project based learning.

Need

- Additional classroom space at the elementary is necessary to meet enrollment growth needs.

Need

- Multi-purpose community building to serve current identified needs as well as provide flexibility to accommodate future growth.

Need

- Final enhancements to our athletic facilities in order to support all students as well as community needs on a single campus.

Why Build Instead Of Renovate?

- The cost to address only the State identified 'needs replacement items' at the middle and high school is just over 21.6 million dollars.
- The total local cost of the project is just over 23.5 million dollars.

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- Renovations in the existing buildings would not overcome certain issues that each building and site currently has.

Project Scope

- A new high school, located directly next to the current high school
- A new middle school, located on the current soccer practice fields
- An addition to the elementary school, designed to accommodate future enrollment growth

Project Scope

A repurposing of the current high school, which will include:

- Space for the Board of Education offices
- A dedicated K-12 wrestling facility
- Community meeting space in current classrooms
- Community event space in the current cafeteria
- Space for a campus based health clinic (think Little Clinic in Kroger)
- Flexibility to bring classroom space back online based on enrollment needs

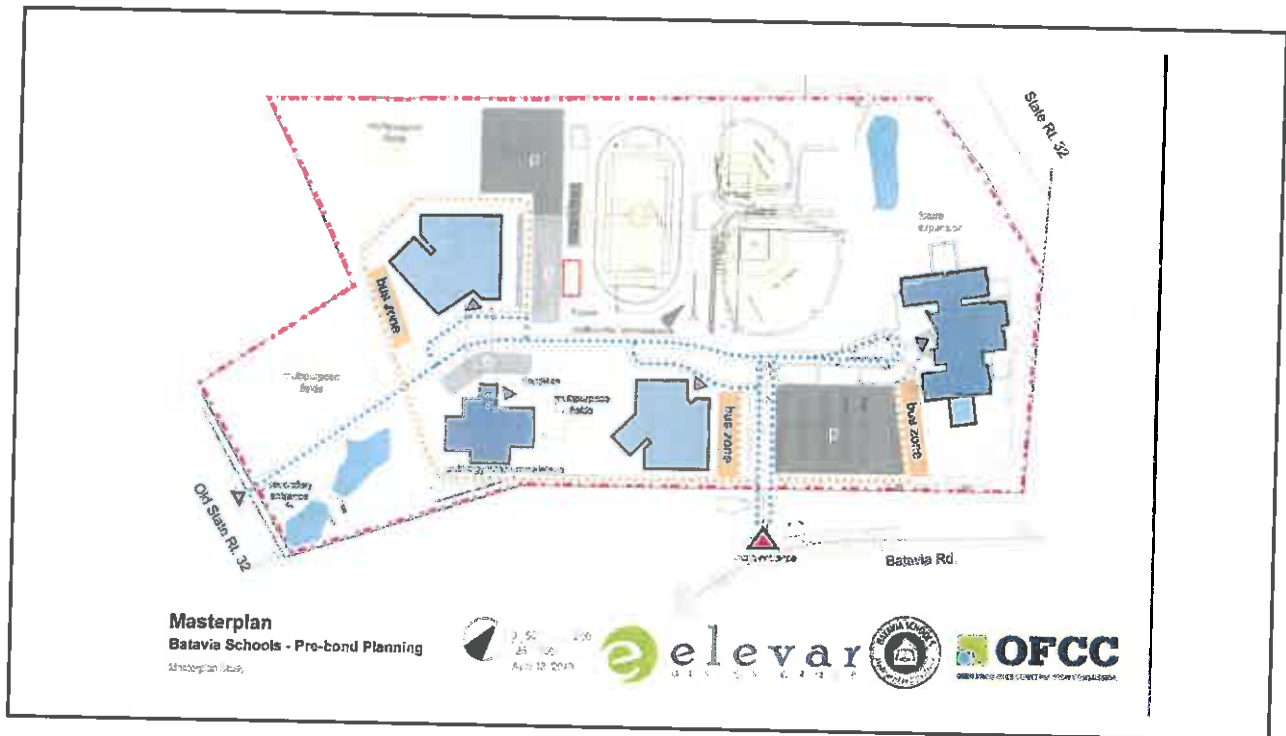
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- Final upgrades to the athletic facilities to support three buildings on a single campus, which will include building a turf multipurpose field and turfing existing athletic surfaces
- A maintenance fund to support the new buildings well into the future (similar to what is currently in place for the elementary school).



SATELLITE IMAGE
Batavia Schools - Pre-bond Planning
Masterplan Study





To Finish Bulldog Place

- 7 mill Bond Issue Levy on November 6, 2018
- About \$20/month per \$100,000 of property valuation
- For the average Batavia property owner using the median home price, this comes out to about \$1.00 per day
- Passage will bring \$38,000,000 in State OFCC dollars to Clermont County.