



# New Richmond Exempted Village School District

Dear New Richmond Schools Community,

As Superintendent of the New Richmond Schools, I'm writing to let you know that the Board of Education recently voted 5-0 to place a 9.4-mill property tax levy for operations on the March 17 ballot. This is the district's first operating levy since 1977.

The need for this levy is due to an \$8 million annual decrease in revenue caused by changes in power plants, specifically the closure of Beckjord, sale of Zimmer, and deregulation.

A 9.4-mill operating levy will generate an estimated \$4.3 million annually and will help fund daily school operations including staffing, utilities, supplies and busing.

The requested millage includes .5 mills that's earmarked for three key areas (curriculum, safety/security, and technology) that respondents to a recent district survey identified as very important.

If you have questions, please contact me at the district office, (513) 553-2616. Additional information is also available on our website, [www.nrschools.org](http://www.nrschools.org), under the "Levy" tab.

Sincerely,  
Tracey Miller  
Superintendent



# Did you know

The District's taxes are the **LOWEST** out of all 49 districts in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties. Even with levy passage, the District's taxes will be 39th lowest out of the 49 districts in the four counties.

Local power plants helped to keep taxes low for District residents. Over recent years, there have been changes in the local energy business causing District revenue to **PLUMMET** \$8 million annually.

- ◆ Electricity deregulation = **\$3 million in revenue lost annually**
- ◆ Closure of Beckjord = **\$1.8 million in revenue lost annually**
- ◆ Devaluation of Zimmer = **\$3.35 million in revenue lost annually**
- ◆ Total Lost Revenue = **\$8.15 million per year**

**What does a mill generate in the New Richmond Exempted Village School District?** Per the Clermont County Auditor, one mill generates \$452,700 for the District. To learn the cost of the levy based on your property value, visit the Clermont County Auditor online at [www.clermontauditor.org](http://www.clermontauditor.org), search for your property, and select "Proposed levies for March 17, 2020 election."

The District reduced operating costs by \$3 million for the 2019-2020 school year. This included the loss of over 25 employees. Even with levy passage, another \$1 million in reductions/efficiencies are planned.

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