

What is Issue 4?

Issue 4 is a renewal of an emergency operating levy that produces \$2,254,000 dollars annually for the school district.

Will Issue 4 raise the taxes of Brooklyn residents?

No. The levy as a renewal of the emergency levy first passed in 2008. It is a ZERO tax increase.

Why is Issue 4 so important?

Issue 4 will preserve our current programming and opportunities for our Brooklyn students. The renewal levy amount is 13.5% of the school district's total operating budget. It takes money to provide quality schools.

Will Issue 4 add frills or extra programs?

No. The renewal will just allow the school district to continue its current programming.

What has the school district done to reduce costs in the last few years?

The District has taken several measures to reduce costs. These include the following:

- The District has not replaced all the staff members, who have retired or resigned and that has saved thousands of dollars in personnel costs.
- The District administrative salaries are projected to decrease by \$50,000 in 2018-2019 from where they were in 2014-2015.
- The District joined a health consortium in order to save money on employee health benefits. It has produced savings of approximately \$250,000 per year.
- The District is making energy saving changes to Brooklyn High School that will save energy bill expenses. These changes are specific to lighting, system controls and a kitchen hood.
- The District has renegotiated a copier contract that has saved approximately \$20,000 per year.

Why are school levies important to a school district?

They provide the necessary funding for a school district to operate and provide a quality education. The State of Ohio only provides a percentage of school funding and that amount is becoming less and less in recent years.

What are State of Ohio's cuts to Brooklyn's school funding?

The State of Ohio has cut Brooklyn's funding significantly in the last 8 years when they eliminated the Tangible Personal Property (TPP) Tax. The Brooklyn Schools has lost \$1,200,000 since 2010 and will lose another \$900,000 by 2022. This is catastrophic to a \$16 million dollar budget.

Why are school levies important to a city?

School levies allow the District to provide a quality education with programming that residents want for their children and students. These quality schools attract new homeowners to the city and protect the value of your current real estate investment in your home. Issue 4 will protect our hometown Brooklyn.