

Coulee Hartline School District

Maintenance and Operation Levy

Dear School Patron,

The Coulee Hartline School District would like to provide you information for the renewal of our current maintenance and operation levy. It will replace the current levy and is not a new tax. This two year levy is to be collected in 2011 and 2012.

The rate of \$2.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value will not change from the previous levy. It will provide \$398,294 local money for the operation of the school district. The levy is needed to supplement state support for almost all programs the district operates. State support simply does not meet all of the district's needs. Specific programs are listed in this flyer, highlighting which programs receive levy funds.

Members of the Board of Education and I appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Jim Evans, Superintendent
632-5231

Why is the levy needed?

The state provides funding to operate our schools, and the federal government also contributes to the funding of specific programs such as Title 1, special education, and the lunch program. Funding from state and federal sources is not adequate to meet all of the needs of many mandated programs offered in the District or specific programs local communities request their school to provide. When communities support their local levy, the state allocates equalization money to the district which is also used to fund school programs. Levy money is used to fund or supplement all of the following:

Music Program	School Lunch Program	School Counselor
Vocational Education	Special Education	School Nurse
Text Books	Club/Sport Activities	Drivers Education
Teaching Supplies	Additional Staff	Technology
	Building/Grounds Maintenance	

Are the property tax exemptions available?

Yes. Senior citizens and disabled persons can be eligible for an exemption if they have limited income. Call the Grant County Assessor's Office at 1-800-572-0119 for more information.

Will this levy increase taxes?

No. This levy will replace the levy approved two years ago and the rate will remain the same, \$2.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Currently, the levy generates \$380,000 for the school district. That amount will increase to \$398,294, but the rate will not go up because assessed values in the district have gone up.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Superintendent's office at 632-5231.

Election Details

- All ballots will be mailed to eligible voters within the Coulee Hartline School District. (Grant and Douglas Counties)
- There will be no voting at the school. All voting is being done by mail.
- Ballots must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, February 9, 2010.
- If approved, the taxes will be collected in the 2011 and 2012 calendar years.
- Fifty (50%) percent of the voters must approve the levy in order for it to pass.

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