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Frequently Asked Questions

The Riverside Local Schools Board of Education voted 5-0 to put a 4.9-mill continuous operating levy on the May 2 ballot during its January 24 Board of Education meeting. Below are frequently asked questions regarding Issue 1.

What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a 4.9-mill continuous operating levy on the May 2 ballot that if approved by voters, will allow the District to restore bus service and elementary level programs as well as reduce fees for pay-to-participate. **Busing would be restored for all grades** – kindergarten through 12th grade – for students who live outside a half-mile radius of his or her school. **Pay-to-participate fees will decrease** to \$200 for high school sports and \$150 for 7th and 8th grade sports. The fee for cheerleading (grades 7-12) and marching band will also be \$150. **The District will also restore elementary-level programs** – which may include arts, health and wellness and technology. Funds from Issue 1 would also be used for general operations throughout the District.

How does Issue 1 differ from the bond levy that passed in November?

The bond levy that passed in November of 2016 allows the District to construct two new elementary schools while closing Hadden, Hale Road, Leroy and Madison Avenue elementary schools (upon completion of the new buildings), which are a combined 346-years-old. Funds from a bond levy can only be used for construction and cannot be used for operational costs.

How much would it cost taxpayers if Issue 1 passes?

If approved, Issue 1 would cost taxpayers \$14.29 per month per \$100,000 valuation.

What is the current situation with busing, programs and pay-to-participate?

Currently, there is no busing for high school students. K-5 students who live outside a mile radius of his or her school have busing and 6-8 students who live outside two miles of LaMuth Middle School and John R. Williams have busing. Busing is almost at state minimum requirements. For programs, elementary students currently only have gym, music and art for 12 weeks each instead of all-year-round. Pay-to-participate fees can be as high as \$641 and most sports are well above \$200 to participate.

Does Issue 1 have anything to do with the high school football field getting synthetic turf?

No. The turf for the football field is being funded by a Lake Health sponsorship and money from the permanent improvement fund. Updating the current field with turf provides many benefits including enhanced safety, less maintenance and water cost and more importantly, the ability to open up the field to other school-sponsored sports teams as well as outside community organizations, programs and youth leagues.

If Issue 1 passes, how soon would students and parents see the benefits of busing, programs and reduced pay-to-participate fees?

Because Issue 1 is on the May ballot, services would be restored as early as the 2017-2018 school year.

What will happen if Issue 1 fails?

At this point, the Board has not made any decisions about exact cuts if Issue 1 fails. However, an operating levy is needed in order to stay solvent past the 2017-2018 school year. If Issue 1 were to fail in May, the District would have to go back on the ballot in November of 2017.

When is the last time the District passed a new money operating levy?

August of 2004.

I don't have kids in the District, why should I care about Issue 1?

Whether you have students in the District or not, the entire community benefits from a strong public school system. A high quality school district builds a stronger sense of community, improves home values, attracts new families and most importantly, develops and educates the youth of our community to prepare them for a successful future.



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Our MISSION . . . Through a culture of excellence, immerse students in educational opportunities and empower them to excel in an interconnected world.

Riverside Local Schools District Calendar

August	16	Wednesday	LaMuth Chromebook / Schedule Orientation – 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
August	17	Thursday	8th Grade Orientation 9:00-10:30 am and 6:00-7:30 p.m.
August	23	Wednesday	First day of school, classes begin for Grades 1-12
August	23	Wednesday	Kindergarten Screening (Assessments)
August	24	Thursday	Kindergarten Screening (Assessments)
August	25	Friday	Kindergarten Orientation for AM Full Day Classes – 9:30-11:15 a.m.
August	26	Friday	Kindergarten Orientation for PM Classes – 1:00-2:45 p.m.
August	28	Monday	First day of school for Kindergarten
August	28	Monday	First day of school for Preschool
September	4	Monday	Labor Day – no school
October	12	Thursday	Teacher In-service – no classes
October	13	Friday	Fall Break, no school – NEOEA Day
October	20	Friday	<i>End of First Attendance Period</i>
November	7	Tuesday	Election Day – no school
November	22	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Vacation begins (through Nov. 24) – no school
November	27	Monday	School re-opens Monday, November 27, 2017
December	20	Wednesday	<i>End of Second Attendance Period / End of First Semester</i>
December	21	Thursday	Winter Vacation begins (through Jan. 3, 2018) – no school
January	3	Wednesday	Teachers' Records Day – no classes
January	4	Thursday	School re-opens / Second Semester begins Thursday, January 4, 2018
January	15	Monday	Martin Luther King Day – no school
February	5	Monday	Teacher In-service – no classes
February	19	Monday	Presidents' Day – no school
March	14	Wednesday	<i>End of Third Attendance Period</i>
March	26	Monday	Spring Break begins (through April 2, 2018) – no school
April	3	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, April 3, 2018
May	4	Friday	Teacher In-service – no classes
May	24	Thursday	Last day for Seniors
May	25	Friday	Memorial Day Break (through May 28, 2018) – no school
May	29	Tuesday	School re-opens Tuesday, May 29, 2018
June	1	Friday	<i>End of Fourth Attendance Period. Last day for students</i>
June	3	Sunday	Commencement

■ Attendance and Grading Periods for 2017-18

	<u>Period START</u>	<u>Period END</u>	
First Period	Wed., August 23	Fri., October 20	40 Days
Second Period	Mon., October 23	Wed., December 20	39 Days
Third Period	Thurs., January 4	Wed., March 14	47 Days
Fourth Period	Thurs., March 15	Fri., June 1	48 Days

■ Parent-Teacher Conferences for 2017-18

<u>School</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
LaMuth Middle School	Wed., October 25	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Wed., October 25	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Thurs., October 26	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Wed., November 1	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., November 2	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., November 2	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., November 9	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., November 9	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus Curriculum Night	Thurs., February 8, 2018	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
RHS/JRW Campus	Thurs., February 22, 2018	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
ALL Elementary Schools	Thurs., February 22, 2018	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
LaMuth Middle School	Thurs., February 22, 2018	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fall 2017 Open House Schedule

Buckeye Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Hadden Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Hale Road Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Leroy Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Madison Ave. Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

Melridge Elementary

Mon., August 28 (Grades 3-5)
Tues., August 29 (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

LaMuth Middle School

Wed., August 23 (Grade 6)
Thurs., August 24 (Grade 7)

Riverside Campus

Wed., August 30 (Grades 8-12)

PLEASE NOTE:

Kindergarten Registration

Children who are 5 years of age on or before September 30, 2017 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. **Registration will take place from 8-11 a.m. and 12-3 p.m. May 1-5, 2017** at the Board Office at the Riverside Campus. For more details, visit www.riversidelocalschools.com.

New To The District?

Enrollment for all new students for the 2017-2018 school year, regardless of grade level, will be conducted at the Board Office at the Riverside Campus.

NOTE: Hazardous weather and/or other unforeseen circumstances may force an alteration of this calendar in order to comply with State law. In the event weather or other calamities require additional hours of student attendance, those hours will be added commencing Monday, June 4, 2018.