

# OPERATING LEVY COMMITMENTS

On November 5, 2019, voters approved a phased-in operating levy providing additional funding to bridge our budget gap and help maintain our excellent academic programs, student support services and class sizes.

Here's a quick snapshot of our referendum commitments and progress as of the 2021-22 school year (Year 2):

## ✔ Maintain or Reduce Class Sizes

- We have reduced class sizes in elementary and middle school.

2019-20 Class Sizes		2020-21 Class Sizes		2021-22 Class Sizes	
Grades K-2	18-27	Grades K-2	16-24	Grades K-2	14-23
Grades 3-5	24-27	Grades 3-5	17-25	Grades 3-5	18-26
Grades 6-8	26-28	Grades 6-8	25-27	Grades 6-8	25-27
Grades 9-12	20-35	Grades 9-12	20-34	Grades 9-12	22-34

## ✔ Expand Mental Health Support

2019-2020

- \$147,000 one time money
- 3 mental health staff members hired
- Curriculum purchases

2020-2021 FY through 2029-30 FY

- Referendum dollars will pay for those positions

## ✔ Special Area Teachers in Elementary

- Continue with specialist teachers in elementary, such as music, art and science
- Referendum dollars will allow for programs to continue as they currently are

## ✔ Maintain or Expand Real World Experiences

2020-2021

- 5 new courses at AAHS and 2 new courses at DMS were offered
- Implemented the Youth Skills Training program which included an OSHA 10 certification

2021-2022

- 4 new courses at AAHS will be offered
- Expansion of the Youth Skills Training program

2022-2023

- 2 new courses and 1 restructured course at AAHS will be offered

## ✔ Provide More Financial Stability

- The tax impact for the approved operating levy funding was 43% lower than originally estimated for property owners in 2020.
- The operating levy generated \$1,662,810.08 for the district in 2020-21 (Year 1), and \$2,226,293.83 in 2021-22 (Year 2).



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# THANK YOU

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## Levies are for Learning

Operating levies are a legally separate funding stream that voters can approve to support classrooms and educational programs.



## 2020-21 NEW COURSES OFFERED

- Advanced Media Productions
- Advanced Metal Fabrication
- Advanced Woods
- Cardinal Innovations  
*(implementation in 2021-22 due to impact of COVID)*
- Cardinal Digital Productions & Advertising
- Digital Art
- Photography

## 2021-22 NEW COURSES OFFERED

- American Sign Language I
- Aviation
- Computer Hardware & Operating Systems
- Programming in Python

## 2022-23 NEW COURSES OFFERED

- Floral Design
- Sound Production & Technology
- Video Production (restructured)