

## LEVY FACTS

- ▶ The levy is for 3 mils. It is a property tax levy, which will cost the homeowner \$52.50 annually per \$50,000 appraised value (or CAUV for farmland). For \$100,000 in appraised valuation the cost would be \$105/year.
- ▶ After 2020 a 1/2 mil levy will fall off reducing property taxes by \$8.74 annually for \$50,000 appraised value. For \$100,000 in appraised valuation property taxes will drop \$17.50/year.
- ▶ Out of the 14 districts in the area, BLSD has the lowest effective millage. We are at the 20 mil floor which is the lowest you can go.
- ▶ BLSD has not received any new operating levies in over 40 years. Except for bond issues the district has not passed a levy since prior to 1976.
- ▶ By law, these funds cannot be used for employee salaries and benefits.
- ▶ Permanent improvement funds can only be used for the maintenance, improvement, or purchase of physical assets with an expected life of at least 5 years.
- ▶ The money will be used to support the district's 10-year capital spending plan which focuses on Building Security, Maintenance of Existing Facilities, Bus Replacement, Additional Parking at both buildings, Technology, and potentially the addition of new facilities (e.g. track).
- ▶ The district's bus fleet has 4 buses with over 200,000 miles. Buses operated daily average over 35,000 miles/year. To maintain a cost-effective bus fleet the district needs to replace a bus at least every other year.
- ▶ The district strives to be good caretakers of the taxpayers' investment. A permanent improvement levy will ensure that the district's facilities continue to be maintained independent of school funding imposed by the state.

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# Bright Today for a Brighter Tomorrow!



WHITEOAK JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



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## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS

- New LED lighting was installed throughout BLSD which reduced electric bills
- Air conditioned band and AG hallway in WHS building
- Resurfaced parking lots at both buildings
- New roof at WHS
- Revitalized gymnasium at WHS: new floor, new bleachers, A/C
- Replaced boilers and chillers at both buildings to make them more energy efficient
- Technology:
  - State-of-the-art computer labs in both buildings
  - Six new chrome book carts
  - One-to-one technology at WHS
  - Interactive white boards in WHS classrooms
- Over 80 safety cameras at WHS and over 50 cameras at BE
- Keyless entry system for security in both buildings
- Trained armed staff in both buildings (non-paid)
- New hitting facility for baseball and softball
- Free breakfast program for PreK-12th grade
- Improved lunch menus and over 60% more students are eating school lunch

## ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Bright Elementary State Recognized Momentum Award
- Five-Star Preschool Rating (2 years)
- 20 new classes offered including College Credit Plus courses
- State Report Card Rating went from "F" to "B" on Gap Closing
- Graduation Rating "A" on State Report Card
- 95% attendance rate at WHS
- 96% attendance rate at Bright Elementary
- State Test Scores improved across the board:
  - 3rd ELA - 2nd highest in 17 districts
  - 3rd Math - highest in 17 districts
  - 4th Math - highest in 17 districts
  - 4th ELA - 5th highest in 17 districts
  - 9th ELA - 3rd highest in 17 districts
  - Government - 83% passing



**Student Enrollment  
has increased by 10%  
over the last three years!**

## ATHLETICS

- Baseball team ranked #1 in state and was in Final Four, 2017-2018
- HS Track placed 2nd in league without a track, over 60 kids on team
- Bowling team had 2 kids receive scholarships
- Boys basketball home games have filled the bleachers with community support

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