

# The Path We Choose: Levy Choice Points

## Benefits and Sacrifices

**Step 1:** November 2008  
Operating Levy  
(Combo Income/Property Tax)

**Step 2:** February 2009  
Operating Levy  
(Property Tax)

**Step 3:** November 2009  
Operating Levy  
(Property Tax)

**Step 4:** February 2010  
Operating Levy  
(Property Tax)

**Step 5:** May 2010  
Operating Levy  
(Property Tax)

**Step 6:** November 2010  
Operating Levy  
(Property Tax)

**Nov. 2008**

Fail

- Elimination of German & Business programs at HS
- Reduction of Industrial Arts program at HS

**Feb. 2009**

Fail

- Increase grade 1-8 class sizes for 2009-2010
- Eliminate HS busing for 2009-2010
- Reduce number of stops on bus routes (increase walking distance)
- Restrict use of Alternate Transportation Request forms
- Loss of field trips
- District-wide salary freeze (for teachers, support staff and administrators)
- Increase employee health care contributions
- Institute fee for weekend building usage by outside organizations

- Continue K-8 busing
- Restore HS busing
- Reduce class sizes for 2010-2011 school year
- Restore educational field trips
- No new operating levy request for min. 3 years

Pass

**Nov. 2009**

Fail

- Continue with no HS busing
- Reduce K-8 busing to State minimum requirement (2 mile walk zones)
- Continue with loss of field trips
- Eliminate Middle School spring sports program
- **Loss of a year of tax collection / revenue (approx. \$3.5 million)**
- Increase millage rate by approximately 2 mills for February 2010 ballot issue to make up for loss of year of tax revenue collection

- Restore K-12 busing services
- Reduce class sizes for 2010-2011 school year
- Restore educational field trips
- Restore Middle School spring sports program
- No new operating levy for min. 3 years

Pass

**Feb. 2010**

Fail

- Continue with no HS busing and State minimum for K-8 busing services
- Continue with loss of field trips
- No spring sports program for Middle School students
- Eliminate all High School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports) for 2010-2011
- Eliminate all Middle School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports) for 2010-2011
- Additional staffing / program cuts for 2010-2011 school year
- Higher millage rate to cover year of lost revenue (due to Nov. 2009 failure)

- Restore K-12 busing services
- Reduce class sizes for 2010-2011 school year
- Restore educational field trips
- Restore Middle School extracurriculars for 2010-2011
- Restore High School extracurriculars for 2010-2011
- Eliminate additional cuts to staffing / program for 2010-2011
- No new operating levy for min. 3 years

Pass

**May 2010**

Fail

- Continue with no HS busing and State minimum for K-8 busing services
- Continue with loss of field trips
- Implement elimination of all High School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports) for 2010-2011
- Implement elimination of all Middle School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports) for 2010-2011
- Implement staffing / program cuts for 2010-2011 school year
- Any other reductions needed to maintain fiscal solvency

- Restore K-12 busing services
- Reduce class sizes for 2011-2012 school year
- Restore educational field trips
- Restore Middle School extracurriculars
- Restore High School extracurriculars
- Begin restoration of eliminated teaching positions
- No new operating levy for min. 3 years

Pass

**Nov. 2010**

Fail

- Loss of a another year of tax collection / revenue
- Continue with no HS busing and State minimum for K-8 busing services
- Continue with loss of field trips
- Continue with no High School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports)
- Continue with no Middle School after school activities and performances (band, choir, clubs, sports)
- **State intervention**
- **Additional cuts to programs and services**

