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What Am I Buying With This New Levy?

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The Board of Education voted on January 27th to place a \$3.9 million Emergency Operating Levy on the May 5 ballot. The cost to a homeowner who has a home valued by the County Auditor at \$200,000 will be an additional \$225 per year in property taxes.

A property tax increase in these troubled economic times appears to be a tough pill to swallow. That is until you understand how the school will utilize this new revenue. At that point you can make an educated decision as to whether the price of the levy is worth the services provided.

What new services will be provided? IF PASSED the new revenue will provide the following services:

- Busing for all school age students (except for Daycares)
- 44 additional teachers over the next 3 years
- Reduction in Pay to Participate Fees
- Additional Staff Development
- Inflationary costs associated with services currently provided

This list of services reflects what is driving our need for dollars; enrollment growth, inflation and a lack of new state revenues since 2006.

Why don't we just cut the budget? The Board of Education has cut the district budget by \$5.3 million dollars since April 2008. That equates to 12% of next years total General Fund budget. Cutting the budget does not address our skyrocketing enrollment. Enrollment is growing by 270 students per year. We either add teachers or add students to current classes. Unlike private business we cannot control the number of educated students we produce.

To sum up; for \$18.75 / month you can provide the students of the Springboro community with bussing, new teachers, reduce their cost to play sports and band, additional teacher training and provide the district with funds to cover inflation.