DAYTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION 2020-2021



INSPIRE, ENGAGE, AND GROW

A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DELIVERS

With approximately 1,000 students, the Dayton Independent School District is large enough to offer a top-notch educational experience, while small enough to provide personal attention and care. In our schools, families find a place where they can belong, where their children can thrive.

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

In Dayton, it's easy to feel at home.

The city's walk-able streets and small-town culture are key ingredients, but in our community, there's something more. Here, people look out for each other. Neighbors know one another. All kids are our kids.

Like the mighty Ohio River that flows along our shores, there's a stability and history that anchors our community, yet a current that brings energy and growth. It's what makes Dayton so special - a place generations of families have been proud to call home.

THIS IS WHO WE ARE

Dayton Independent Schools is a non-profit, state and federally funded school system. The school must ensure that revenues match expenses.

What EXPENSES do schools have?

INSTRUCTION

- Salaries and Fringe Benefits, 75% of total budget; Substitutes; Supplies; Books; Paper;
 Copiers; Library
- Technology Computer, Software, Smart Boards, Projectors, Calculators

FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

- Maintenance and Upkeep
- Athletic Transportation
- Insurance, Safety Provisions
- Salaries and Fringe Benefits
- Utilities, Grounds Maintenance

SCHOOL SAFETY/HEALTH

- School Resource Officer
- Secure Buildings and Entrances
- School Camera Safety System
- School Nurse

What are schools' sources of REVENUE?

ADA and SEEK funding (State)

What are our **TAX** options?

COMPENSATING RATE

Rate that generates the SAME amount of REVENUE as the last year 104.0 Real Estate and 119.7 Personal Property brings in \$2,304,377 at 100% collection.

2% REVENUE INCREASE

Rate that raises 2% ADDITIONAL REVENUE than last year. 106.1 Real Estate and 119.7 Personal Property would generate \$2,347,298 (100% collection). Currently collect 93-94% of revenue. Of this amount 5.8 cents goes into Building Fund. We forecast additional revenue of \$67,053 using 106.1 Real Estate and 119.7 Personal Property rates.

Why do we need additional REVENUE?

Each year teachers and staff receive a "Step" raise based on years of experience (\$75,232) and "Rank" change raises based on higher education (\$12,020).

The district did give a \$500 raise in FY20 totaling \$76,500, along with providing \$1,000 increases to the teachers pay scale for those 0-3 years and 19-29 years to be competitive with contiguous districts.

Also, with the state pension shortfall issues, the state may have districts paying even more costs for district match.

All students will have devices this year for NTI (Non-traditional) instruction, which the district has purchased.

How will the 2% RATE affect my taxes in 2020?

On a \$100,000 home you will pay \$136 **LESS** than last year (2019)

Long Term Funding Priorities:

- Competitive salaries for ALL staff to attract and retain quality personnel.
- Technology/Instruction Material for Students
- · Renovations to Davis Field

Do we have other funding options?

The majority (163/172) of school districts in Kentucky collect a 3% utility tax that is levied on **ALL** utilities (electric, heat, water, sanitation, cable, internet, cell phones, etc.) We estimate the

average household in Dayton could be paying between \$200-\$300 a year in utility taxes that are currently **NOT** being collected by the Dayton School District.

State Funding Continues to Decline

- Seek per pupil funding down 16% since 2008 (\$3,822/PUPIL IN 2008 AND \$4,000/PUPIL IN 2020)
- Many grants have been reduced or eliminated
- Federal funds were provided to help cover costs of instruction, technology, and food service during the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will not fully cover all the additional expenses for NTI Instruction and Safety Measures/PPE.

WHAT DO WE OFFER THAT MANY OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS DO NOT?

- FREE Preschool for 3 year children that qualify, and for ALL 4 year old children; The state only funds us for students that qualify
- FREE All Day Kindergarten; The state only funds us for half day
- Academically eligible juniors and seniors attend Gateway Community College at NO cost
- Student Athletes are not charged a fee to play sports.
- FREE after school programming at both Lincoln and DMS/DHS through the YMCA 21st Century Grant
- School Safety Officer on campus
- Dental and Health Clinics
- Student Accident Insurance
- FREE breakfast, lunch, and dinner for students.
- One to One Digital Devices at no cost to student.

GROWING FORWARD...

 Student achievement is up in our district. A better performing school attracts and retains students and staff! We are now rated in the top category of state classification by earning the distinction of being a Kentucky Distinguished District. A better performing school brings about higher property values. • District has completed an Energy Savings project that is saving taxpayers \$1.3 million over 20 years. This project also includes Solar Energy Panels.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO:

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Annual Financial Report for School year 2019-2020 can be found here -

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