



## A Message from the Desk of Joe Paxton, Superintendent

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### EXCESS LEVY

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#### Question & Answer

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The Excess Levy will come up for renewal on January 29, 2022, with early voting at the Clay County Courthouse ending on January 26<sup>th</sup>. I would like to share some important facts relating to the levy with the voters of Clay County.

**Question:** How does Clay County's levy rate compare with the rest of the state?

**Answer:** Clay County's levy rate is the smallest of all school levies in the state.

**Question:** Does the Excess Levy guarantee that all schools will remain open?

**Answer:** Yes. The Excess Levy guarantees that all schools will remain open through at least 2027.

**Question:** Will the levy increase the amount of taxes I currently pay?

**Answer:** No. The renewal of the levy is at the same rate. NO INCREASES.

**Question:** Will levy funds be spent on teacher pay raises?

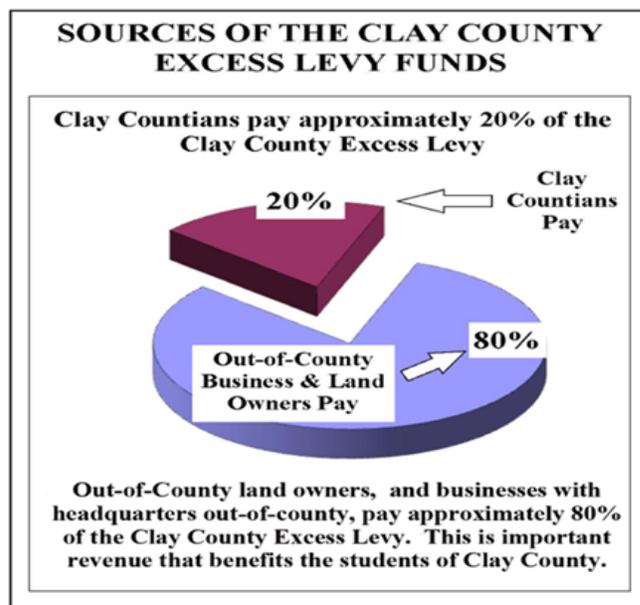
**Answer:** No, absolutely not. Levy funds will ONLY be spent on textbooks and supplies; transportation for summer and after school events; extracurricular student activities; instructional equipment and technology; and building maintenance and utilities.

**Question:** What percentage of the levy is paid by property owners living outside the county?

**Answer:** About 80% of the levy is paid by businesses with headquarters/offices located outside the county and by property owners living outside the county.

**Question:** How much does the levy actually cost me?

**Answer:** Think about it like this – For most Clay County families with children, the admission saved when your children get in free at three or four home ball games will pay for your portion of the levy.



As we near January 29th, I look forward to engaging in conversations with the community about the levy and all the ways its continued funding helps support students.