



# APRIL 4, 2023

## NO TAX RATE INCREASE SCHOOL LEVY TRANSFER

### PROPOSITION LEWIS

Shall the Board of Education of Excelsior Springs School District #40 be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling to \$4.6089 per \$100 of assessed valuation according to the 2023 assessment for operating expenses and funding capital projects of the District, including constructing a new elementary school?

If this question is approved, the operating tax levy of the District is estimated to increase by \$0.70 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the District expects to make a corresponding reduction to its debt service tax levy in the same amount resulting in the estimated overall tax levy of the District to remain unchanged.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY NOW?

Lewis Elementary is in dire need of facility, utility, and equipment upgrades and replacements. The district has done a good job of fiscal management and planning in order to prepare for this next step. Building schools will only continue to be more expensive in the future, so we believe the time is now.

### WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED WITH PRIOR BALLOT MEASURES?

The successful passing of Proposition Tiger in 2020 provided us with the opportunity to successfully build Cornerstone Elementary, transition the previous Westview Elementary into a new Early Childhood Center, and renovate Elkhorn Elementary and the High School commons. The progress as promised on our 2020 bond provided us with the momentum and experience to move forward with Proposition Lewis.

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## WHAT WAS THE PROCESS TO GET TO THIS POINT?

A long range facility plan (LRFP) was developed in the 2018-19 school year that identified areas of need within our district and a phased plan to meet those needs for the next 10-15 years.

## HOW MUCH WILL THIS INCREASE MY TAXES?

This is a **NO TAX RATE INCREASE** Levy transfer.

## WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

Summer of 2023.

## WHERE WILL CURRENT LEWIS STUDENTS GO DURING REBUILD?

The students will be placed at the Early Childhood Center (formerly Westview Elementary) during construction.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS DOES NOT PASS?

We will not be able to replace Lewis without the passing of Proposition Lewis. In the event that voters fail to pass the levy transfer, we will continue to use the existing building as we do now. District maintenance funds will be used to make necessary repairs by priority of need as facilities/equipment continue to break down.

## WHAT IS THE OVERALL IMPACT?

This levy transfer allows ESSD to transfer 70 cents from our debt services fund to our operating fund, resulting in an overall NO TAX RATE INCREASE. This transfer provides the district with the operating funds to build a new Lewis Elementary.

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