

THE POLAND SCHOOLS

June 7, 2010

To: All Personnel
Re: New levy
From: Robert L. Zorn

1. In case you haven't heard, the Poland School System will have a 3.9 mill 5 yr., emergency operating levy on this fall's November ballots.
2. The reasons are:
 - A. Lack of state funding; cuts in state support. Cut in state foundation for just this fiscal year 09-10 is \$372,185.
 - B. Inflation since the last levy passed in 2003.
 - C. The levy we passed in 2003 was to last five years, til 2008. We made it several years longer, thru 2010-11.
3. To operate the Poland Schools, here's an overview of the district's operating millage in recent years:

<u>CY04</u> 46.70 mills	<u>CY05</u> 46.60 mills	<u>CY06</u> 46.60 mills	<u>CY07</u> 46.10 mills
<u>CY08</u> 45.50 mills	<u>CY09</u> 45.50 mills	<u>CY10</u> 45.50 mills	

The drops in millage are due to new homes and reappraisals. As you can see, the operating millage here is less in 2010 than it was in 2004.

4. Furthermore, Poland Schools' operating tax millage is 9th out of 14 districts in the county.
 5. The cost for this new levy would be .32¢ per day for a \$100,000 house (and this is tax deductible if one itemizes income tax deductions).
 6. Support of this levy is critical for Poland Schools' to stay fiscally sound.
- c: Bd of Ed
Town Crier, JT Whitehouse
Vindicator, Todd Franko