

The Facts About the North College Hill City Schools 1.25% Earned Income Tax Levy

1. NCH City Schools are asking voters to approve a 1.25% Earned Income Tax, which only applies to wages and self-employment income. Does not apply to Social Security, pensions, retirement income, or investments
2. The Ohio General Assembly is required to create a funding system that provides a thorough and efficient education to every child in the state.

Ohio Constitution – Article VI, Section 2

3. The Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) was designed as an objective, needs-based, and transparent funding formula for Ohio's K-12 public schools. The Ohio General Assembly overwhelmingly approved House Bill 110, which contained the FSFP, with a vote of 84 to 13, making it effective in fiscal year 2022. The bill created a new school financing system for K-12 education in the State of Ohio, overhauling the state's school funding system, which was found unconstitutional four times, beginning with the original DeRolph decision in 1997.
4. The Ohio Legislature changed the Fair School Funding Plan for the 2026-2027 school year resulting in North College Hill City School District receiving only \$1,764,919 of the \$8,424,339 allocated under the original Fair School Funding Plan. North College Hill City School District is being underfunded by \$6,659,420.
5. The Ohio Legislature expanded EdChoice Vouchers, which gave over one billion dollars to private schools. Money that should have gone to public schools.
6. The Ohio Legislature has shifted the property tax burden from businesses to homeowners, and now there is a grassroots effort to eliminate property taxes.
7. NCH City Schools made over \$2 million in cuts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Eliminated 18 teaching positions and 5 educational aides

Eliminated ES & MS intervention programs (MTSS) Multi-Tier Support Systems

Eliminated middle school 5th & 6th grade band & the high school Jazz Band

Eliminated middle and high school boys' and girls' soccer

8. May 2005 was the last time an Operating Levy was approved for NCH City Schools.

If the levy fails,

We will eliminate middle and high school baseball and high school softball.

We will be forced to make significant staffing reductions for the 2027-2028 school year.

Increasing student-teacher ratios

Reducing or eliminating programs