

District Master Plan & Operating Levy Proposal

Valley View Local School District
December 2018



Current Needs

Financial Need

- \$400K in budget reductions for the start of the 2018-2019 school year
- Last operating levy was passed in 2013
- Always projected the need for additional operating funds by 2020

Strategic Need

- Strategic Plan completed in November to set the direction and priorities for Valley View
- Complete evaluation of all operations, academics, staffing, strengths, weaknesses and targeted areas for growth

Strengths

- Reading Scores
- Graduation Rate
- Agriculture program (supported through CTC)
- Athletic programs are well-supported
- Arts programs (band, choir, drama, art) are very strong
- Special Education

Areas of Growth

- Math scores
- More comprehensive STEM (STEAM) offerings, especially in 7-12.
- More in-house professional development
 - Keep teachers in the classroom more
 - More robust professional development
- Utilization of RTI (Response to Intervention) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems)
- Improved Instructional Practices
 - More Project Based Learning (PBL) and differentiation

The Vision

- Focus on what is *INSIDE* the buildings first, then facility discussions
- Intense focus on “What” and “How” of effective instruction
- We won’t be afraid to make changes—shake things up to get different results
- Our district will embrace high expectations and accountability
- We will adopt a growth mindset

All the ingredients are at Valley View to go to the next level

Reductions & Investments Required

A combination of reductions and new operating money will be required.

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Reductions

- \$1.5-2M in budget cuts over the next 3 to 4 years
 - Reduce several bus routes
 - Reduce technology expense by providing off-site staffing
 - Right-size classrooms (grades 4-12) for a 1:25 teacher/student ratio
 - Reallocate staff for special assignment to make gains in key areas
 - Reorganize administrative structure
 - Attrition

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Investment Proposal

- 6.49 mill continuing levy in May 2019
 - Generates \$1.6M per year for district operations
- Goal is to build a plan that couples reductions and new revenue to sustain the district for 5+ years*

*Provided current funding models do not change.

Cash Reserve



Financial Specifics

- The Ohio Department of Education has requested a written plan detailing how we will eliminate the cash deficit projected in FY2021
- Levy passage, along with budget reductions, will stabilize our operations for the current forecast period

Discussion

