

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF THE ADDITIONAL LEVIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, JULY 1, 2020, JULY 1, 2021, JULY 1, 2022, AND JULY 1, 2023 FOR GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN UPSHUR COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

FOR THE UPSHUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA:

I, Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus, Secretary of The Board of Education of the County of Upshur, do hereby certify that at a meeting held on the November 13, 2018, of The Board of Education of the County of Upshur, governing body of the Upshur County School District, of which meeting notice thereof was duly given to all members according to law, an order was made and entered of record in words and figures as follows:

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF UPSHUR, DIRECTING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF UPSHUR COUNTY ALL QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL LEVIES TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSES TO PROVIDE FOR REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT; SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS; PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS, LIBRARY BOOKS AND SUPPLIES, AND ESSENTIAL SCHOOL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDE STUDENT RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICES; TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND IMPROVEMENT; EMPLOY SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEES; PROVIDE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS; AND FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS.

After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Upshur, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of public schools in Upshur County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, and having ascertained the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of the County of Upshur during each of the said five (5) fiscal years and that an election should be held to continue such additional levies, in conformity with law, it is hereby ORDERED and DECLARED:

1. The purposes for which additional funds are needed are: instructional programs, supplies, materials and equipment; technology access and improvement; capital improvements and preventive maintenance; substitute employees; extracurricular activities and extended employment agreements; contracted services; and student related community services.
2. The amounts considered necessary for each of said purposes in said five (5) fiscal years are as follows: instructional programs, supplies (including \$200 per classroom teacher), materials and

equipment approximately \$700,000 annually; technology access and improvement approximately \$400,000 annually; capital improvements and preventive maintenance approximately \$1,000,000 annually; substitute employees approximately \$450,000 annually; extracurricular activities and extended employment agreements approximately \$336,000 annually; contracted services approximately \$250,000 annually; and student related community services approximately \$100,000 annually.

If for any reason all of the funds hereinabove allocated for anyone of the above enumerated purposes is not used for such purpose in any of such five (5) fiscal years, the unused portion of such funds shall be allocated by The Board of Education of the County of Upshur and expended for textbooks, library books, supplies, essential school materials and equipment, safety and security improvements, contracted services, facilities, maintenance materials, roofs, heating/air conditioning, flooring, windows, doors, painting, and general maintenance.

3. The total amount necessary to provide for the above purposes for each fiscal year, after making reasonable amounts for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is approximately \$3,236,000.
4. The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the Upshur County School district for the assessment year 2018 is as follows:

Class I	\$ 0
Class II	\$ 500,202,832
Class III	\$ 494,841,922
Class IV	\$ 139,091,971
Total	\$1,134,136,725

5. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each class of property within the Upshur County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023. Is as follows:

Class I	9.83 cents
Class II	19.66 cents
Class III	39.32 cents
Class IV	39.32 cents

Whenever, in any of said five (5) fiscal years any annual appraisal or general valuation of property produces property assessments that would cause an increase in the total property tax: revenues that would be realized by the imposition of the foregoing levy rates, and which increase in property tax revenues would exceed the projected needed revenue for that year, The Board of Education of the County of Upshur reserves

unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce such excess levy rates in such year in accordance with the provisions of Section 6g, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended. Nothing herein shall affect any special levy or levies for the retirement of bonded indebtedness.

Additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property shall not be included in determining whether to reduce excess levy rates or in calculating the new levy rates or in calculating the new levy rates for any such fiscal year.

6. The years to which the additional levy rates shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.
7. The question of the continuation of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Upshur County School District, which embraces Upshur County, West Virginia, at a special election to be held in said county on the January 19, 2019.
8. If at least a majority of the voters of the election to be held on January 19, 2019, approve the continuation of the additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, The Board of Education of the County of Upshur will not issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.
9. Notice of said Election to Continue Additional Levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once each week for two (2) successive weeks within fourteen (14) days preceding the election in the Record Delta, a newspaper of general circulation in the Upshur County School District.
10. The election officials to conduct the said special election shall be appointed by The Board of Education in accordance with Section 17, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended. The persons who shall serve as such clerks and commissioners shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 30. Article 1, chapter 3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended. Canvassing of the returns from said levy election shall be by the Board of Education as provided by law. All other provisions of the laws concerning general elections shall apply as far as they are practicable. The Secretary of the Board of Education of the County of Upshur is hereby authorized and directed to acquire and to furnish to election officials all proper election supplies, attend to the publication of the relevant parts of this order, to do all things necessary to present the elections proposed by this order to the voters in the Upshur County School district at said special elections.
11. In the event that The Board of Education of the County of Upshur shall obtain money by grant or otherwise from the State of Federal Government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, including but not limited to, additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property,

for any of the above purposes in any of said fiscal years, such additional money may be used rather in substitution for or in addition to the funds received from said additional levies.

12. The separate official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF UPSHUR ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL LEVIES

Date January 19, 2019

Special election to continue additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, in the amount of approximately \$3,236,000 annually for the following purposes:

- Instructional Programs, Supplies, Materials and Equipment, approximately \$700,000 annually
 - Textbooks, library books, essential school materials and equipment
 - Summer school
 - Alternative Education Programs/Transitional School/Options Pathway/Virtual School
- Technology Access and Improvement, approximately \$400,000 annually
 - Purchase of hardware, software, infrastructure, and training
 - Maintain, upgrade and connect to the West Virginia Educational Information System (WVEIS)
 - Provide for technology specialists and services to expand, maintain and improve the use of technology
- Capital Improvements and Preventive Maintenance, approximately \$1,000,000 annually
 - Safety and Security Improvements
 - Facility Capital Improvements including renovations and major system replacements
 - General Maintenance including materials, roofs, heating/air conditioning, flooring, windows, doors and painting
- Substitute employees, approximately \$450,000 annually;
- Extracurricular activities and extended employment agreements, approximately \$336,000

annually.

- Contracted Services approximately \$250,000 annually
 - Prevention Resource Officers (PRO)
 - Tech Services
 - Athletic Trainers
- Student Related Community Services, approximately \$100,000
 - Free Admission to regular school extracurricular events for all students enrolled in Upshur County Schools with proper student identification
 - Provide all Upshur County residents 60 years of age and older free admission to all regular school extracurricular events in Upshur County with a school issued pass
 - Provide all Upshur County active service and veteran military residents free admission to regular school extracurricular events in Upshur County with a school issued pass
 - Provide student accident insurance for all students enrolled in Upshur County Schools

If for any reason all of the funds hereinabove allocated for anyone of the above enumerated purposes is not used for such purpose in any of such five (5) fiscal years, the unused portion of such funds shall be allocated by The Board of Education of the County of Upshur and expended for textbooks, library books, supplies, essential school materials and equipment, safety and security improvements, contracted services, facilities, maintenance materials, roofs, heating/air conditioning, flooring, windows, doors, painting, and general maintenance.

In the event that The Board of Education of the County of Upshur shall obtain money by grant or otherwise from the State of Federal Government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, including but not limited to, additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property, for any of the above purposes in any of said fiscal years, such additional money may be used rather in substitution for or in addition to the funds received from said additional levies.

The additional levies shall be on Class I property, 9.83 cents; on Class II property, 19.66 cents, on Class III property, 39.32 cents; and on Class IV property, 39.32 cents.

Whenever, in any of said five (5) fiscal years any annual appraisal or general valuation of property produces property assessments that would cause an increase in the total property tax: revenues that would be realized by the imposition of the foregoing levy rates, and which increase in property tax revenues would exceed the projected needed revenue for that year, The Board of Education of the County of Upshur reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce such excess levy rates in such year in accordance with the provisions of Section 6g, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended. Nothing herein shall affect any special levy or levies for the retirement of bonded indebtedness.

Additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources, and newly acquired personal property shall not be included in determining whether to reduce excess levy rates or in calculating the new levy rates or in calculating the new levy rates for any such fiscal year.

All according to the order of The Board of Education of the County of Upshur entered on the November 13, 2018

FOR THE LEVIES _____

AGAINST THE LEVIES _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Those favoring the additional levies, place an "X" in the square after "For the Levies: those against such levies, place an "X" in the square after "Against the Levies."

Given under my hand this November 13, 2018.



Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus, Secretary of
The Board of Education of the County of Upshur