



BELLBROOK-SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS

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Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools Takes First Step to Place Levy on November Ballot

[Bellbrook, July 2, 2020] During the June 30 meeting, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education took the first of two necessary votes to put a 5.7-mill continuing operating levy on the November 3, 2020 ballot. The second vote will be included on the July 9 board meeting agenda. The passage of this operating levy will provide a critical lifeline to the district to help fund the district's day-to-day operations, such as staffing, utilities, transportation and supplies. The financial situation of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools continues to be an extremely critical issue facing our school district. Without additional funding, we simply cannot continue to make reductions without seriously impacting the quality of our students' educational experience and unfortunately, that is where we are right now. Since 2018, and following the failure of the May 2019 and March 2020 ballot issues, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District Board of Education has implemented 4 phases of reductions that total over \$4.8 million and a reduction of over 10% of our staff and the elimination of 85 supplementals such as coaching and advisor positions.

The Board will hold its regularly-scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 9 at 7 PM. The link for the stream can be found at www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us via a pop-up window and/or in the Board Meeting recordings page on the website no later than 15 minutes prior to the meeting.