

Vote NO on BG High School Levy



The \$72.8 million levy on November's ballot will provide Bowling Green with a new high school building, and debt for the next 30 years. The proposed building was designed using comparisons to three buildings on the BGSU campus. Those three buildings have donor's names on them, since they or their families contributed a lot of money to that building project. Why compare a high school to buildings at BGSU? No comparisons were made using nearby high school buildings, which were recently constructed.

The current renderings show a spacious entrance that the students will not want to leave at the end of the day, as was stated by one of the project designers at last Wednesday night's board meeting. When I see the open three-story space, I immediately think – how are we going to heat and cool all that area, and how much will it cost for utilities. There are windows everywhere. Is that safe for our students? When the Middle School was built, there was a wall of windows in the cafeteria. Those windows now have coverings on half the area to help with security. You are probably thinking that the rendering is not the final blueprint, and you are right. But the rendering is what is being sold as the new high school, and that is what the voters will be expecting four years from now if the levy passes in November.

If the high school levy passes or fails, the district will be placing an operating levy on the ballot either in 2024 or 2025. The elementary schools need attention or replacement, so another levy will need to be address these areas within four or five years.

Expecting all of these funds to come from property tax or a combination of property tax and income tax will place a major burden on property owners. We are all feeling the pinch of higher prices on everything we use daily. Those with fixed incomes are being stretched to the limit.

Let's just step back for a moment and look at a long-range plan before going forward. Many levies have been proposed over the past several years, and I for one am tired of being asked for money for one project, and when that levy fails, being asked for money for a different project, while at the same time being asked for more money to operate what we already have.

Please say NO to the current proposed levy. Let's take a deep breath and figure out how to fund these needed projects and what projects are really needed.

Please vote NO on November 7th

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