

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy Renewal

Background:

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) may be used for the following purposes:

- purchase and improvement of grounds;
- construction of schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings;
- purchase, lease, or lease-purchase of equipment or technology exceeding \$500 per transaction;
- payment of debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds;
- procuring or acquisition of library facilities;
- repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses;
- expenditures for energy conservation;
- rental of facilities;
- purchase of transportation equipment for transporting students;
- purchase or lease-purchase of school buildings; equipment purchases for recreational purposes; and
- demolition, clean-up, and other costs incurred within two years of a natural disaster.

A voted PPEL may be authorized for a period not exceeding ten years and in an amount not exceeding \$1.34 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Our ten-year Belmond-Klemme voted PPEL is for \$0.67 and expires in 2025.

Review of Research:

Most area schools levy \$0.67 or more for their voted PPEL. The mean PPEL levy among area schools is \$0.87. The median is \$0.77. See the table below.

Algona	\$0.67		Hampton-Dumont	\$0.675	
Ames	\$1.34		Humboldt	\$0.67	
BCLUW	\$0.67		Iowa Falls	\$0.67	
Belmond-Klemme	\$0.67		Lake Mills	\$1.34	
Boone	\$1.34		Mason City	\$0.67	
CAL	\$0.8013	+3%	Nashua-Plainfield	\$1.2141	+1%
Central Springs	\$0		North Iowa	\$0.8718	+2%
Charles City	\$1.1729	+1%	North Union	\$1.1292	+3%
Clarion-GD	\$1.34		Osage	\$1.2086	+1%
Clear Lake	\$0.67		Pocahontas Area	\$0.67	
Dike-New Hartford	\$0.50		Roland-Story	\$0.7787	+3%
Eagle Grove	\$0.67		Rudd-Rockford-	\$0.67	
Forest City	\$1.0449	+2%	S Central Calhoun	\$1.34	
Fort Dodge	\$1.1447	+1%	South Hamilton	\$1.00	
Garner-HV	\$0.3636	+3%	Webster City	\$0.77	

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board continue to discuss whether or not to place our voted PPEL onto the November 2023 school election ballot.