

**BOARD RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER TO REDUCE THE DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET
IN THE EVENT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 LEVY AND BOND ISSUE FAILS**

WHEREAS, at its May 13, 2024 meeting the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District ("Board") passed a Resolution of Necessity declaring it necessary to issue bonds in the amount of \$142,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping three new elementary school buildings with site improvements and appurtenances thereto; and improving, renovating, furnishing, and equipping existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, at its May 13, 2024 meeting the Board's Resolution of Necessity further declared it necessary to place on the ballot an Operating Levy to generate funds necessary for the day-to-day management of the School District, including staffing, utilities, and supplies, estimated by the County Auditor to generate \$31,608,000 during the first year of collection based upon the current taxable value of the School District; and

WHEREAS, without the passage of the November 5, 2024 Levy and Bond Issue the School District will not have the necessary operation funds to maintain a positive cash balance beginning in fiscal year 2028; and

WHEREAS, the School District is not legally permitted to operate with a negative cash balance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District that, should the November 5, 2024 Levy and Bond Issue fail, the Board directs the administration to reduce the School District's operating budget by not less than \$7 million dollars and up to \$10 million dollars in order to extend the District's positive cash balance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the November 5, 2024 Levy and Bond Issue fail, and the administration is as a result required to reduce the School District's budget as directed in this Resolution, the Board directs its Superintendent and Treasurer to use the following guidelines in making the appropriate operations changes and/or expenditure cuts:

Elementary	Secondary	District-Wide
Eliminate Noon Assistants	Increase Middle and High School Pay to Participate Fees to \$300 and \$600	Reduce additional Certified (Teaching) Positions by 26
Eliminate Innovation and Discovery Assistants	Reduce Innovation Campus Programming/Staff by 5	Reduce additional Classified (Non-Teaching) Positions by 13
Reduce Innovation and Discovery Specialists by 8	Reduce Educational Assistants (Hall Monitors) by 6	Reduce Administrative Positions by 4
Eliminate Arrow Program	Eliminate 1 College Counselor	Reduce Building, Department and Professional Development Budgets by \$1.5 million
Schedule class size to contractual maximums	Reduce Music Staff by 3	Reduce Counselors and/or Social Workers by 5
	Schedule class size to contractual maximums	Eliminate Summer School
		Increase Building Usage Fees by 50%
		Expand walking zones to reduce bus routes/drivers by 5
Total Savings from Reductions:	\$10,096,000	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to achieve the aforementioned actions beginning for the 2025-2026 school year unless such reductions may be made sooner without displacing any staff member for the 2024-2025 school year.

WHEREAS, it is impossible to specifically identify each position that would be reduced or eliminated, the list presented is a general outline of what positions would most likely be considered first. When the final decisions are made, all staffing areas will need to be considered.