

FAQs About the Winton Woods City Schools Levy

1. If the operating levy fails in August 2009, but is passed in November 2009, will the August cuts be re-instated?

The Board of Education would make that decision, but depending on the fiscal climate at that time, the Superintendent would recommend that K-8 sports and extra-curricular activities be reinstated and that district schools, grounds and playgrounds again be open beyond the end of the school day.

2. Will parent organizations (Winton Woods Community PTA, Athletic and Music Boosters, etc.) and community groups have access to the buildings for evening meetings?

*If the levy fails in August, parents and community members **will not** have access to K-8 schools once school is dismissed for that building. They may still use Central Office and Winton Woods High School.*

3. How is it that academic related activities, such as a Science Fair, are considered “extra-curricular” and included in the list of cuts?

Some district activities, like Science Fair, require supplemental positions involving additional pay for the teachers who oversee those activities or events. If the levy fails, those payments would be cut. Participation in Science Fair could be a class requirement, but not an extra-curricular event involving a paid supplement and after-school hours. Unless an activity is required by grant, contract, or law, it will be cut.

4. How will academic and honors classes be affected by the budget cuts?

Class offerings, class sizes, and staff cuts will be determined in conjunction with principal recommendations and next year's (2010-2011) student schedules. If a class is not a viable size, it may need to be cut (just like in college), otherwise other classes would be overloaded. Winton Woods High School Principal Dr. Terri Holden and the high school counselors have encouraged more students than ever to take advanced courses this coming year, so this may not be an issue.

5. How do I register to vote or get an absentee ballot?

If you are not registered to vote, the voter registration form can be picked up at the Winton Woods Board of Education office (located at 1215 W. Kemper Rd.), at the License Bureau (located in the Kroger shopping center on Kemper Road across from Winton Woods High School), at many local public libraries or at the Board of Elections (located at 824 Broadway in downtown Cincinnati). Once the application is completed, it must be mailed by midnight on July 6, 2009 in order to be eligible to vote August 4, 2009. If you have a computer and printer, the voter registration form can be printed off the Hamilton County Board of Elections website:

www.hamilton-co.org/boe. Specific voting questions should be directed to the Hamilton County Board of Elections at 632-7000.