



CHARDON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Tax Budget – 2025 NARRATIVE

COVER & NARRATIVE

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

Under the law in effect prior to June 3, 2002, the budget commission could only waive the tax budget for a subdivision or other taxing unit that was receiving a share of the county undivided local government fund or the county undivided local government revenue assistance fund under an alternative method or formula pursuant to ORC Sections 5747.53 and 5747.63. Thus, tax budgets could be waived only for counties, municipalities, townships, and park districts. This restriction is now removed.

Prepared for the County of Geauga per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281, HB 129 gave rights to the County to waive the tax budget. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as approved under ORC Section 5705.04. The Chardon Local Schools Tax Budget is due to Geauga County on or before January 15 2024.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions located in the second tab labeled “instructions” detail the required schedules and what they should include.

SCHEDULE 1

Schedule 1 includes all levies inside and outside of the 10 mill limitation along with the original millage when voted. The total property valuation for agriculture, residential, commercial, and public utility is \$955,250,540 for 2023. Geauga County uses the 2023 valuation for the following year because new valuations are not yet known. This includes valuations from both Geauga and Lake Counties for calendar year 2023. The Composite Factor Report is not available from the Geauga County Auditor’s Office at this time. The current voted millage rate is 80.68 mills on the total valuation for the Chardon Local School District and the estimated effective millage rate has been adjusted per HB920 to 28.36 (General Fund) total mill for agriculture and residential, and 40.12 (General Fund) mill for commercial and public utility.

Residential property values increased on average 25.71% in calendar year 2023. Public Utility valuations increased were estimated to increase from \$31,378,520 to \$31,260,780.

The total estimated receivable taxes is \$33,492,587 which includes estimated reduced millage rates and actual valuations for Geauga County and estimates for Lake County. This amount is not yet reduced by collection rates.

SCHEDULE 2

Schedule 2 is a breakdown of revenue and expenditures for each fund managed by the school district. For the General Fund, the taxes include taxes received from both Geauga and Lake Counties. Tax requests on this schedule are reduced by a collection rate of 99.42. Chardon Local Schools

three-year average collection rate is 100.27 because of Mobile home tax collections.

Additional revenue is included from the state foundation payment and other income for a total General Fund revenue to be received in 2025 of \$40,031,935. The General Fund expenditures for fiscal year 2025 are equal to the forecasted amount of \$45,032,925. Total revenue for all receivables and carry over is estimated at \$79,546,735 and total expenditures at \$57,719,366.

SCHEDULE 3, AND 4,

These schedules are not used at this time.

SCHEDULE 5

Schedule 5 is designed for the TAN loan Chardon obtained in fiscal year 2022. The average payment on this note is \$411,100 per year for ten years with an interest payment in June, and a principal payment with interest in December of each year. The schedule includes the amounts to be withheld from the Permanent Improvement Fund taxes to satisfy this note.

EXHIBIT I

The statement of fund activity has been included for the General Fund, Bond Retirement Fund, and the Permanent Improvement Fund. The total revenue values match the revenue values in schedule 2 for these three funds. The expenditures also match Schedule 2. The expenditures match the fiscal 2025-year projection. The May 2024 model five-year forecast is included with Exhibit III to justify the totals of Exhibit I and Schedule 2.

EXHIBIT II

Exhibit II has the same values as Exhibit I with the tax amount broken down into calendar years. This is provided for the General Fund.

EXHIBIT III

Exhibit III is the adjusted May 2024 model forecast that includes the valuation changes provided by the Geauga County on December 4, 2023. This model also includes additional Capital Outlay expenditures planned for fiscal year 2025 after the November 2023 forecast was approved and submitted to the state. The proposal, cost list, and site plan are included in this package to justify the expenditure. The expenditure was added at 50% of project cost in hopes to obtain a grant for the other half of the Capital project.

EXHIBIT IV

Exhibit IV is backup detail for the Budget Commissions reference. It includes the November 2023 state filed five-year forecast and the Assumptions. Within the Forecast Assumptions is a crossover sheet showing the changes by line item from the plan submitted last year at this time. Also included is the Capital Improvement presentation to the board along with the Capital Improvement Five-year Plan, the proposal for the added Capital Outlay expenditures with the May 2024 model forecast with site plan and cost breakdown, the Technology five-year plan, the Curriculum Presentation, the Curriculum five-year plan, and the OASBO Cash Balance White Paper guidance document.