

School tax levy rates are set by the School Board in May/June prior to approval of the budget for the upcoming school year. These funds are used to pay for programs that the state does not pay for as part of basic education.

Rates have been unchanged (decreased) over the past several years. The increase being seen is due to the increase in property values in the area. (+30%)

Notus School #135 Other are the levies

COSSA levy is 0.0011+ – This levy pays for expenses associated with the COSSA consortium. This includes, CTE programs, which expand our students' opportunities that we would not be able to provide independently (17 students); Alternative school programs (11 students), which help to support our most at-risk students; Special Education (55 students), which supports those students who need additional help academically, behaviorally, and emotionally, this is a federal/state mandated program.

Plant Facilities levy is 0.0027+ - This levy pays for maintenance of our school grounds and buildings. Our facilities are in good shape, overall, but we will be looking at replacing the roof on the Jr. High wing, replacing HVAC systems, and updating and maintaining our other campus building

Notus School #135 Bond

School Bond (new elementary) levy is 0.0010+ This pays for the new elementary and will be in place for < 20 years.

Total school tax (bond + levy) 4.96

Due to the pandemic the Federal government has provided schools with extra money to use to address needs related to COVID – these are broad based and can be used for a variety of things such as: personal protective equipment, updates to air filtration systems, remodel of spaces to provide for social distancing or safety, maintaining staff levels to assure students receive the support they need, items that were not previously budgeted.

Because of the small tax base, and we have a bond and levy, Notus has the highest tax rate of any local school district.

Tax rates for school districts around us:

Notus 135: 0.00496

Parma 137: 0.00438

Vallivue 139: 0.00399

Marsing 363: 0.00376

Homedale 370: 0.00377

Middleton 134: 0.00298

Caldwell 132: 0.00298

Wilder 133: 0.00199