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Cleveland Metropolitan School District Board Votes on Levy Resolution to Boost Educational Opportunities

Cleveland, OH – Following the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Board of Education’s vote, the District is pleased to announce a new levy initiative set for this November’s ballot. This levy, aimed at enhancing educational opportunities and addressing vital needs within the District, will support numerous critical programs and maintenance efforts that directly impact student success.

CMSD Board Chair, Sara Elaquad: “We stand at a crossroads for funding the future of our children’s education. Your support for this levy means a direct investment in not just their future, but the future of Cleveland. We’ve strategically contained costs to minimize the impact on our residents, making this a responsible and crucial step forward for CMSD.”

CMSD CEO, Dr. Warren Morgan: “Our scholars deserve every opportunity to succeed in today’s rapidly evolving world. This levy will enable us to maintain and enhance essential programs that our scholars rely on, including advancements in STEM, arts, and college and career readiness, as well as crucial mental health and safety initiatives.”

The proposed levy will focus on:

- Strengthening academic programs in science, technology, mathematics, business, communications, and the arts.
- Providing equity and access to high-quality schools, curriculum, and programing.
- Sustaining vital mental health, student, and family support services.
- Creating, and enhancing safety, and security measures based on the District’s strategic priority of providing a safe and supportive culture across all school facilities.
- Ensuring CMSD facilities are well-maintained, and properly equipped to withstand various weather conditions.
- Preparing students for collegiate success and promising careers in high-demand fields.

This initiative comes with a commitment to cost-efficiency, impacting homeowners minimally—approximately \$4.62 per week for a median Cleveland property—with businesses assuming over half the financial support.

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The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) is the third largest public school system in Ohio, serving roughly 36,000 students. Under The Cleveland Plan, a groundbreaking reform plan created by the community and written into state law, CMSD strives to ensure that every child receives a high-quality education, regardless of the provider. To that end, CMSD lets families choose which District schools their children attend, with options that include STEM, the arts, single-gender education, International Baccalaureate, Montessori, and early college.