



# BLACK RIVER LOCAL SCHOOLS

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## Frequently Asked Questions

The Black River Local School District will have a 1.4 mill permanent improvement (PI) levy on the Nov. 6, 2018, ballot that **WILL NOT** increase taxes.

### Why did the Board of Education decide to place a PI levy on the ballot?

In 2019, the district will pay off the bond for the Black River Education Center (BREC). The bond currently generates \$313,000 per year in order to pay for the building.

In an effort to maintain this funding and financial stability for the district, the Board of Education decided to place a PI levy on the ballot that will generate the same amount as the bond issue.

### How much will the PI levy increase my taxes?

While the PI levy will be considered a new levy, it will NOT be an additional cost to taxpayers. This conversion would be the same cost that a Black River property owner is currently paying.

#### What is a PI levy?

*A permanent improvement (PI) levy is used for the installation of items that have a lifespan of at least five to seven years, including items such as buses, windows, roofing, safety equipment and computers.*

A PI levy **CANNOT** be used for salaries or wages.

#### How will the district use the PI funds?

*The district will use the funds to help maintain district facilities, including any needed repairs and upgrades, including:*

- Flooring
- Window repairs
- New lockers and doors at the high school
- Paving projects
- Heating and cooling system updates
- High school roof repairs
- Doorways
- Security cameras
- Classroom upgrades
- Lab equipment