

Know the Facts

Extra-Curricular Fee Reductions & Family Cap

To help increase student participation in extra-curricular activities, November's levy request includes a proposal to reduce Lakota families' extra-curricular fees and introduce a family cap.

The fee reductions would go into effect next school year. The family cap would go into effect immediately.



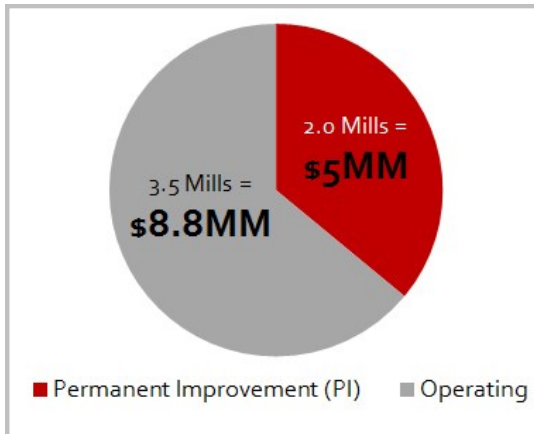
Activity	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
HS Athletics	\$550	\$400
Marching Band	\$365*	\$265
Winter Guard	\$550	\$400
Jr. High Athletics	\$350	\$300

Participants per Family	Family Cap
1 student	\$800
2 students	\$1,200
3 students	\$1,600
4+ students	\$2,000

* Does not include \$185 for the Upbeat Club's summer band camp fees.

LAKOTA Levy

Frequently Asked Questions



What type of a levy is it?

A 5.5 mill continuing combination levy, which would provide \$13.8 million annually in funding. It combines 2.0 mills for permanent improvements and 3.5 mills for operations.

What is a combination levy?

It combines a Permanent Improvement levy and an operating levy. Permanent improvement funds are for capital equipment — things with an estimated life of five years or longer, like computer

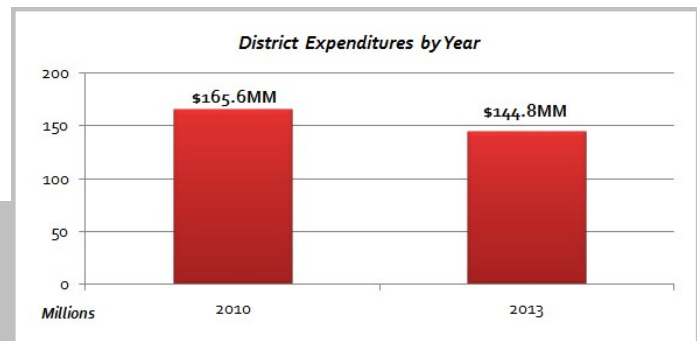
routers, servers, textbooks, heating and cooling equipment, security equipment, roofs, paving, etc. Money generated by a permanent improvement levy cannot be used to fund operating expenses.

An operating levy covers almost everything else except permanent improvement areas or debt service. It supports academic programs and the staff needed to keep them going. It also keeps the lights on and the heat and air running. It funds transportation for our students and state-mandated programs like the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

A combination levy combines both levies, with the amounts for each specifically designated.

How much will the levy cost?

\$16 per month on each \$100,000 of real estate value.



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The last levy to be approved was in 2005.
- ◆ Over the last three years, the Lakota School District, which operates with a balanced budget, has reduced annual spending by \$20.8 million.
- ◆ The November levy would increase funding by \$13.8 million annually, less than the amount cut.
- ◆ From 2010 to 2012, spending per pupil in Lakota decreased by more than 8 percent, and is among the lowest of similar school districts in the area.

Where Will the Community's Investment Go?

TECHNOLOGY

A multi-year investment in updated equipment and support services. We want to offer students access to the same advanced technologies they'll be using in higher education or the workforce.

STUDENT ACADEMICS, OPPORTUNITIES & SERVICES

With the help of our community, we identified some high-priority needs for our students, including:

Advanced Technologies & Modernized Coursework	Funding was allocated for advanced technologies and modernized coursework to individualize learning, a focus area of the district's current strategic planning work.
Expanded Bus Service	Busing will be offered to students in grades 2-6 who live farther than one mile from school (2,200 additional students).
Increased Extracurricular Participation	To help increase student participation in extra-curricular activities like band, winter guard and athletics, Lakota has proposed an adjusted fee structure. This includes fee reductions and a family cap for junior high and high school students. Fees will be reduced by 27% at the high school level and 14% at the junior high level. The cap ranges from \$800 for families with one student to \$2,000 for families with four students.
Art, Music and Physical Education	Students in grade 4-6 will be offered one additional day of art, music or physical education. Currently, students take classes in art, music or P.E. one time per week.
7-Period School Day (Grade 9)	Students in grade 9 would be offered a seven-period class schedule, instead of six periods per day, to provide more course choices at a critical point in their high school careers.

Permanent Improvement (PI)



PROGRAMMING

Despite reductions in annual spending, we must preserve the current level of educational programs offered at Lakota.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Modifications to buildings and systems to protect our students, staff and visitors. Triple the number of police and deputies in the schools.

FACILITY UPKEEP & MAINTENANCE

Lakota's facilities represent the community's largest investment in the schools—an investment of more than \$400 million. Maintain Lakota's 25 large buildings and grounds.

Operating

