



Fulton Public Schools
Facts about Proposition K
Keep Improving District Students

An operating tax levy increase on the August 7, 2018 election ballot

What is Prop K?

Prop K is an operating tax rate increase of \$0.5698 that will be used to maintain Mental Health Services, strive for competitive compensation, and provide resources to meet student academic needs.

Why is Prop K on the ballot?

The Fulton Public Schools Board of Education has been operating efficiently to maximize available resources. To continue a quality education for OUR kids, the Board of Education believes FPS needs additional resources to address major areas of need.

- Fulton Public Schools has been a part of a Mental Health grant through the University of Missouri for the past 3 years. As of November 2018, the funds for this grant will no longer be available. Prop K will provide the resources needed to continue without taking resources away from current classrooms.
- Fulton Public Schools strives to recruit and retain quality staff, however, initial salaries are the lowest in the North Central Conference, Jefferson City, and Columbia.
 - Kirksville \$36,900
 - Jefferson City \$36,500
 - Columbia \$36,000
 - Marshall \$36,000
 - Moberly \$35,532
 - Mexico \$34,500
 - Hannibal \$33,650
 - Fulton \$33,165 With Levy \$34,415
- Fulton Public Schools seeks to continue a quality education and the responsibility for providing a quality education falls on the local community.
- Prop K is estimated to generate \$1,267,161 that will directly benefit students.

Recent Voter approved Operating Tax information

- 1996: Proposition C sales tax waiver
- 2003: With NO change in the total tax levy, \$0.20 was moved from Debt Service to Operating Levy.

What is the cost of Prop K?

- For a taxpayer with a home valued at \$100,000, the annual increase in taxes due to Prop K is approximately \$108.

Fulton Public Schools

- The FPS Board of Education continues to be fiscally responsible by controlling expenses not to exceed available revenue.
- FPS has reduced the administrative staff to keep expenses in check.
- FPS runs more buses than mandated by the state so we get OUR kids to school.
- FPS has an excellent Special Education department, but at a higher cost than regular education.
- The goal of Fulton Public Schools is to always provide resources to meet student needs.

Fulton Public Schools Facts about Proposition K

Passage of Prop K

1. Continue/replace the grant funded Mental Health assistance of the past three years.
2. Strive to provide reasonable faculty compensation to retain and attract quality teachers.
3. Compensate for the shift toward local resources being responsible for quality education.
4. Reduce the expected deficit in the 2018-19 Operating Budget.
5. Continuation of current classroom resources.

Failure of Prop K

1. Redirection of current classroom support to Mental Health resources.
3. Reduction of the 2018-19 Operating Budget district-wide.
4. Reduction of the 2019-20 Operating Budget by at least \$654,101.
5. 79% of the Operating Budget is personnel, consequently, personnel may be reduced causing:
 - a. larger class sizes district-wide
 - b. fewer course offerings at the secondary level
 - c. reductions in field trips
 - d. reductions in athletics and other non-academic activities

Ballot Language

Shall the Board of Education of the Fulton Public School District No. 58 of Callaway County, Missouri, be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling to \$3.8948 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the purpose of securing mental health professionals/services; retaining qualified staff; improving and maintaining district facilities; and paying the increased costs associated with educational programs, utilities, and other operational needs of the school district?

If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the School District is estimated to increase by \$0.5698 from \$3.3250, currently, to \$3.8948 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the 2018 Tax Year and will be applied to the assessed valuation for each year thereafter.

Please provide your opinion
on quality education
for FPS
by voting August 7, 2018.