



Report: Vote YES on Issue 9

A Victory for Taxpayers and Students

Dear Strongsville Neighbors,

Better Ohio PAC is a group of Strongsville parents and concerned citizens committed to excellent schools and responsible use of taxpayer dollars. For three years, we have worked with residents, community leaders and district officials to secure a funding plan that serves both our children and our taxpayers.

Taxpayers Stood Firm—and the District Changed Direction

When we first came to you in 2023, the district was running a nearly \$10 million annual surplus. By June 2024, cash reserves had reached \$75 million—89% of annual spending. Voters repeatedly sent a clear message: support our schools, but stop collecting more than they need.

We are pleased to report that the district has heard that message and changed course. Reserves fell to \$58 million by June 2026 and, with Issue 9, are projected to reach \$47.2 million by June 2027—less than half of annual spending. The district has also begun modest spending reductions.

Issue 9 Delivers What We Asked For

Our July 2024 proposed funding plan called for a \$7 million renewable levy, with voters retaining the right to review it after five years. Combined with the existing \$8.41 million levy, our plan totaled \$15.41 million annually.

Issue 9 would raise \$15.43 million annually for five years—essentially the funding level we proposed and **\$2.84 million less than the \$18.26 million annual package represented by the original 2023 plan.**

The result goes further. When the earlier levy stopped collecting at the end of 2024, the district lost roughly \$9.8 million in annual revenue and began using reserves taxpayers had already provided. That money is now being put to work. Issue 9 does not recover those missed collections.

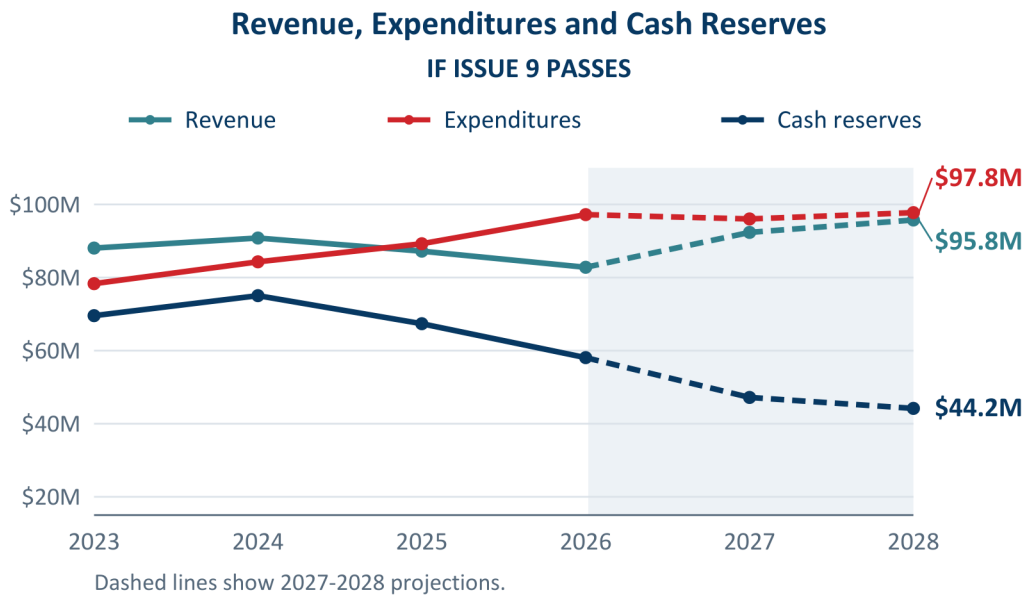
After reviewing the finances and the progress made, **Better Ohio PAC officially endorses Issue 9 on the November 3 ballot.**

Issue 9 Raises \$2.84 Million Less Than the Original Plan



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Taxpayers stood firm, and it worked. Issue 9 delivers a smaller funding package, a five-year limit and dependable support for our schools. The result goes beyond our proposed funding plan: the expired levy forced the district to put accumulated reserves to work. Issue 9 restores funding while those reserves continue to come down.



Spending per Student

2025 actuals, except as noted

Strongsville with Issue 9

2027 estimate \$19,980

Strongsville \$18,534

Brunswick \$21,636

Solon \$21,550

Westlake \$23,932

North Royalton \$17,903

Columbia Local \$17,191

\$10K \$15K \$20K \$25K

The district has also begun modest spending reductions. We have examined the finances, compared Strongsville with neighboring districts and tracked the changes. **We trust the numbers. Issue 9 is the right next step.**

Our goal has always been excellent schools supported by responsible finances. We stood our ground and secured meaningful progress for taxpayers and students alike.

In today's political climate, it is rare to take a principled stand and achieve a victory the whole community can share. **Strongsville has done that. Let's recognize what we accomplished and build on it.**

*Let's take the win, maintain accountability,
and move forward together.*

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