

March 2021 District Newsletter

Dear Wittenberg-Birnamwood District Residents,

Each year annually about this time, I like to provide an update explaining the tax levy and mill rate data in comparison to the state average.

Tax Levy

School district property taxes include levies for general operations, debt service, capital expansion, and community services. Levy rates are shown in “mills” or property tax dollars levied per \$1,000 of equalized property value (which reflects market value rather than local assessed value). For 2020-21, the Mill Rate was: Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District \$8.34 versus the State-Wide Average of \$9.18.

Mill Rate

Breakdown of Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s 2020-21 Mill Rate of \$8.34:

General Fund - \$6.67

Referendum Approved Debt Service - \$1.28

Aquatic Center (Community Services Fund) - \$0.40

The 2020-21 budgeted expenses for the Aquatic Center are \$599,000. This is significantly higher than most years as we had to budget for major maintenance projects, including a new roof and HVAC controls. The revenue sources used to pay these expenses are property taxes (\$225,000 for 2020-21), membership fees, and an endowment principal transfer if needed.

This is again just a short explanation of some items related to school finance, but if you have any questions or need additional clarification please feel free to contact me at 715-253-2213.

Have a great month!

Garrett Rogowski