

Ritenour School District Proposition A



Faced with a projected budget deficit, the Ritenour School District Board of Education unanimously voted to place a tax levy increase on the Nov. 7, 2017, ballot. Called Proposition A, the ballot issue is designed to provide the needed financial resources to provide quality education programs for all Ritenour students.

What is Proposition A?

Proposition A is an operating tax rate increase of 39 cents for each \$100 of assessed value. Funding from this proposal will be used to maintain and protect Ritenour's current instructional programs and staffing levels, prevent deficit spending, expand the use of technology at all grade levels, provide more opportunities for students to earn college credit before they graduate, increase career training programs for non-college bound students and support the general operation of the District.

How much will it cost?

If approved by voters, this means the average annual Ritenour tax increase would be approximately \$59 per year for the owner of an \$80,000 home, or about \$1.14 per week.

When was the last time Ritenour asked voters to increase taxes?

Ritenour has not asked the community for an operating tax increase since 2005, when voters approved an 18-cent tax transfer from debt service. It only has asked voters to increase the operating tax rate four times in the past 35 years (1982, 1987, 1998 and 2005).

How many votes are required for passage of Prop A?

Passage of Prop A requires a simple majority "yes" vote of more than 50 percent.

When is the election?

The election takes place on **Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017.**

What is the ballot language?

For the purpose of attracting and retaining quality teachers and staff, protecting programs and class sizes, eliminating deficit spending, expanding the use of technology at all grade levels, providing more opportunities for students to earn college credit before they graduate and increasing career training programs for non-college bound students and support the general operation of the District, shall the Board of Education of the Ritenour School District, St. Louis County, Missouri be authorized to increase the operating tax levy ceiling of the District by \$0.39 per \$100 of assessed valuation? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating levy of the District per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is estimated to be \$5.0800 for residential real property, \$5.3265 for commercial real property and \$4.3991 for personal property.

Where can I find more information?

Visit www.ritenourschools.org and click on the Proposition A link on the homepage.

