

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the Local Option Budget (LOB)**

### **Doesn't the school district already receive Local Option Budget funding?**

Yes, the district has utilized the maximum authority allowed by law through the local option budget – 30%. The additional 1% will help the district shift taxing capability from limited use funds to operational funds. The state mandates how we use funds, we need your approval to shift it. State law requires a public vote to increase the LOB to 31%.

### **What if the vote doesn't pass?**

In that case, the Board of Education will have some difficult budget decisions to make. State cuts to education have resulted in a local loss of **\$7.37 million** over the last five years as provided for in state statute. Without the additional money from the 1% increase in the LOB, the school board will be forced to make significant cuts.

### **Doesn't the state already fund the school district?**

Yes, the state provides \$3,838 in Base State Aid Per Pupil. This funding is around the same amount from the year 2000 due to cuts over the last 4 years. At the same time, school district responsibilities and standards continue to grow.

### **Shouldn't we ask for a higher percentage of the LOB in this election?**

Under current legislation, the LOB is capped at 31%.

### **The LOB is at 30% - but 30% of what?**

The Local Option Budget is 30% of the district's General Fund Budget. The state's formula determines how much money the district can spend for operating. They have also given districts the opportunity for additional funding through the Local Option Budget.

### **When will Louisburg have enough funding?**

State cuts to education have resulted in **\$7.37 million** in cuts in our school district alone over the last five years. We are not close to recouping those funds. For a number of years, our budget actually decreased even though we were educating more students. This is why we were forced to make budget cuts, and why we are asking voters to consider an LOB increase to shift taxing capability from limited use funds to operational funds.

### **What is the total dollar amount of the LOB??**

The LOB budget for 2013-14 is **\$3,326,462 million**.

**When is the election?**

Election Day is Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

**When is the voter registration deadline?**

In order to be eligible to vote in the April 1 election, you must be registered by March 1<sup>st</sup> .

**Can I advance vote?**

Yes, you can advance vote at the Miami County election office located at 201 South Pearl Street, Suite 102, Paola KS, 66071. Advance voting begins on March 12<sup>th</sup> and continues until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Will Voting Polls be open in the county:**

Yes, voting will occur at each regular voting location.

Polling Place	Address
E Middle Creek/W Middle Creek 416	Circle Grove School 29020 Mission Belleview Road Louisburg, KS 66053
Louisburg 1,2,3,4/S Wea	Louisburg Methodist Church 249 N. Metcalf Louisburg, KS 66053
N Wea	Wea Catholic School 22705 Metcalf Rd Louisburg, KS 66053
Sugar Creek	RWD #4 Office 33895 Mission Belleview Road Louisburg, KS 66053
Ten Mile	Elm Grove Baptist Church 15375 W 247 <sup>th</sup> Street Louisburg, KS 66053