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CARDINAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY FAILS BY EIGHT VOTES

District Will Place Levy Issue on Ballot Again in May 2017

Middlefield, OH - The Cardinal Local School District is disappointed to share that Issue 27, the 4.5 mill levy on the November 8, 2016 ballot has failed by eight votes. All votes from the election have been accounted for in both Geauga and Trumbull counties. The final vote count in Geauga County is 2,253 votes for the levy with 2,248 against. In Trumbull County the final vote count is 4 votes for the levy and 17 against. The two counties combined give a final count of 2,257 votes for the levy and 2,265 votes against the levy - a difference of eight. "It's been a long two weeks waiting for the final results to come in, I'd be lying if I said this doesn't sting a little," says Cardinal Local School District Superintendent Dr. Scott J. Hunt. "However, that being said, eight votes is an incredibly close margin and I am extremely proud of the efforts the levy committee put forward in this campaign cycle, they worked tirelessly to get the word out about the need for this new money. Thank you to everyone who voted for our district, your support is what makes Cardinal special."

Had it passed, the levy would have been the first new money for the District since 1992. The money would have helped maintain the daily operations of the district. In the coming weeks District Administrators and Board Members will begin meeting to determine the next steps - which could include staffing cuts, increases in pay to participate fees, and fewer course offerings for students.

The District will put a levy on the ballot again in May of 2017. A renewal levy will also be on the ballot in November of 2017.