

# CLAY COUNTY SCHOOLS

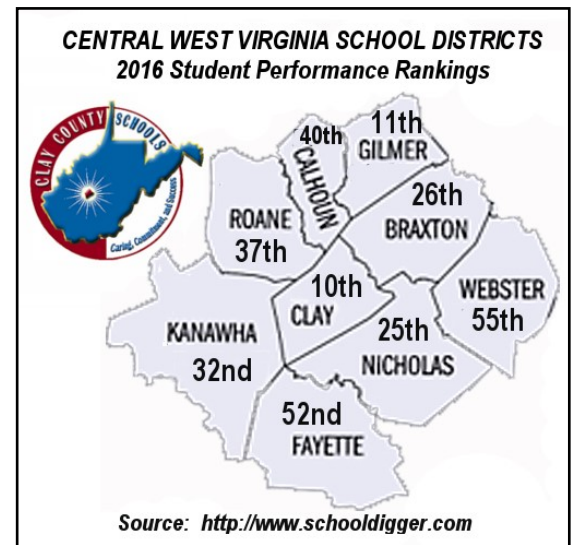
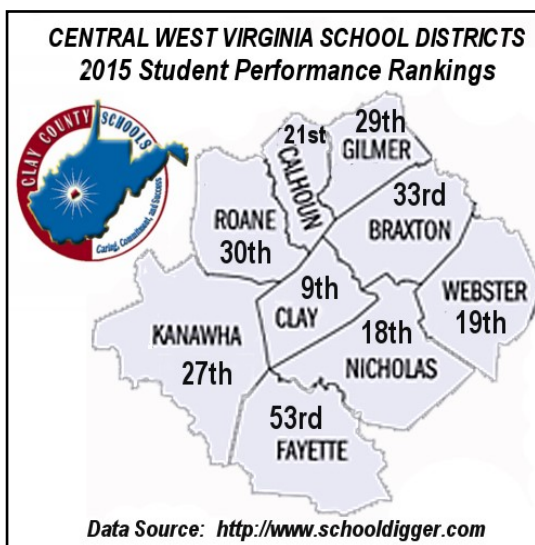
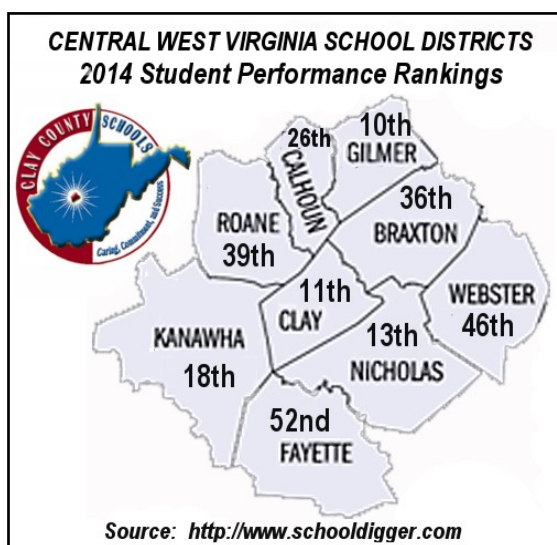
## Caring, Commitment, Success



The school levy vote will be on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Early voting begins January 14. The levy will help pay for textbooks, library books, instructional supplies and equipment, music and band supplies and equipment, student transportation, including activity buses, extra-curricular activities including athletics, music, drama, 4-H, field trips, student clubs, and the continued operation of HE White and Lizemore Elementary Schools. In addition the levy supports repair, maintenance, and utilities. **FUNDS MAY ONLY BE SPENT FOR THESE PURPOSES.**

During the past five years, Clay County students have proved they can achieve at high levels, when given the resources such as those provided by an excess levy. Here are just a few performance highlights of Clay County students during the past couple of years:

- ✓ 1st in United States in FFA Land Judging 2016
- ✓ 1st in United States in Technology Student Association Chapter Team 2016
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties AP Gov't & Politics 2016
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in 4th Grade Reading 2016
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in 20 Technology Student Association Areas (Clay High and Clay Middle) 2016
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in student attendance 2015
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in lunch participation 2015
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in 10th Grade Math 2015
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in Pre-School Participation 2015
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV Counties in AP Gov't & Politics 2015
- ✓ 2nd of 55 WV Counties in English 9, 10 & Science 10 2015
- ✓ 1st of 55 WV counties in 3rd Grade Reading 2013

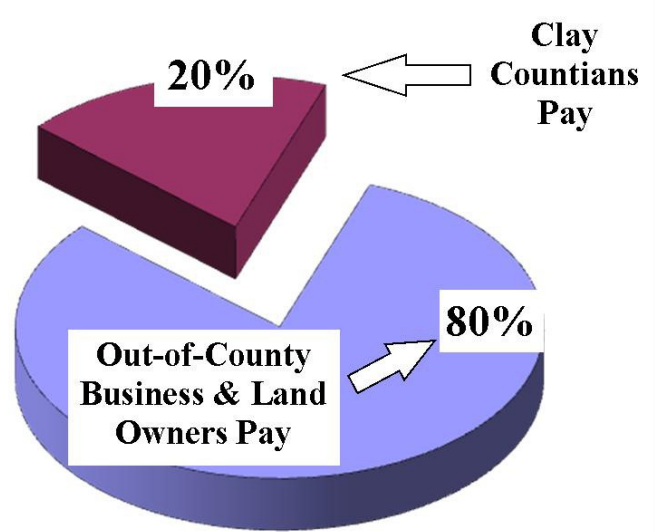


**QUESTION:** Is the Excess Levy used to hire additional classroom teachers, or give raises to employees?

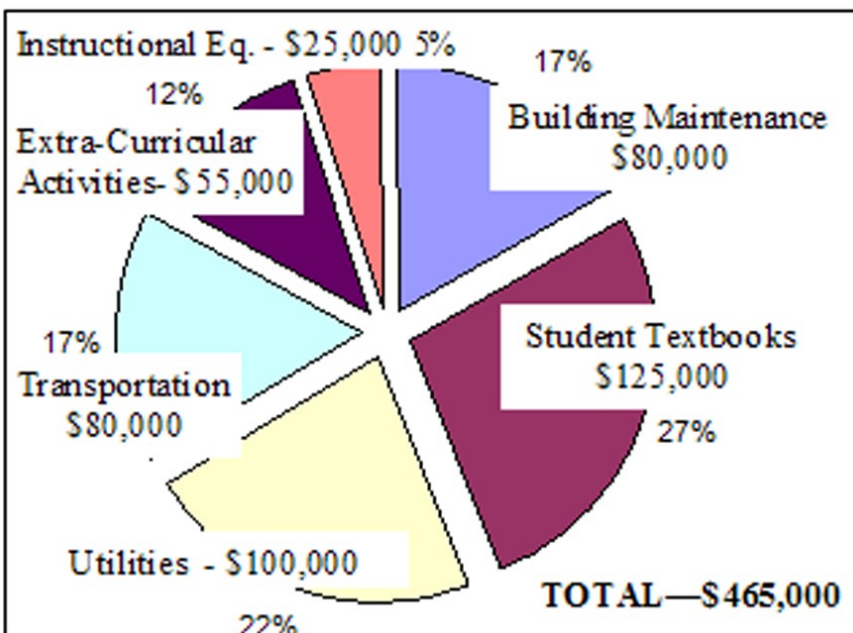
**ANSWER: No.** Clay County Excess Levy Funds are not used to pay for "extra teachers" or give raises to employees. Levy funds are spent on **ACTIVITY BUSES** to help children get to after school, athletic practices, summer camps, activities, etc.



Clay Countians pay approximately 20% of the Clay County Excess Levy



Out-of-County land owners, and businesses with headquarters out-of-county, pay approximately 80% of the Clay County Excess Levy. This is important revenue that benefits the students of Clay County.



The school levy will be up for renewal on Saturday, January 28, 2017, with absentee voting at the Clay County Court House beginning January 14.

Clay County's School Levy Rate is the smallest of all school levies in the state.

Consider for example, in 2012, the levy cost Mr. Tanner, then School Superintendent, about \$115, and the levy is not going up. The Levy costs most citizens less than the cost of eating out with the family one time per year. Seniors with a homestead exemption pay no levy taxes for their homes!



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