



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Talawanda School District EMPOWERS Every Learner Every Day!*

## FQA 11 Where and How Much Update

\*We do not monitor social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, TickTok, etc. where questions are posed. Please use the contact information below if you have any questions:

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**Question 1: There is so much discussion about which way is the correct way to know how much the proposed Talawanda levy will cost each taxpayer within the Talawanda School District? Where and how should I find the information?**

Go to [www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org) (Butler County Auditor site) Then Click Property SEARCH. Then Search either by Name or Address. Then Choose the address or name (you may have to repeat this process if you own more than one property). Then Click on Levy Calculator (name has changed from Levy to Levy Calculator) on the top left hand side under Profile.

***The best method to understand the cost of the Talawanda levy (and any other levy) is to go directly to the Butler County Auditor's site listed above.***

**Question 2: Are there multiple ways to calculate how much the levy will cost me?**

Yes, there are multiple ways.

School Districts often provide charts or information based upon the auditor's fair market value in the \$100,000 amount whereas the actual taxable amount is 35% of this fair market value.

\*"The Auditor is also responsible for determining a property's fair market value as part of the calculation process. The Auditor uses the fair market value to determine a property's taxable value, which is 35% of the fair market value. The Auditor is required to do a reappraisal once every six years and a value update in the third year following the reappraisal. If you do not agree with the appraised value of your property, you may file an appeal between January 1 and March 31 of each year with the Butler County Auditor (not Talawanda). Please [click here](#) for further information."

Butler County Auditor's fair market value may be different than what you believe your property is worth if it was to be sold. This may not match what you believe you could sell your property for in this time period.

Don't let misinformation or statements about which way is the correct method to detract you from understanding and finding out the cost to you. Again, please go to... Go to [www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org) (Butler County Auditor site) Then Click Property SEARCH. Then Search either by Name or Address. Then Choose the address or name (you may have to repeat this process if you own more than one property). Then Click on Levy Calculator (name has changed from Levy to Levy Calculator) on the top left hand side under Profile.

**Question 3: Is Talawanda trying to be deceptive in its information regarding how much the levy will cost?**

No, Talawanda has and will continue to state the Butler County Auditor site (in number 1) as the best place to find out how much the levy (and any other levies) will cost a community member.

We have been told the FQA 10 Levy Information Review may not be quite clear. We will update question 6 in FQA 10 to make it clearer. Again, please go to the Butler County Auditor site for the best information.

We believe (while there are multiple ways to calculate the amount for the Talawanda levy and different words used to describe the calculations: fair market value, assessed value, value, retail value, etc.) it is important to guide citizens (our families) to the correct/direct source who determines the value ([www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org)).

**Question 4: Is the information public record?**

Yes, any person can go to the Butler County Auditor's site (in number 1) and search a person or address to find out information regarding property taxes, payments, levies, description of property, and history of payments.

Some information shared is not accurate or may be misleading. We want to clarify the process so you can make an informed decision.

Our goal is to provide facts and resources. Go to [www.butlercountyauditor.org](http://www.butlercountyauditor.org) site to find the accurate information.

**Question 5: What if I need help, do not use a computer, or struggle to find the amount the Talawanda levy would cost me?**

You may contact Shaunna Tafelski or Ed Theroux. Our contacts are on the top as well as here:

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We have helped community members access the Butler County Auditor's site to determine the cost to individuals. We definitely want to assist those who need help so reach out to us.

Additional Resources at:

\*Butler County Real Estate (Property Tax) Information at

<https://www.butlercountytreasurer.org/department/division.php?structureid=5>

Butler County Auditor site

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