



# *SAVANNAH R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT*

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## **Savannah Board of Education to Ask Community for Additional Tax Monies**

The Savannah R3 School Board of Education voted Tuesday night to ask district residents to approve a \$0.6900 increase in the operating levy.

The board plans to utilize the monies to complete major renovations at Savannah High School which include a new Performing Arts Center.

The superintendent of the Savannah R3 schools, Dr. Eric Kurre said, “The high school plans include renovations and improvements that would touch every student from Art to Agriculture to the Nurse’s office. In addition, the levy monies would also fund structural and drainage improvements at every district building. As a district, we are excited about the renovations this levy would help us achieve.”

In August 2018, the Board of Education appointed an Ad Hoc committee to review the physical needs of district buildings. The Facility Committee, made up of community members, teachers, administration and board members, recommended the Board of Education hire an architect to conduct a building audit.

“The architect was hired and the audit conducted over the last couple of months. After the audit report, it was clear building envelopes and drainage issues were the most pressing needs,” said Than Wagers, Board of Education member on the Facility Committee.

Wagers went on to say the tax levy monies will also shore up the maintenance budget for the district. “With over 25 HVAC units and other ongoing, routine maintenance, the district will be able to start being proactive instead of reactive.”

A copy of the tax levy plan is available on the district’s website [www.savannahr3.com](http://www.savannahr3.com).