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County Auditor Dusty Rhodes has issued an updated comparison of school tax levies in each of Hamilton County's twenty-three (23) school districts.

"This allows residents to determine where their school district currently ranks among the County's districts in terms of actual tax cost," said Rhodes. Formerly, all that could be easily compared were the millage rates, which required various conversions to arrive at readily understandable numbers.

Following are the schools' annual portion of the total property tax bill paid by an owner-occupied residence for each $100,000 of market value for the tax year 2006, payable in 2007.

1. Madeira CSD $1,376.13
2. Finneytown LSD $1,297.86
3. Loveland CSD $1,223.87
4. Wyoming CSD** $1,125.84
5. Winton Woods CSD $1,112.03

6. Deer Park CSD $1,102.97
7. St. Bernard/Elmwood Pl CSD* $1,078.98
8. Lockland CSD $1,050.34
9. Marlemont CSD $1,047.46
10. Milford EVSD $1,046.25

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11. Cincinnati CSD          $1,013.00
12. Mt. Healthy CSD          $1,007.79
13. Forest Hills LSD         $ 967.21
14. Sycamore LSD             $ 935.33
15. Norwood CSD              $ 872.25
16. Reading CSD              $ 855.96
17. North College Hill CSD    $ 805.38
18. Three Rivers LSD          $ 782.03
19. Oak Hills LSD             $ 710.35
20. Northwest LSD             $ 704.51
21. Southwest LSD*            $ 698.49
22. Princeton CSD             $ 692.68
23. Indian Hill EVSD*         $ 668.19

* Indian Hill EVSD, St. Bernard/Elmwood Place CSD, and Southwest LSD are now at the “20 mill floor” which means their property tax levies will not be subject to State reductions following reappraisals.

** Wyoming CSD also levies an income tax.

All school districts in Hamilton County, except Cincinnati CSD and Northwest LSD, participate in the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development. The Great Oaks levy for an owner-occupied residence for each $100,000 of market value is $59.14 in addition to the costs shown above.

Starting in 2008 for tax year 2007, Oak Hills LSD property taxes will increase because the school board has reallocated a portion of their inside millage to artificially bring their general fund millage down to the "20 mill floor".

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