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WE LISTENED. WE ADJUSTED. OUR NEEDS REMAIN. WE ARE ASKING FOR LESS.

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Taxes have gone up solely due to the school district.

FACT: Taxes have increased in recent years. However, the school district portion has been the **smallest** increase of the three entities—city, county, and school district.

Below is an example from Beacon based on a \$349,200 taxable market value home in the STMA community (Note that \$350,000 is the average STMA home value, per the Wright County Tax Assessor).

- In 2018, the taxable market value of this home was \$244,700. Today, the home is valued at \$349,200. This is an increase of \$104,500, which is a **42.7% increase in taxable market value.**
- Since 2018, the **Wright County taxes** on this house have gone up 40.6%. This homeowner had no vote on this increase.
- Since 2018, the **City of St. Michael taxes** have gone up 17.6%. Again, the homeowner had no vote on this increase.
- Since 2018, the **St. Michael-Albertville Schools taxes** have gone up 13.2%. Additionally, state statute requires allowing homeowners to vote on school operating and bond referenda.

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