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FROM THE DESK OF TOD A. HUG

For the FOURTH consecutive year The Ayersville Local Schools receive "Excellent" status from Ohio Department of Education

Our school district was once again notified of its "**Excellent**" status by the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the addition of the Value Added criteria on last year's District Report Card, we are actually considered "**Excellent With Distinction**". *This is the highest level that an Ohio school district can achieve.*

Our school met 29 of the 30 state indicators and also had a "Performance Index" of 103.3. For more information or for specific scores, the Ohio Department of Education website is:
<http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

Once again this is a tremendous achievement, which our students, teachers, administrative staff, Board of Education and community should be very proud of. It is the culmination of much professional development by our teaching staff to help our students to be prepared to succeed on these accountability measures as developed by the Ohio Department of Education and the state legislature. Additionally, parents deserve credit for the support and reinforcement that they give to the teachers and to their children emphasizing the importance of a quality education.

This recognition of an "**EXCELLENT**" school district is a community achievement. The sign in the lawn of the school will be updated to denote the 2008-2009 achievement and new banners will be hung in each school building. *The Ayersville Education Foundation (AEF) has graciously provided the funds to pay for the "Excellent" signs and the extra banners to be shown in each building.*

It is our goal and passion to strive to continue this status in the coming years. We will continue to seek your support so that we are able to maintain the status of an "**Excellent School District – With Distinction**".

2.0 Mill, 5-Year Permanent Improvement Levy Renewal

The Ayersville Local School District has been able to keep school buildings, grounds, equipment and technology upgraded and safe because funds from the permanent improvement levy must, by law, be used only for these purposes. The 2.0 mill, 5-year permanent improvement levy, originally approved in 1984 and renewed by district voters and renewed four times since, is on the ballot for renewal this November 3. Without the passage of the November P.I. Renewal Levy, continued progress in the areas of buildings and grounds maintenance, and the continuous task of upgrading technology is in jeopardy.

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The Basics

- **The Levy:** 2.0 Mill, 5-Year Permanent Improvement Renewal
- **The Date:** Tuesday, November 3, 2009
- **The Revenue:** \$156,500 annually for the district for the next five years
- **The Cost:** This issue is NOT a tax increase. Your current cost for the issue is listed below:

For a \$100,000 home:	\$32.99 per year/\$2.75 per month/9 cents per day
For a \$150,000 home:	\$49.48 per year/\$4.12 per month/14 cents per day
For a \$200,000 home:	\$65.97 per year/\$5.50 per month/18 cents per day

****average cost of a home in the Ayersville Local School District is \$97,300**

The Details

The funds collected through this Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy are used for improvements and repairs to buildings and grounds and for purchase of equipment, including educational technology, that has a life of five years or more. By law, these funds may not be used for salaries or other personnel costs.

Will this P.I. Levy Renewal increase my property taxes?

NO. A renewal of this levy will not increase your property taxes. This is a renewal of an existing levy that has been in force since 1984.

Are there state funds tied to this levy?

Yes. In fact, \$57,500 actually comes from the state of Ohio through the CAT Tax Reimbursement. The remaining \$99,000 comes from local collections. This is actually a pretty good deal, since the school district realizes \$156,500, but only \$99,000 is raised locally.

Are there other financial impacts of this levy renewal?

Yes. State law mandates that school districts must spend a pre-determined calculated amount on capital and maintenance. In our case, the district must spend approximately \$130,000 per year in this area. Since we have a P.I. levy, we can use the revenue and expenditures from this levy to fulfill the obligations of this state law. Without this P.I. levy, the district will be forced to spend the \$130,000 from the General Fund, putting more pressure on the operational funds to cover these additional expenditures.

How will funds from this 2 Mill, 5-Year Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy be spent?

Funds generated from this 2 mill P.I. Renewal Levy will be used for building and grounds maintenance projects, equipment purchases, and educational technology.

Building and Grounds Maintenance

It is critical that we provide our children with an educational environment that is safe, warm and dry, and that our grounds continue to be functional and safe for the many activities, both curricular and extra-curricular.

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Our school buildings are reaching a critical point due to age and functionality. Annually, we are replacing or updating worn-out plumbing and electrical supply, in addition to repairing and replacing the roofs on the various building additions.

Our grounds and outside facilities are well used by our community. It is the district's responsibility to see that the facilities are properly maintained and safe for use. We have used P.I. funds to renovate and replace bleachers and to provide constant upkeep on the various playing fields, as well as to the all-weather track. Many projects are shared with the athletic and music boosters to help the district offset the costs.

Educational Technology

Computers and other educational tools that are used in today's schools can be purchased with these funds, as well. We must continually update educational technology to keep up with the world and the ever-changing technological advances so that our students are prepared.

A public meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 29, at 8:00 p.m.** in the R.B.L. Auditorium. If you have any questions about the P.I. Levy Renewal, please come.

SOHIRAY NEWS

You can order your 2010 all color Sohiray yearbook before Thanksgiving for the reduced price of \$40 per book! All orders placed before Thanksgiving can also get a name stamping (personalization of one line) for FREE. A second line will be \$5.00. Icon stamping will be \$3.00 each. Go to jostensyearbooks.com to place your order with a charge card or use the form your student was given the first week of school. Extra order forms can be picked up in room 201.

Parents of Seniors: Once again the Sohiray staff would like to collect baby pictures by March 1. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so the picture can be returned as soon as it is scanned. Senior pictures from photographers other than the school photographer need to be submitted to Mrs. Fedderke by April 1.

The Sohiray staff welcomes digital pictures from parents of school events that could possibly be used in the yearbook. Either e-mail them to ayr_aca_ef@nwoca.org or submit a card or CD to Mrs. Fedderke, and we will peruse them to see if they are useable.

Dear Friends:

I have never been one to be at a loss for words, but since my diagnosis in August, I have been overwhelmed and left speechless many times. The love and support of our church, family, friends, and community have been tremendous, and we don't know how to begin to say thanks. Your many thoughts, prayers, cards, donations, and offers of help are greatly appreciated. They have made my road to recovery much easier to travel, because I know I am loved and not alone. I also can't thank enough who took part in the spaghetti dinner benefit. From the Fire Department, to the church members, and those who came to eat, God has truly blessed us with a supportive and caring community. Thank you so much! We love you all! May God bless each and every one of you and keep you in His care! Thanks again and keep the prayers coming.

God Bless—Jina and Matt Flory and family

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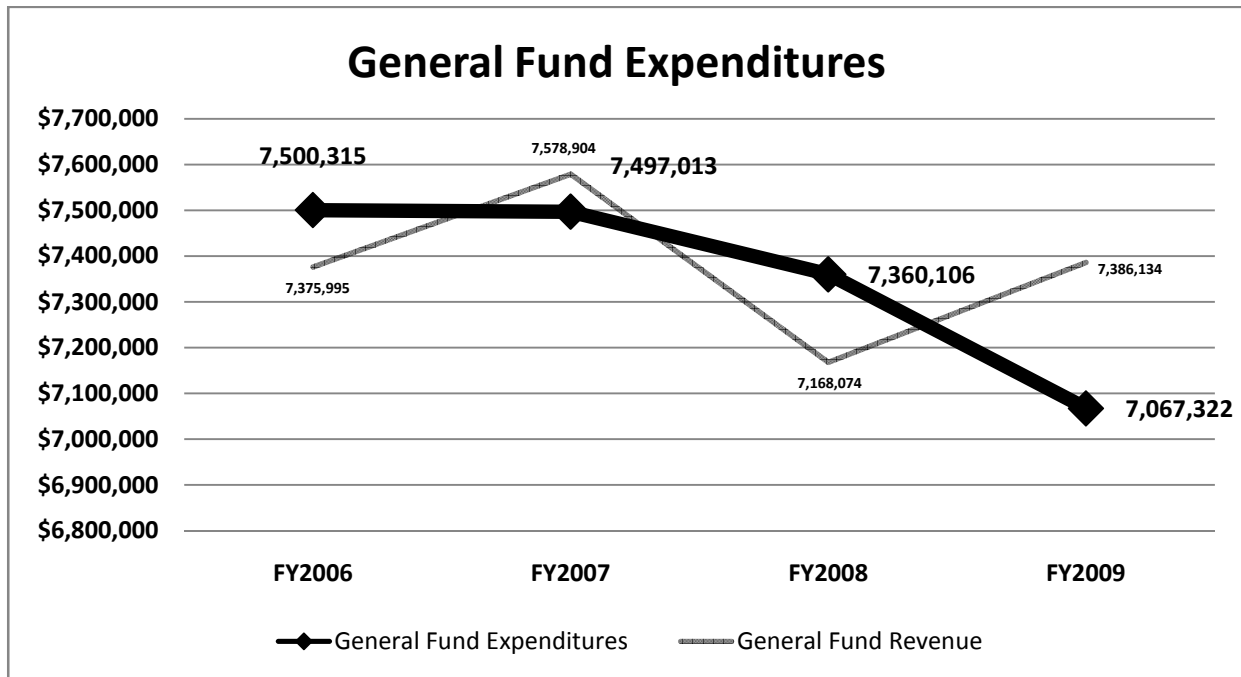
CALENDAR

Oct. 26	Grades 1 & 2 Music Program, R.B.L. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Grandparents' Day grades 1-4
Oct. 27	Grades 3 & 4 Music Program, R.B.L. Aud., 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	Public Informational Mtg, P.I Levy Renewal, 8:00 p.m., R.B.L. Aud.
Nov. 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences in p.m.
Nov. 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences in a.m. NO SCHOOL for students
Nov. 12	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. high school library
Nov. 14	Variety Show, R.B.L. Aud. 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25-27	NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 10	Grades 7-12 Vocal Concert, R.B.L. Aud., 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 13	Grades 6-12 Band Concert, R.B.L. Aud., 3:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. high school library
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	Christmas Vacation—NO SCHOOL
Jan. 4	Classes resume
Jan. 11	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m. high school library
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL

2008-2009 Financial Results – General Fund Expenditures Reduced for the 3rd Straight Year!

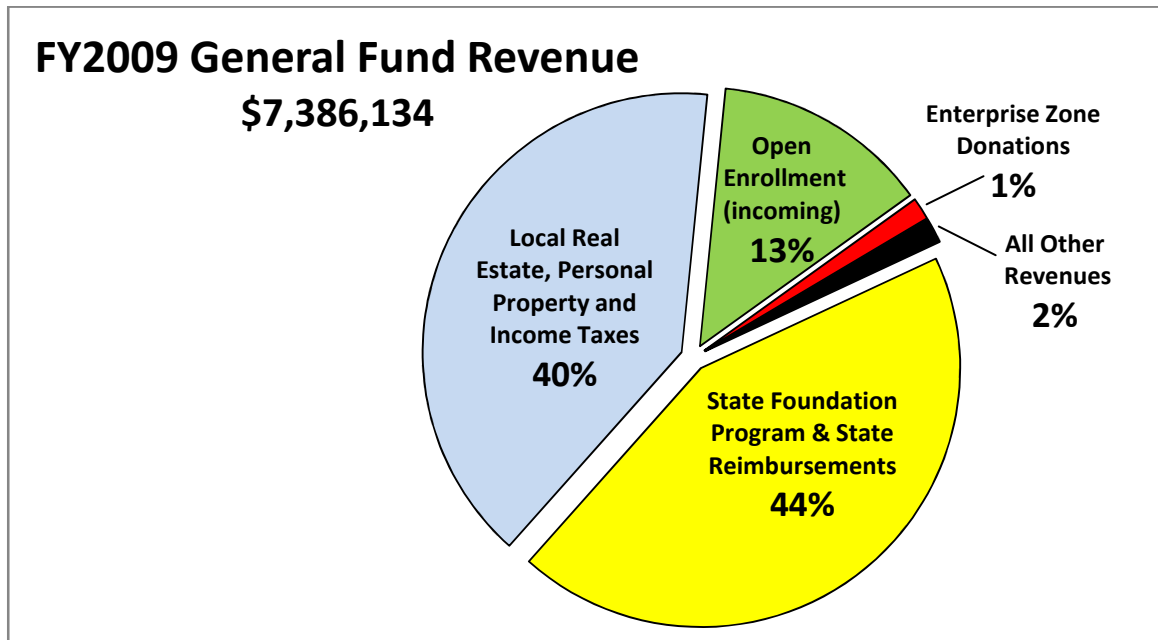
The **General Fund** is the main fund used for the daily operations of the school district. Salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, etc., are paid from this fund. The General Fund is separate from other funds such as Permanent Improvement, Athletics, Food Service, Natatorium, and Student Activities. A summary of this fund's financial activity for the 2008-2009 fiscal year (FY2009), which ended June 30, is presented below and on the following page.

Expenditures from the General Fund in FY2009 totaled \$7,067,322. Through the conservative efforts of the Board of Education, the district was able to reduce expenditures by 4% over the prior fiscal year. Further, the black line in the chart below shows the expenditures over the past four years. ***This is the third consecutive year that expenditures have been decreased in the General Fund.***

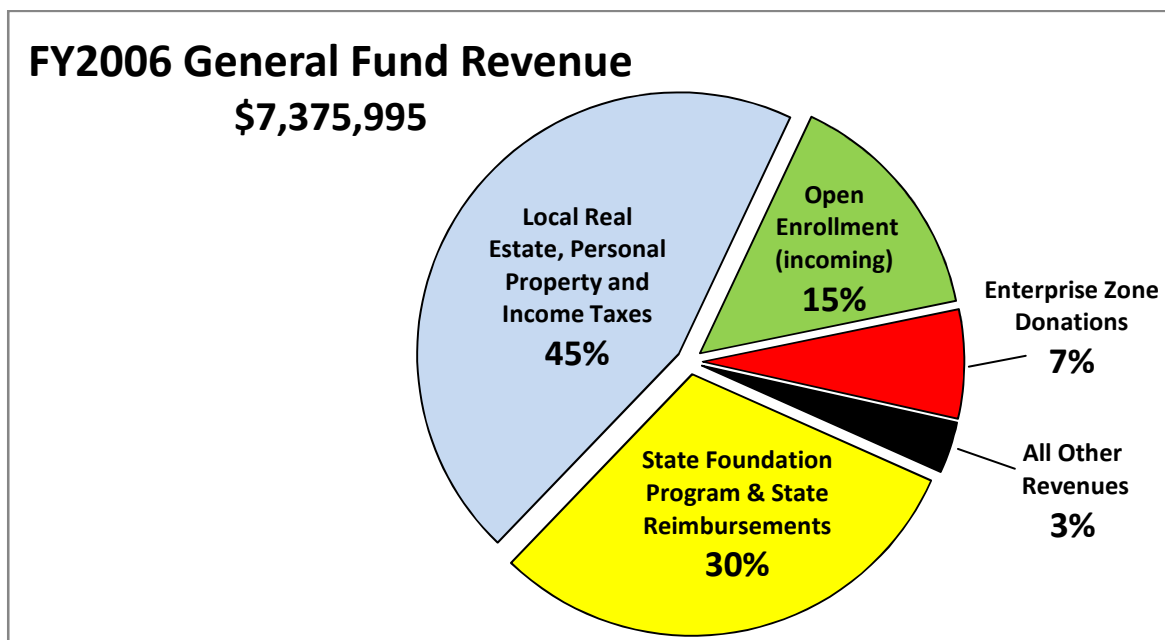


Revenue for the General Fund in FY2009 was \$7,386,134. Shown above, in gray, is the revenue in the General Fund over the past four years. Not only has our revenue been inconsistent from one year to the next, but our revenue level for FY2009 is only slightly higher than it was in FY2006. The charts on the next page show how our revenue stream in the General Fund has changed.

As shown in the first graph below, 40% of our revenue this past year (FY2009) was generated from local taxes and 44% came from state sources.



Below is our General Fund revenue from FY2006. Although both FY2006 and FY2009 are similar in total revenue, there has been a shift between local tax collections and state reimbursements. The phase-out of enterprise zone donations is evident as well.



Looking into the future, revenues are being impacted by economic factors surrounding income tax collections, and by the uncertainty of state funding levels. We will continue to monitor expenditures as we provide the necessary resources for our students to succeed.