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NATATORIUM OPERATING LEVY RENEWAL

The Board of Education has approved the two resolutions needed to place the renewal of the 1.6 mill Operating Levy on the ballot for the November 2, 2010, general election. This levy is commonly referred to as the "Pool Levy."

The 1.6 mill, 5-year, operating levy was originally approved in 1991 and renewed by district voters three times since. ***The funds from this Operating Levy are used for the maintenance and operation of the district's natatorium.***

Of the \$120,000 raised by this levy, \$37,000 of it is in reimbursement funds from the state. Since this state reimbursement is tied to this natatorium levy, the funding from this reimbursement will be forever lost if the natatorium levy fails to be renewed.

Without these operating funds for the natatorium, the district would be forced to spend the \$120,000 annually from the General Fund, putting more pressure on the operational funds to cover these additional expenditures.

The cost per year on an owner-occupied home valued at \$100,000, is \$27.39 per year or about \$.08 per day. This amount will not change with the passage of the levy on November 2, 2010.

FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR...

The Ayersville Local Schools received an "***Excellent***" rating on the Ohio Department of Education's Local Report Card.

Our school district was once again notified of its "***Excellent***" status by the Ohio Department of Education.

Our school met all 26 of the state indicators and

also had a "Performance Index" of 104.0, which is the highest performance index for our district, to date. For more information or for specific scores, the Ohio Department of Education website is: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

Our students, teachers, administrative staff, Board of Education and community should be very proud of the continuing success on the state-mandated tests. It has come to be an expectation of our staff and community that Ayersville Local Schools are accountable to the success of our students on the Ohio Achievement Assessment and Ohio Graduation Test. Our successes have not come overnight nor have they been easy. Future successes will certainly be a challenge, as well.

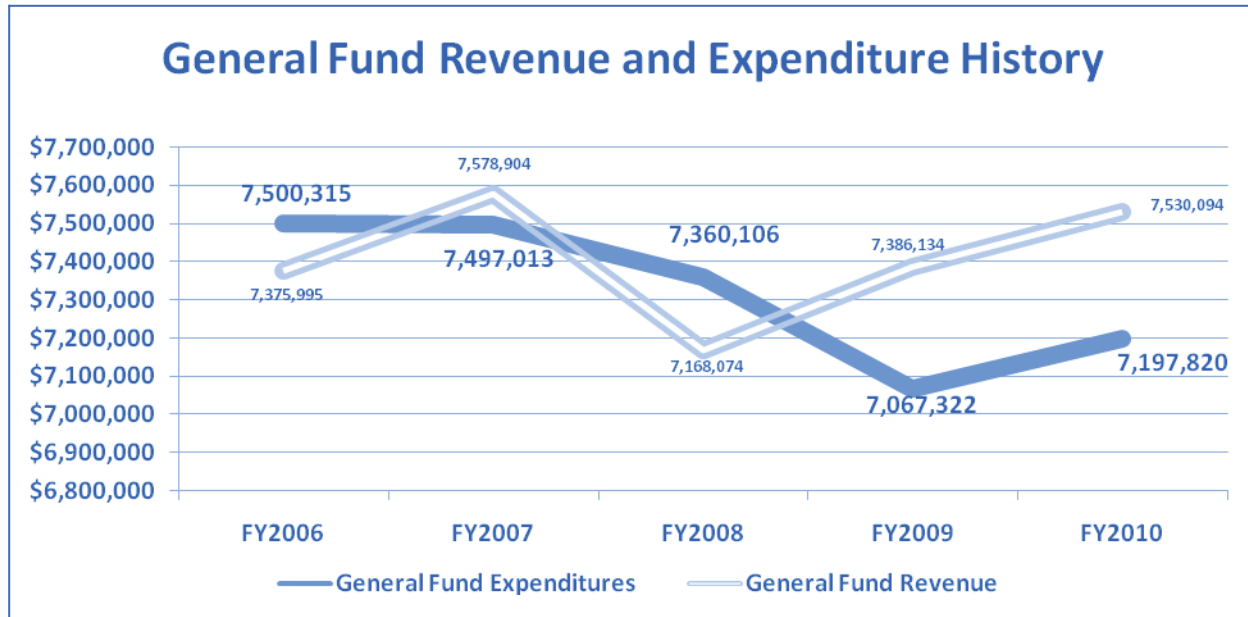
Our staff has spent much time and effort to continue to seek creative and effective ways of teaching children that provide rigor and relevance in the classroom. Additionally, parents deserve credit for the support and reinforcement that they give to the teachers and to their children emphasizing the importance of a quality education and lifelong learning.

This recognition of an "***Excellent***" school district is a community achievement. The sign in the lawn of the school will, again, be updated to denote the 2009-2010 achievement and new banners will be hung in each school building. *The Ayersville Education Foundation (AEF) has, once again, graciously provided the funds to pay for the "Excellent" signs and the school banners to be displayed in each building.*

One of our main objectives is to continue to be accountable to our community for the benefit of the children of our district. We will continue to seek your support so that we are able to maintain the status of an "***Excellent School District.***"

2009-2010 Financial Results – General Fund

The General Fund is 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.



Expenditures from the General Fund for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (FY2010) totaled \$7,197,820. This is a 1.8% increase over the prior fiscal year, following three years of decreased spending. The thick blue line (**————**) in the chart above shows the expenditures from the General Fund over the past five fiscal years.

Revenue for the General Fund in FY2010 totaled \$7,530,094. Revenue improved due to additional open enrollment students and an increase in state reimbursement for the loss of local tangible personal property taxes. The double line (**=====**) in the chart above shows the revenue in the General Fund over the past five fiscal years.

Our revenue has been inconsistent from one year to the next. In FY2010, local income from real estate, personal property, and income taxes fell by 2% from FY2009, while a new source, School District Fiscal Stabilization Funds from the federal government, were received. These were not additional funds for our district, but were replacement funds for a shortfall in state funding.

On average, over the past five years, our annual revenue in the General Fund was \$7,407,840, and our annual expenditures were \$7,324,515.

As we look forward into FY2011, the amount of School District Fiscal Stabilization Funds will increase, but again, will replace state funding. Beyond FY2011, the availability of federal funds, state funding levels and income tax collections will be contingent on the economy and the state budgeting process.

FFA FRUIT SALES...It's time once again to order fruit from Ayersville FFA members. The dates for placing your orders are from October 26 to November 16. You can call Mr. Don Hammersmith at 419-395-1111 ext. 119 or see any FFA member. The fruit will be delivered the week of December 6.

*Senior Citizens' Breakfast
Thursday, October 21
8:30 a.m. in the Café
(No reservations needed)*

2011 HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK ORDERS

There are two ways you can order a 2011 SOHIRAY.

- Go to jostensyearbooks.com to order online with a charge card. FREE name stamping is available when ordering online.
- Pick up an order form from Mrs. Fedderke. Return the completed form to Mrs. Fedderke along with a check for \$40.00 payable to Ayersville Local School. Name stamping, in this case, would be an extra \$5.00.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS

- Please submit one or two poses from another photographer by April 1 if you don't want to use the composite picture. A head and shoulders pose is the best option, and it is mandatory that this picture is in color with no busy background. This substitute picture should be submitted to Mrs. Fedderke in Room 201. The photographer may also e-mail a jpg version to Mrs. Fedderke at efedderke@ayersvilleschools.org.
- The yearbook staff would also like to publish baby pictures again, but they need 100 percent cooperation from the parents before Christmas. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so your picture can be easily returned.

Ayersville Local Schools will be holding a Garage Sale of expired audio/visual equipment and computers on October 22, 2010, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the lobby of the R.B.L. Auditorium.

Audio/Visual Equipment General Listing:

- TVs
- Audio/Visual Carts
- Pull-down Screens
- Record Players
- Overhead Projectors

Computer Equipment General Listing: (NOTE: ALL HARD DRIVES HAVE BEEN ERASED, BUYER WILL NEED TO PURCHASE THE APPROPRIATE OPERATING SYSTEM FROM A THIRD PARTY VENDOR.)

- Apple G3 Towers (No Hard Drive)
- Apple G4 Towers (No Hard Drive)
- Apple G4 Laptops
- HP LJ4650 Color Laser Printers
- USB Web Camera

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Jr./Sr. High (7-12)

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Good Samaritan 1.90 Mill Replacement Operating Levy

We would like to ask the residents of our school district to consider the 1.9 mill replacement levy that Good Samaritan School will have on the November 2 ballot. As a school district, we benefit from this levy given that we have children and adults living in our district who receive services provided by Good Samaritan. The replacement levy is needed to help insure that the programs now provided by Good Samaritan can continue.

THE AYERSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The continuing mission of the Ayersville Education Foundation...is to further enhance the quality education of the Ayersville Local Schools. The Ayersville Education Foundation (AEF) was established in 1995 as a non-profit, community trust. Contributions to the AEF are used to prepare Ayersville students for future endeavors through relevant educational programs and activities and through improvement of facilities and equipment. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be made in any amount, throughout the year. Additionally, the AEF provides two - \$1,000 college scholarships each year to two graduates of AHS.

In honor of Russell B. Leuthold, Ayersville Superintendent from 1956-1983, a generous donation was made to the AEF, establishing the Russell B. Leuthold Memorial Scholarship. This is one example of how a gift given to the AEF will contribute to the community for years to come.

The AEF needs your support. If you would like to contribute to the AEF, you can do so in many ways:

OUTRIGHT GIFTS: such as cash, stock securities, or property to be used for general purposes;

DEFERRED GIFTS: bequests, life insurance, annuities and trusts;

SPECIAL GIFTS: funds to be made to a specific subject area, extracurricular program, visiting lecturer, or to underwrite other educational programs of the donor's choice;

INCREMENTAL GIFTS: gifts made in planned stages over a specific period of time;

MEMORIAL GIFTS: If you have lost a loved one, or a friend and you would like their legacy to live on in the form of memorial fund or a special scholarship with or without special specifications, this is an excellent way to remember them. At the same time, you are helping to further the education of an Ayersville graduate. These scholarships are announced during commencement exercises each school year.

Current members of the AEF Board of Trustees include:

Rick Edmonds, President; Wayne Erickson, Treasurer; Sue Thiel, Secretary;
Dan Frederick, Mark Diller, Lisa Brown, Rod Martin, Craig McKibben, Lynn Davis, Dean Schlachter, and Tod Hug.

Please contact any of the trustees if you would like to make a contribution or establish any of the gifts listed above.

CALENDAR

Oct. 25	Grades 1 and 2 Vocal Music Program, 7:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Oct. 26	Grades 3 and 4 Vocal Music Program, 7:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Oct. 30	Halloween Parade, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	1 st 9 weeks Incentive Trip for grades 5-8
Nov. 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades 5-12, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades 5-12, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Variety Show, 7:30 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Nov. 16	Last day to order fruit from FFA
Nov. 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades K-4, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades K-4, 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24, 25, 26	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School for Ayersville & FCCC
Dec. 9	Grades 7-12 Choir Concert, 8:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Dec. 12	Grades 7-12 Band Concert, 3:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Dec. 22	One-hour early dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Christmas break - No School for Ayersville & FCCC
Jan. 3	Classes resume for Ayersville
Jan. 4	Classes resume for FCCC
Jan. 6	Middle School Spelling Bee, 8:20 a.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Jan. 17	Martin Luther King Day - No School for Ayersville & FCCC
Jan. 29	Reverse Raffle sponsored by the Music Boosters
Feb. 12	OMEA District 1 Solo and Ensemble Contest
Feb. 26	Defiance County Spelling Bee, 7:00 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium
Feb. 27	Grades 7-12 Band Concert, 1:30 p.m. in the R.B.L. Auditorium

There will be no Grandparents' Day this year. It was printed by mistake on the Athletic Booster calendar. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

What do the Halloween Parade and "Pack-A-Bus" have in common???

Last year Ayersville and Tinora students packed a school bus with non-perishable goods for the local food pantries. These items, along with items donated at the Halloween Parade, were taken to the food pantries in our immediate area. Ayersville and Tinora have participated in this friendly competition again this year.

The 65th Annual Defiance Lions Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 30, starting at 7:00 p.m. So come and enjoy the parade, support our junior high and high school bands, as well as help area families - all at the same time. And don't forget your donation of a non-perishable food item.