



MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

News & Views

October 2017

Message From the Superintendent

On Tuesday, November 7, the Marlinton Local Schools will place Issue 45 on the ballot. It is a five year, 8.5 mill operating **RENEWAL** levy, which is **NOT A NEW TAX**. The approval of this levy is critical to our district and allows us to maintain the programs, services and staff currently in place. This operating levy was passed originally in 2003 and is up for renewal every five years.

The operating levy generates approximately \$2.5 million per year and allows us to pay for our day-to-day operations including staff salaries, benefits, utilities, etc. The dollars also allow us to provide important student support services, such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and counseling.

The revenue from issue 45 is even more important as Ohio's new biennium budget cut state funding to Marlinton by approximately \$380,000 in each of the next 2 years.

If you have any questions regarding our RENEWAL levy, Issue 45, please contact me.

Yours in Education,

Joe Knoll

Superintendent

MARLINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RENEWAL LEVY

ISSUE

45

NOVEMBER 7

NOT A NEW TAX

VOTE! ABSENTEE

If you will be out of town on Election Day or find that absentee voting better fits your schedule, download an application for an Absentee Voter's Ballot. Visit www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections and click on Absentee Voting. All absentee ballots must be postmarked the day before Election Day (Nov. 6) and received no later than 10 days after the election.

For more information on voter registration, absentee voting, polling place locations or other frequently asked questions, visit the Stark County Board of Elections website at www.starkcountyohio.gov/board-of-elections.

www.marlingtonlocal.org

Marlington's 2016-2017 District Report Card Results

By: Carole Sutton, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director

In September, the Ohio Department of Education released the district report cards for the 2016-2017 school year.

On the report card, the district saw an increase in several key areas. First, the district increased its Gap Closing from an F to a C in one year's time. The district also saw an increase in students Prepared for Success, and stu-

dent test results increased in 14 areas.

For K-3 Literacy, more students are on track to be reading at grade level by the end of their third-grade year. The district's graduation rate remains steady at an A.

All of these improvements came despite the increase from 75

percent to 80 percent of students needing to pass the state tests to meet an indicator.

We are incredibly proud of our students, teachers and staff for the increases in achievement this past school year. Their hard work and dedication is evident.

While we realize the importance of the report card, and will con-

tinue to improve in the areas we need to, our students are more than these ratings. Our focus will continue to be on what our students need and how we can foster growth for each individual student. Our district is full of hard-working and talented individuals who achieve amazing things in and outside of the classroom every day.

2016 - 2017 Report Card for Marlington Local School District

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Overview

Achievement

Progress

Gap Closing

Graduation Rate

K-3 Literacy

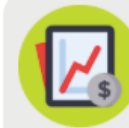
Prepared for Success

DISTRICT GRADE

Coming in
2018

DISTRICT DETAILS

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Financial Data

These measures answer several questions about spending and performance. How much is spent, the source of the revenue and how do these measures compare across districts?

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Achievement

The Achievement component represents the number of students who passed the state tests and how well they performed on them.

Performance Index

77.9%.....C

Indicators Met

25.0%.....F

COMPONENT GRADE

C

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Progress

The Progress component looks closely at the growth that all students are making based on their past performances.

Value-Added

Overall.....C

Gifted.....C

Lowest 20% in Achievement.....A

Students with Disabilities.....A

COMPONENT GRADE

B

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Gap Closing

The Gap Closing component shows how well schools are meeting the performance expectations for our most vulnerable populations of students in English language arts, math and graduation.

Annual Measurable Objectives

71.1%.....C

COMPONENT GRADE

C

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Graduation Rate

The Graduation Rate component looks at the percent of students who are successfully finishing high school with a diploma in four or five years.

Graduation Rates

95.6% of students graduated in 4 years.....A

96.4% of students graduated in 5 years.....A

COMPONENT GRADE

A

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K-3 Literacy

The K-3 Literacy component looks at how successful the school is at getting struggling readers on track to proficiency in third grade and beyond.

K-3 Literacy Improvement

67.0%.....B

COMPONENT GRADE

B

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Prepared for Success

Whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college, the Prepared for Success component looks at how well prepared Ohio's students are for all future opportunities.

COMPONENT GRADE

C

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Financial Report

By: Leslie Pierce, Treasurer

The school year 2017-18 is underway and it is exciting to see the staff, students and community using and enjoying the various building and facility improvements that were completed over the summer.

At the time of my last report, we were just finishing the 2017 fiscal year and waiting on the finalization of the Biennium Budget from the State for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. The district's funding was reduced by the state by approximately \$380,000 in each of the next two years. Our Operating Budget in our main Operating or General Fund has been adjusted accordingly.

Each year in October and May, School Districts are required to provide an update to their Five Year Forecast. Our updated Five Year Forecast is reviewed by our Board of Education and provided on our School District website under the Treasurer's Portal. Included in the Five Year Forecast are the results of the previous three years Receipts, Expenses and Cash

Balances in our main Operating or General Fund. The table included shows the highlights of the past 3 years. In Fiscal Year 2017, one of the more significant changes is a transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Operating or General Fund to the Permanent Improvement Fund to largely finance the improvements made at our Middle School building. Excluding this transfer, the District operated in the black or kept expenses less than receipts during Fiscal Year 2017.

Looking ahead, we have an 8.5 mill operating levy that is up for renewal beginning this November 2017. This operating levy provides approximately \$2.5 million annually towards our annual budget in our Operating/General Fund of approximately \$22 million. These funds support regular operating expenditures such as salaries, benefits, educational supplies, educational software, and numerous services for the students. This operating levy is Issue 45 on the Nov. 7,

Operating / General Fund	Actual Results in Thousands		
	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017
Receipts	\$21,830	\$22,495	\$22,705
Expenses	-21,627	-21,146	-21,338
Receipts Greater Than Expenses	203	1,349	1,367
Transfers to Other Funds	-488	-	-1,565
Net Change in Cash Balance	-285	1,349	-198
Cash Balance at beginning of year	8,610	8,325	9,674
Cash Balance end of year before Encumbrances	8,325	9,674	9,476
Encumbrances at year end	-1,022	-693	-481
Cash Balances after Encumbrances	\$7,303	\$8,981	\$8,995

2017 ballot and we very much appreciate the communities continued support of the renewal of this operating levy; this is not a new tax.

As a reminder, the school district joined the Treasurer of Ohio's 'Ohio Check Book' online reporting of expenditures by school district in Fiscal Year 2017. This online source provides the public access to the school districts spend by year, by vendor, by type of expenditure, etc. The website can be found at:

<http://local.ohiocheckbook.com>.

We are awaiting the decisions by the Board in regards to the plan going forward to resolve the capital improvement needs of several of our School Buildings; more to come on this much needed investment!

Lastly, as always, we are here to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at l_pierce@marlingtonlocal.org.

Go Dukes!

M is for Marlington!



Marlington Local Schools received mini-grants from ArtsnStark that resulted in the writing and illustrating of our districts own book, "M is for Marlington." This publication is a spin on

the works of children's authors Marcia Schonberg and Jerry Pallotta, highlighting important facts, community landmarks, and student activities related to the Marlington Local Schools. A team of teachers met throughout the year to create a truly collaborative, cross-curricular, cross grade level project that would make our school and community proud. High school students in

Ms. Boron's photography class took pictures over the course of 18 months, the middle school students in Mrs. Quintus' eighth-grade art class created potential book covers, and fifth-grade students under the guidance and direc-

tion of Mrs. Beadles and Mrs. Kellams composed the text. Middle school student, Ella Dipold's artwork was selected for the cover design. Copies may be found on display in each building and at the central office.



Jennifer Beadles



Stephanie Boron



Katie Kellams



Megan Quintus



Ella Dipold

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Postal Patron**

In-Person Voting

Voters may vote early in person at the Stark County Board of Elections office starting 29 days prior to the election.

Voters will be required to complete an application that requests identification information.

In-Person voting will take place from October 11 - November 6. The hours for in-person voting are below:

October 11 - October 27 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

October 30 - November 3 8:00 am – 7:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

November 4..... 8:00 am - 4:00 pm (Saturday)


November 5..... 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Sunday)

November 6..... 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (Monday)

You will be required to fill out an application to vote in-person. On this application, you will be required to provide a form of identification.

The office is located at:

3525 Regent Ave NE, Canton, Ohio 44705



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