

Marlington Issue 11 - Fact Sheet

* **Our elementary schools are nearly 65 years old and despite being clean and well-maintained their condition continues to deteriorate.**
* **The state (OFCC) carefully reviewed our schools and found:**
  + Leaking roofs, asbestos, and flooding that distracts students and drains funds.
  + Insufficient safety and security measures that put our kids at risk.
  + Out-of-date heating, cooling, and electrical systems that do not meet the needs of the modern classroom.
  + Our current classrooms are small, outdated, and not conducive to today’s education.
* The buildings are nearly 65 years old, and these problems are caused by or built into the internal structure of the building.
* Renovating our current three elementary buildings to state minimum standards would cost more than building one new consolidated elementary.
* The issue on the May ballot replaces 3 aging elementary schools with 1 new, centrally-located elementary school building.
* One new elementary school building brings major educational benefits, ensuring that our curriculum and programming offerings stay consistent for all our students and parents.
* One elementary means students will have access to critical support services on a daily basis, instead of sharing among them three schools (nursing, counseling, gifted, intervention, etc).
* Any staff reductions will happen naturally through retirements or voluntary resignations.
* Because the state will fund 48% of the plan, our local community will only pay $15 million of a $29 million plan at ***less than $10.00 per month for every $100,000 of home value***.
* The 3.0 mill property tax issue will provide safe, up-to-date, functional classrooms our kids need to succeed.
* The district has projected that we will save, in time, $500,000 every year by constructing and using a single new elementary school building.
* We spend thousands of dollars per year on short-term band aid repairs that drain our funds and do nothing to solve the problems. Eventually, we would need more funds for repairs!
* Marlington Schools take tremendous pride in running an efficient district and keeping taxes low. Even with the bond, we would still be the lowest taxed district in Stark County.