

Wapakoneta City School District BOND ISSUE FACT SHEET #5

VOTE NOVEMBER 6, 2007

WHAT ARE WE VOTING ON?

Yes, we are voting on getting **31.6 million dollars** from the state. But more importantly, we are voting on the future of students of this district. **Are we going to equip them with the technology and the classrooms to help them meet the challenges of the world we live in? Other schools have done it. Are we going to let our students fall behind?**

WHY DO WE NEED LOCALLY FUNDED INITIATIVES-LFI'S?

Ten years ago, when OSFC started this program, they designed a basic school. This school model replaced some of the worst schools in Ohio. Now that the program has gotten to districts such as ours, the "basic" school does not fit the needs and expectations of a progressive district.

Years ago, classrooms were designed for all of the students sitting in a row. Now classrooms have learning centers with computer areas and reading corners, math centers and so on. It isn't easy to do this with a large number of students in each classroom. We want our class sizes to be smaller than the state guidelines of 25-1, to allow our students the attention they need.

St. Marys is asking for LFI's. We want to build schools that will serve us for the next 50 years.

WHY VOTE FOR IT IN NOVEMBER- WHY NOT WAIT UNTIL MARCH?

Between November and March, the cost to build the same project will increase by 2.5 million dollars, considering 4% construction inflation. The millage would increase to 6.1 mills.

The Administration has carefully looked at this plan again and again. This amount of square footage for classrooms has been part of our master plan adopted in June 2007 and approved by OSFC as a sound plan. The addition of the auditorium has been part of the plan. We want long term roofing and flooring materials.

It would be virtually impossible to cut 2.5 million dollars out of the plan between November and March to keep the millage at 5.8 mills AND provide the things that are needed for this district to go forward. We don't want to build and have FEWER opportunities than we have now.

WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

Please remember that the total millage of 5.8 mills will only be levied at the beginning of the project for as long as it is needed to pay back the bonds. As the years of this Bond Issue go by, the amount of millage will decrease as the amount of the debt decreases.

COST PER HOUSEHOLD WITH ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE OF \$100,000

	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
5.80 mills	\$177.32	\$14.78	\$3.41	\$0.49-
3.34 mills	\$102.29	\$ 8.52	\$1.97	\$0.28

The cost of providing SAFE, SECURE schools, with quality technology and appropriate classrooms for all students is less than the cost of a newspaper a day. Less than the cost of a specialized coffee a day. Less than a candy bar a day. Less than a pop each day.

The cost **TO** you will be more, if we turn down this opportunity for **31.6 million dollars** in state money and have to pay 100% of renovation and building costs down the road.

HOW DOES OUR MILLAGE RATE COMPARE TO SURROUNDING DISTRICTS?

DISTRICT	MILLAGE	ISSUE YEARS	STATE %
Allen East	6.42	28	79%
Lima City	5.6	28	89%
Spencerville	5.87	28	79%
Kalida	7.84	28	75%
St. Marys	6.9	28	61%
Wapakoneta	5.8	28	63%
Columbus Grove	7.72	28	68%

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

The **Building Excellent Schools Today** committee is providing an information night on **Thursday, November 1 at the Middle School Cafeteria. It will be held from 7-8:30pm.**

There will be different informational “stops” or tables where you can get questions answered. The county auditor, Janet Schuler, will be there to answer any tax questions. A representative from the Architects will be there. David Tangeman, our busing supervisor will be there and well as others who can answer any last questions you may have about this Bond Issue.

If you have only one question, you only have to make one stop. If you have a variety of questions, you can stay as long as you need.

Mark **NOVEMBER 1** on your calendar if you have any remaining questions about the Bond Issue for the schools.

**ASK QUESTIONS . BE INFORMED .
VOTE NOVEMBER 6TH .**