

August 1, 2014



*Perrysburg
Schools*

**Board of Education
Administrative Offices**

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Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

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Dear Residents,

At our July meeting, the Perrysburg Board of Education voted unanimously to place a bond issue on the November 4, 2014 ballot to provide funds for the construction of a new school building for 5th and 6th grade students. This will free up much-needed classroom space at the elementary and Jr. High buildings. The project will also include electrical, hallway and classroom renovations and air conditioning at the Jr. High; an auxiliary gym at the High School; and safety and security enhancements at our elementary buildings.

It has been 13 years since the district has constructed or expanded a building. Since that time, the district has added 600 students. To put this in perspective, we have added enough students to fill Ft. Meigs Elementary School, which finished the school year with 608 students. The district is currently utilizing 20 portable classrooms across the district to educate students.

Since the 1930s, the district has constructed a school or major addition each decade, except during the 1940s. It is no coincidence that the 1950s was the only decade that the district built two schools and added onto another.

As a result of the community's continued support over the generations, Perrysburg has remained a destination district. This has contributed to keeping property values high and homes in the district very desirable.

The Board is unified in wanting to reduce the impact of a bond issue on taxpayers. This bond issue will not be collected until after January 1, 2016. On December 31, 2015, 1.85 mills that are currently being levied from the construction of Ft. Meigs Elementary School, and other district improvements, will expire. The bond issue for the 5th and 6th grade building will be for \$38.9 million, or 2.94 mills. With the 1.85 mills that are retiring, it will be a net increase to taxpayers of 1.09 mills. For a home valued at \$200,000, it will mean an increase of \$6.36 per month.

Currently, there are almost 1,000 potential new single-family residences zoned in our district, almost all of which will be located south of I-475 and west of I-75. Growth over the last decade in the school district has been steady, with an average of 1.5%-2% per year. With more family-friendly developments started and planned in this area, growth will continue. The location of this school will be determined following the passage of the bond issue. There are numerous parcels of property available in the southwest central corridor of the district that have the attributes desired by the district.

To learn more about the November 4, 2014 levy, please visit the school district web site, www.perrysburgschools.net, or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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achieve their
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