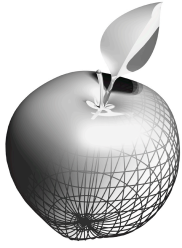


October 6, 2014

Dear Residents,



*Perrysburg
Schools*

**Board of Education
Administrative Offices**

140 East Indiana Avenue
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

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On August 6, 2014, I wrote to you sharing that the Perrysburg Board of Education voted unanimously to place a bond issue on the November 4, 2014 ballot to relieve overcrowding by providing funds for the construction of a new school building that will house up to 900 5th and 6th grade students. The project will also include electrical, hallway and classroom renovations and air conditioning at the 50-year-old Junior High; an auxiliary gym for our high school, which has the highest student enrollment in our league and is the only school in our league with only one gym on the HS campus; and safety enhancements at all elementary buildings. The auxiliary gym, junior high updates and elementary safety enhancements represent 13% of the bond issue.

Today, I would like to provide additional information based on questions we have been hearing from community members:

- **Growth**—Since PHS opened 13 years ago, the district has added over 600 new students. We have managed this growth by adding 20 portable classrooms and converting storage areas for instructional purposes. A community strategic facilities committee was formed to study the issue. The committee recommended changing the grade configuration to include a 5th and 6th grade building to provide relief to the elementary (by relocating the 5th grade) and junior high (by relocating the 6th grade). This configuration is the most common among Ohio's highest performing school districts.
- **Location**—There are nearly 1,000 potential new single-family residences zoned in our district, almost all of which are in the southwest corridor. The exact location of this school will be determined following the passage of the bond issue, but it will be located on one of the numerous parcels of property available in the southwestern corridor from Ft. Meigs YMCA to Perrysburg High School that have the attributes desired by the district.
- **Fiscal Accountability**—Perrysburg Schools' cost per pupil is \$1,454 less than the state average and ranks 13 out of 17 area school districts. Our school district property taxes collected rank 8th out of 14 area districts.
- **Timing**—While the bond issue is on the ballot this November, the taxes for it will not begin to be collected until January 1, 2016. This will enable 1.85 mills currently being levied to retire first. The net increase to taxpayers at that time will be 1.09 mills more than what is being paid today. For a home valued at \$200,000 it will be a \$6.36 per month increase.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas L. Hosler".

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achieve their
greatest potential**

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