

To the Families of the Cuyahoga Heights School District;

At the July 10, 2023 meeting of the Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education, the School Board voted to place an 8 mill combination continuing levy on the ballot for the November 7, 2023 election.

The ballot language reads:

An additional tax for the benefit of the Cuyahoga Heights Local School District for the purpose of current operating expenses and general permanent improvements that the County Fiscal Officer estimates will collect \$3,504,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 8 mills (apportioned 7 mills to current operating expenses and 1 mill to permanent improvements) for each \$1 of taxable value, which amount to \$280 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2023, first due calendar year 2024.

The last time Cuyahoga Heights Schools approved millage for the school district was 2012. Since the passage of that levy the school district has:

- Maintained small class sizes, returned the gifted program to the Elementary building and expanded the AP course offerings to 13, along with implementing Project Lead the Way throughout the district to introduce students to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math concepts) in Elementary through High School.
- Ranked in the top 5% of all districts throughout the State of Ohio in virtually every metric used by the Ohio Department of Education.
- Maintained an outstanding Music program, being recognized by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) as an outstanding community for music for 19 consecutive years. No other district in Ohio has received this recognition for the same length of time.
- Maintained outstanding athletic programs, winning a State Championship in softball as well as a runner-up finish, two runner-up finishes in the State for football, a runner-up finish in baseball, and another trip to the final four and regional finals appearances in both boys and girls basketball, as well as multiple individual performance placements in other sports.

All District Finance information can be found on the Cuyahoga Heights School District website, www.cuyhts.org. All of the district finances are documented in each of the School Board meeting minutes, located under the Treasurer reports section. You will find the following information:

- Cuyahoga Heights Schools has the 2nd lowest tax base in Cuyahoga County.
- The State continues to take money from the district in the form of the TPP phase-out to a tune of \$213,000 annually.
- This coming year, Cuyahoga Heights Schools will receive less than \$1,000,000 from the State of Ohio in the Fair Funding formula. Only two school districts in Ohio will receive less money from the State of Ohio. These school districts are Put-in-Bay and Kelley's Island.
- The Cuyahoga Heights School District has not experienced deficit spending over the last 11 years.

Sincerely,



Tom Evans
Superintendent
Cuyahoga Heights Schools

