

WHY ARE THE LAKELAND LEVIES CRITICAL?



Extracurricular Activities

AREAS THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER:

- ARMED DISTRICT SAFETY SPECIALISTS/SRO'S
- BUILDING SECURITY UPGRADES
- CERTIFIED STAFF
- CLASSIFIED STAFF
- NEW CURRICULUM
- ADMINISTRATORS
- EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS
- ELECTIVE COURSES
- FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN
- TRANSPORTATION
- KTEC
- BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

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PLANT FACILITY LEVY FACTS (PFL)

- THIS LEVY EXPIRED AT THE END OF THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR IN JUNE OF 2022.
- THE ONLY STATE FUNDING WE RECEIVE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR BUILDINGS IS THROUGH LOTTERY DOLLARS. LAST YEAR THAT WAS \$300,000 WHICH IS LESS THAN WHAT IT COST TO REPLACE 1 ROOF. IN THE LAST 6 YEARS WE HAVE REPLACED 9 OF OUR 11 SCHOOL ROOFS.
- THE BOARD APPROVED RUNNING A PFL OF \$1.146 MILLION A YEAR FOR 2 YEARS FOR THIS CURRENT ELECTION.
- PLANT FACILITY LEVY DOLLARS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES.
- A CAPITAL PROJECT IS A PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT EITHER NEW FACILITIES OR MAKE SIGNIFICANT, LONG-TERM RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES.

SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY FACTS

- RENEWAL OF \$9.52 MILLION PER YEAR FOR 2 YEARS.
- THIS REPLACES THE CURRENT LEVY ON THE BOOKS EXPIRING AT THE END OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR.
- THIS LEVY FILLS THE GAP BETWEEN THE 75% FUNDING WE RECEIVE FROM THE STATE AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY COSTS US TO RUN ALL DISTRICT PROGRAMS.

VOTE MAY 16



GREETINGS PATRONS OF THE LAKELAND JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT:

AS YOU ARE ALL WELL AWARE, BOTH OF OUR LEVY ELECTIONS FAILED ON MARCH 14TH. THE BOARD MADE A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION AND HAS APPROVED A MAY 16TH ELECTION DATE FOR BOTH THE SUPPLEMENTAL AND PLANT FACILITY LEVIES. WHILE THE LEGAL TITLE OF OUR \$9.52 MILLION LEVY IS SUPPLEMENTAL, IT IS ANYTHING BUT. IT ALLOWS US TO RUN THE PROGRAMS WE PROVIDE TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOY THE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF WE HAVE IN PLACE.

LAKELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVES OUR CONSERVATIVE COMMUNITY AND IS A REFLECTION OF THE VALUES THAT HAVE BEEN EVIDENT FOR THE 32 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN PART OF LAKELAND. THIS DISTRICT HAS ALWAYS OPERATED ON THE BELIEF THAT PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. IN THE PAST YEAR, OUR SCHOOL BOARD AND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP HAVE ACTED IN A WAY THAT REINFORCES THIS BELIEF. WE HAVE:

- REMOVED CURRICULUM FROM OUR CLASSROOMS BECAUSE IT HAD SUBTLE UNDERTONES OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY.
- WRITTEN A POLICY THAT DEFINES THE USE OF OUR SCHOOL BATHROOMS BASED ON GENDER AT BIRTH.
- USED FEDERAL ESSER DOLLARS IN WAYS THAT ALLOWED US TO USE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO RE-SIDE THREE OF OUR OLDEST BUILDINGS. LAKELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER. ATHOL AND SPIRIT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE SUMMER OF 2024.
- PROVIDED NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS AND PATRONS TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE OPERATION OF OUR DISTRICT AS MEMBERS OF BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES.
 - POLICY COMMITTEE
 - CURRICULUM ADOPTION COMMITTEE
 - SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
 - LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
- IMPLEMENTED A DISTRICT LEVEL PARENT COUNCIL TO DISCUSS CONCERNS, BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.
- IMPLEMENTED A DISTRICT LEVEL STUDENT COUNCIL TO GIVE A LOUDER VOICE TO THE PEOPLE WE SERVE; OUR STUDENTS.

THE CONTINUATION OF OUR LEVIES ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO PURSUE WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY FROM WHAT IS HAPPENING NATIONALLY. THAT IS WITH GREAT INTENTIONALITY. WE ARE PROUD OF BEING DIFFERENT; PROUD OF BEING A PLACE WHERE PARENTS ARE IN CONTROL OF THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LEVIES PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE. I AM HAPPY TO HELP.

WARM REGARDS,
LISA ARNOLD



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