

Lexington

11 Consecutive Years Ranked "Excellent" or "A"

Staff Update

February 23, 2016

From the office of the Treasurer...

All Staff

- A special welcome to our new employee, **Brian Gass**, custodian at Eastern Elementary. Welcome aboard and we look forward to working with you.
- Please remember that our District is a tax-exempt entity and is not subject to sales tax for school-related purposes. When making purchases for school purposes, please remember to obtain the necessary tax-exempt information to avoid incurring unreimbursed sales tax. These forms can be obtained from the Treasurer's Office. In addition, cards for the following stores are currently available to be checked out from the Treasurer's Office with an approved purchase order in place:
 - Walmart
 - Staples
 - Geyers
 - Kroger
 - JoAnn Fabric

Important Tax Information:

1095-C Forms

As an update to previous 1095-C communications, all 1095-C forms have been processed and will be mailed directly from American Fidelity/Worxtime. These forms are to be postmarked no later than February 26th.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office.

Useful? Information:

In honor of 'bean counters' everywhere, here are some interesting facts about jelly beans: 1.) Jelly beans became a regular penny candy in the 1900s and were the first confection to be sold by weight; 2.) Each color of jelly bean used to be sold separately; 3.) There are 16 billion jelly beans manufactured solely for Easter (enough to circle the Earth 3 times); 4.) It can take anywhere from 7 to 21 days to make a jelly bean. To be clear, I don't believe I've ever actually counted a bean in my lifetime. ☺ Maybe with my kids...



Financial Information:

Levy Renewal

As this is my last update prior to the levy renewal being on the ballot, I did want to offer another reminder that the District will have a **renewal levy** on the **March 15, 2016** ballot. Below is a reminder of just a few of the facts about this upcoming renewal levy:

- As a renewal levy, this is a **ZERO tax increase** levy. It will not increase taxes;
- This is a renewal of a current emergency operating levy originally passed in 2011. This is different than the renewal levy renewed in 2014;
- This operating levy represents approximately **13% of the District's general fund budget, or \$2.7 million**;
- The renewal levy will be collected for a **period of ten (10) years** instead of the original five (5) year levy.

Please remember to vote on **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**. Should you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office or Treasurer's Office.

District Classroom Expenditures

ODE periodically releases data comparing schools' classroom versus non-classroom expenditures.

During the 2013-14 school year, Lexington Schools spent:

\$13,891,468 for classroom instruction	69%
\$ 6,241,094 for non-classroom expenses	31%

Classroom instruction includes teachers, aides, materials, equipment, student support (guidance, library, technology, etc), and staff support (professional development, etc.).

Non-classroom expenditures include administration, operation and maintenance of buildings & grounds, transportation, food service, extra-curricular activities, and any other non-classroom expenses.

In a comparison group of similar Ohio school districts, Lexington ranked 60 out of 279 for highest percentage spent on classroom instruction.

Congratulations to our students, faculty, and coaches on the many accomplishments this year, including academics, music, arts, athletics, etc.! GO LEX!!!