Our schools are a source of pride in our community. They are a great value to our residents as we continue to earn Excellent ratings by the State of Ohio and have one of the lowest costs per pupil in the entire area. Year after year our students excel in academics, the arts and athletics; our staff is dedicated to providing the best educational opportunities possible and our parents and community members care about having great schools and are very supportive.

Great kids + great families + great staff + great community =
GREAT SCHOOLS

In order to maintain this value of educational excellence and fiscal responsibility, we work hard to serve each child's long range best interests and make sound, common sense decisions about how we use our residents' tax dollars. To date, we have enacted over $2.4 million in expenditure cuts and reductions. While these decisions are never easy, we understand the difficult economic times and the need to make sound business decisions.

Looking ahead, on the Tuesday, May 6 ballot, our residents will see a ten year RENEWAL of the district's current emergency operating levy. **This levy is a ZERO tax increase for residents. It is a RENEWAL of a levy originally approved in 1999.**

What does this RENEWAL levy mean for our schools? A lot. It represents 12% of our already lean operating budget. If this RENEWAL does not pass it would be devastating to our schools. We would need to make decisions on how to make enough cuts in staffing and programs to reduce expenditures by 12%. That would cut at the heart of our school district.

Please take some time to inform yourself about this important **RENEWAL** levy for our schools. We have information available on our website www.lexington.k12.oh.us or by calling the Board of Education Office at 419-884-2132.

Our Schools NEED YOU!

Please be sure to vote in this May 6 election.

Mike Ziegelhofer