

“Our Children, Our Community, Our Future”



A supportive community is imperative to a strong school system.



This is a time of shared sacrifice...we need YOUR help!

- *The Board of Education does not want to place another levy request on the ballot; however, this is what the law requires.*
- *Ohio’s funding of public schools forces schools to place levy requests on the ballot to generate new revenue. There is no alternative—we are forced to put levy after levy on the ballot.*

We understand the taxpayers’ position, the problem is...

- *Ohio’s school finance structure expects more local support from high property wealth districts like Canfield.*
- *Even if the district falls into fiscal emergency and under state control, the state controlling board will recommend another levy be placed on the ballot.*
- *The Ohio Supreme Court, in a 12-year court case (DeRolph vs. State) found that “**the school funding system placed too much reliance on local property taxes.**” Ohio’s legislators have not fixed this problem since March 1997.*

You need to know ...

- *that this 4.9 operating levy request is for five years,*
- *that the retirement of a 1998 bond issue will **reduce** school taxes by 1.5 mills in 2012 and an additional 1 mill in 2013,*
- *as a result, the cost will be **\$8.68 a month or \$104.12 per year in 2012 and \$6.13 per month or \$73.50 per year in 2013-2016** per \$100,000 of home’s value.*

What’s been done ...

- *the district has cut \$1.2 million from its operating budget by reducing teaching and support staff positions,*
- *changes in transportation, student participation fees, and bus classified personnel resulted in \$548,500 savings;*
- *negotiated employee wage freezes, step freezes and increased health care costs at all levels, will save the district \$1.9 million over three years;*
- *the district has taken action that has resulted in **\$3.6 million in cost savings [as listed above].***

**The Pride in our Community
The Pride in our Schools
Vote “YES” on November 8th**



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www.canfieldlevy.info

Did you know...

- that Canfield’s last operating levy request passed in 2002,
- that it is critical to generate new local revenue at this time to balance the budget,
- that no new funds will be coming to the district in all of 2012 if this levy fails. The district will be forced to make additional reductions that will impact all operations of the district.

We are proud...

- that the district has received a \$75,000 Ohio Department of Education Competitive Grant to support Social Emotional Learning skills for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. These developmental skill sets will assist students in acquiring life skills needed in school, in future careers, and in community.
- that the district has been awarded a \$20,000 Ohio Department of Education Competitive Grant to expand the number of Advanced Placement courses that are offered at Canfield High.
- that there are 613 school districts in Ohio, 22 districts have earned an “Excellent” rating for 12 consecutive years, Canfield Schools is among these 22.
- of our students’ successes:

Canfield Students in grades 3-12 took 4,550 state tests in 2010-2011

- 1,458 tests were scored as **Advanced** Performance
- 1,504 tests were scored as **Accelerated** Performance
- 1,267 tests were scored as **Proficient** Performance
- 258 tests were scored as Basic Performance
- 63 tests were scored as Limited Performance

5-year School Score Summary of Advanced Placement Scores:

% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+ (5 is highest)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Canfield:	82%	92%	91%	81%	89%
Ohio:	65%	64%	66%	64%	66%

**Canfield Schools: Rooted in Tradition
Positioned for 21st Century Growth**