



WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE LEVY CAMPAIGN

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On behalf of the Willoughby-Eastlake Levy Campaign, I want to express our sincere thanks to our District's seven communities for your support over the last nine months with the passage of Issue 3 in November, and last night's passage of Issue 1! We now have a four-year break in the renewal cycle - something I think we can all agree, was needed.

Our committee is so thankful for our supporters who hosted signs, helped share factual information, and generously donated to the campaign! **As chairperson, I must recognize the many volunteers (too many to name here) who were active in the last nine months** to speak at meetings, organize fundraisers, deliver/pick-up signs, work phone/text banks, sift through mounds of data, help with mailings and social media, and worked polling locations. **This level of success could only be achieved because of our supporters and volunteers and illustrates what we are capable of as a greater community when we work together!**

And as a community, we need to acknowledge those who did not support us. Your concerns are valid, and we understand levies can be burdensome for our neighbors. I hope everyone will take the time to learn and understand that school funding is an issue which must be fixed at the state level. The state created the funding system, and that broken system hurts our District, who is then ultimately forced to ask for money from the community. **I encourage you to reach out to your elected representatives in Columbus to voice your concerns** and tell them you are expecting them to do their jobs and find a solution (because 20 years of this system is long enough).

We can now move forward and look at the many positives:

- We have an engaged Board of Education who listens to and wants community input.
- We have an incoming Superintendent from within our community – he is enthusiastic and wants our kids to have a successful academic experience.
- We have dedicated teachers and staff who go beyond the call of duty to support our kids.
- We have public officials ready to partner with the schools.
- We have NO RENEWAL LEVIES FOR FOUR YEARS.

There are so many possibilities now – we can find common ground and common goals – and it will take work on everyone's part for our schools and communities to be successful.

I have been honored to serve as the Levy Chairperson and am grateful to be part of the Willoughby-Eastlake community. As a parent and community member, I am looking forward to the future for our students, staff, and community, because the future is bright!

Thank you again for your support of the Willoughby-Eastlake Schools!

All the best,

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