



# Olmsted Falls School District BUSINESS REPORT

*A quarterly report on school finances and operations for residents of the Olmsted communities*

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL REDUCTION PLAN UNDERWAY FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF TWO LEVIES

The failure of operating levies in both November 2008 and February 2009 have led District officials to begin the process of implementing the *Educational Reduction Plan* approved by the Board of Education this past January. With no significant improvement in poll results between the February and November elections, the Board of Education has made the decision to **not place the operating levy back on the ballot in May 2009** (which would have been the next opportunity to do so). In the meantime, **cuts to programs and services, which will take effect with the start of the 2009-2010 school year or sooner, include but are not limited to:**

- **Elimination of all High School busing** (for public, private and parochial schools)
- **Reduction in K-8 busing services** (details to be provided as they are finalized)
- **Implementation of salary freeze for administration** (enacted at 3-17-09 Board of Education meeting)
- **Shifting of custodial maintenance work week to reduce weekend overtime** (new schedule already in place)
- **Implementation of hourly fee for weekend usage of school buildings** (effective April 6, 2009)
- **Reduction of summer maintenance personnel** (effective Summer 2009)

- **Elimination of Summer Discovery / Magic programs** (effective June 2009)
- **Elimination of HS Business program** (enacted for 09-10 school year)
- **Elimination of HS German program** (enacted for 09-10 school year)
- **Reduction of HS Industrial Arts courses** (enacted for 09-10 school year)
- **Reduction of HS Latin courses** (enacted for 09-10 school year)
- **Additional Reductions in District Personnel** (in areas of physical education, music, technology and media centers)
- **Reduction of all building supply budgets** (completed)
- **No purchase of new Language Arts textbooks and related curriculum materials**

*The new High School Program of Studies for 2009-2010, reflecting the program / course cuts outlined at left, was approved by the Olmsted Falls Board of Education on February 24, 2009.*

The complete *Educational Reduction Plan* can be accessed on the District's website at [www.ofcs.k12.oh.us](http://www.ofcs.k12.oh.us). The Board will continue discussions regarding exactly when to next place the operating levy back on the ballot - August 2009 and November 2009 are the next two ballot opportunities.

## STATE FUNDS MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT

*During the February levy campaign, it was brought to the attention of members of the Board of Education and the Administration of Olmsted Falls Schools that many parents and residents were not aware of the State funding award of \$7.7 million received by the District for the expansion of Olmsted Falls Middle School. The following article repeats previously reported information on the funding award (from March 2008 Business Report and Sept./Oct. 2008 School Report), and also includes a project update.*

An **unprecedented State funding award of more than \$7.7 million** to the Olmsted Falls School District by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) Exceptional Needs Program (ENP) last April has made possible the construction of a much-needed 32,000 square foot addition to the existing Olmsted Falls Middle School. The new addition will include three new pods of classrooms plus additional expansion elsewhere in the existing building. This additional permanent classroom space will allow the District to remove the modular classrooms presently being used at the Middle School. New OSFC guidelines put in place in August 2007 allowed Olmsted Falls Schools to pursue this new State funding opportunity based upon the severe overcrowding dilemma currently being

experienced throughout the District. Proceeds from the 2 mill bond issue, passed by voters in May 2007 for the construction of a new intermediate school building, served as required matching funds for these new grant dollars that District officials were able to secure.

Olmsted Falls School District was the first in the State to have local matching funds already in place. Traditionally, a school district applies for OSFC funding and, if approved, must then pass a bond issue to secure the local matching dollars. With the change in OSFC regulations falling on the heels of the District's successful bond issue in May 2007, Olmsted Falls' administrators seized upon the unique opportunity to pursue the ENP funds in a non-traditional manner.

"Demonstrating fiscal resourcefulness to our taxpayers continues to be a top priority for my administration," said Dr. Todd Hoadley, Superintendent. "Obtaining this new funding allows us to move forward to address overcrowding issues which have plagued our District for nearly a decade - and to do so **without the need to request additional construction funding from our community.**"

The project is currently in the final stages of the design and development phase, with ground-breaking on the project anticipated to occur this summer.

# Cuyahoga County Residential Property Tax Rates

The chart below details residential property tax rates for all cities within Cuyahoga County for tax year 2008 (paid in 2009). The Effective Tax Rate - adjusted for House Bill 920 (HB920 freezes most school millage to dollar level when levy passed) and other automatic rollbacks - is shown below for each community. Tax as a percent of market value, and annual cost per \$100,000 home market value are also provided. While Olmsted Township and Olmsted Falls are often cited the "two highest" taxed communities in Cuyahoga County, their actual rankings are 23rd and 26th respectively (based on these latest Community Tax Rates from the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office). Please contact Olmsted Falls School District Treasurer Mark Hullman at 427-6000 with any questions about community tax rates.

City/School District	Effective Tax Rate	Tax as % of Market Value	\$/ \$100,000 Market Value	City/School District	Effective Tax Rate	Tax as % of Market Value	\$/ \$100,000 Market Value
Cleveland/Shaker Hts.	104.52	3.20%	\$3,200	Chagrin Falls Township	68.34	2.09%	\$2,090
Shaker Heights	101.72	3.12%	\$3,120	Olmsted Falls/Berea	67.52	2.07%	\$2,070
University Heights	95.71	2.93%	\$2,930	Mayfield Heights	67.47	2.07%	\$2,070
S. Euclid/Cleveland Hts.	95.61	2.93%	\$2,930	Richmond Heights	67.24	2.06%	\$2,060
Cleveland Heights	95.41	2.92%	\$2,920	Brecksville	67.05	2.05%	\$2,050
Fairview Park	84.75	2.60%	\$2,600	Seven Hills	66.80	2.05%	\$2,050
Highland Hills	84.74	2.60%	\$2,600	Moreland Hills/Orange	66.77	2.04%	\$2,040
Garfield Heights	84.74	2.60%	\$2,600	Strongsville	66.76	2.04%	\$2,040
Richmond Hts./S. Euclid	84.26	2.58%	\$2,580	Orange	66.57	2.04%	\$2,040
South Euclid	83.06	2.54%	\$2,540	Bratenahl	66.18	2.03%	\$2,030
Lakewood	82.39	2.52%	\$2,520	Warrensville Hts./Orange	64.95	1.99%	\$1,990
Lyndhurst	81.46	2.49%	\$2,490	Broadview Heights	64.83	1.99%	\$1,990
Bay Village	80.07	2.45%	\$2,450	Cleveland	64.77	1.98%	\$1,980
Chagrin Falls Village	76.38	2.34%	\$2,340	Pepper Pike/Beachwood	64.74	1.98%	\$1,980
N.Olmsted/Olmsted Falls	76.21	2.33%	\$2,330	Parma	64.71	1.98%	\$1,980
Orange/Warrensville	76.09	2.33%	\$2,330	Hunting Valley	64.57	1.98%	\$1,980
North Olmsted	75.69	2.32%	\$2,320	N. Royalton/Brecksville	64.32	1.97%	\$1,970
Garfield Hts./Cleveland	75.37	2.31%	\$2,310	Woodmere	63.77	1.95%	\$1,950
Berea/Olmsted Falls	75.06	2.30%	\$2,300	Solon/Orange	63.41	1.94%	\$1,940
Bentleyville	74.59	2.28%	\$2,280	Bedford Heights	63.32	1.94%	\$1,940
Warrensville Hts.	74.47	2.28%	\$2,280	Solon	63.20	1.94%	\$1,940
Moreland Hills/Chagrin Falls	74.44	2.28%	\$2,280	Bedford	63.12	1.93%	\$1,930
<b>OLMSTED TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>74.08</b>	<b>2.27%</b>	<b>\$2,270</b>	Glenwillow	62.55	1.92%	\$1,920
Fairview Park/Rocky River	73.89	2.26%	\$2,260	Brookpark	61.95	1.90%	\$1,900
Rocky River	73.29	2.24%	\$2,240	Middleburg Heights	61.95	1.90%	\$1,900
<b>OLMSTED FALLS</b>	<b>73.26</b>	<b>2.24%</b>	<b>\$2,240</b>	Mayfield Village	61.63	1.89%	\$1,890
North Randall	73.17	2.24%	\$2,240	Highland Heights	61.47	1.88%	\$1,880
Beachwood/Warrensville	72.99	2.24%	\$2,240	Broadview Hts./N. Royalton	61.29	1.88%	\$1,880
Euclid	72.65	2.22%	\$2,200	Brooklyn	61.15	1.87%	\$1,870
Bedford Heights/Orange	72.47	2.22%	\$2,220	Westlake	60.97	1.87%	\$1,870
Maple Heights	72.25	2.21%	\$2,210	North Royalton	60.79	1.86%	\$1,860
Cleveland Hts./E. Cleveland	71.21	2.18%	\$2,180	Beachwood	59.67	1.83%	\$1,830
East Cleveland	71.01	2.17%	\$2,170	Brookpark/Cleveland	56.75	1.74%	\$1,740
Berea	70.32	2.15%	\$2,150	Linddale	54.87	1.68%	\$1,680
Cleveland/Berea	69.98	2.14%	\$2,140	Oakwood	54.12	1.66%	\$1,660
Gates Mills	69.60	2.13%	\$2,130	Independence	53.39	1.64%	\$1,640
Newburgh Heights	68.90	2.11%	\$2,110	Walton Hills	50.62	1.55%	\$1,550
Fairview Park/Berea	68.78	2.11%	\$2,110	Valley View	49.11	1.50%	\$1,500
Pepper Pike/Orange	68.54	2.10%	\$2,100	Brooklyn Heights	48.17	1.48%	\$1,480
Parma Heights	68.39	2.09%	\$2,090	Cuyahoga Heights	48.17	1.48%	\$1,480

Source: Cuyahoga County Treasurer - 2008 Community Tax Rates

## Cuyahoga County School Districts Expenditures per Pupil

Beachwood	\$20,483
Orange	\$18,915
Cuyahoga Hts.	\$18,488
Shaker Hts.	\$16,657
Cleveland Hts.-	
University Hts.	\$16,195
Warrensville Hts.	\$14,294
Independence	\$13,956
East Cleveland	\$13,835
Cleveland Municipal	\$13,355
South Euclid-Lyndhurst	\$13,166
Mayfield	\$12,898
Solon	\$12,266
Euclid	\$12,236
Richmond Hts.	\$12,187
Lakewood	\$12,181
Bedford	\$12,085
Westlake	\$11,914
Parma City	\$11,727
North Olmsted	\$11,531
Berea	\$11,454
Brecksville-	
Broadview Hts.	\$11,426
Rocky River	\$11,196
Fairview Park	\$11,082
Chagrin Falls	\$10,874
Bay Village	\$10,645
Strongsville	\$10,569
Brooklyn	\$10,233
<b>OLMSTED FALLS</b>	<b>\$10,180</b>
North Royalton	\$10,090
Maple Heights	\$10,024
Garfield Heights	\$9,838

*Olmsted Falls School District consistently ranks among the lowest in annual Expenditures Per Pupil out of the 31 school districts in Cuyahoga County.*

Source: Ohio Department of Education (FY2008 Data)

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