



Olmsted Falls School District BUSINESS REPORT

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

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Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to the Spring issue of the *Business Report*. The Olmsted Falls School District maintains a strong desire to keep residents in the Olmsted communities informed on the "business" side of our school's operation. We hope you continue to find the quarterly report of timely topics and happenings throughout the District both informative and interesting. Please contact the Board Office at 427-6000 with any questions or future topic suggestions.

Yours in education,

Todd F. Hoadley

Dr. Todd F. Hoadley
Superintendent

DID YOU KNOW?

It may come as no surprise that fuel prices have taken a toll on transportation costs in our District. We experienced an increase of approximately 34.5% over budgeted costs due to the uncontrollable increase in gasoline/diesel prices. Energy costs at all six District buildings are on budget as we get ready to close out the 2007-08 fiscal year.

County Residential Property Tax Rates for 2007

The chart below details tax rates for all cities within Cuyahoga County and includes the effective tax rate adjusted for House Bill 920 (HB920 freezes most school millage to dollar level when levy passed) and other automatic rollbacks. Tax as a percent of market value and annual cost per \$100,000 home market value are also provided. Please contact Olmsted Falls School District Interim Treasurer Maria Bartulica at 427-6000 with any questions about community tax rates.

City/District	Effective Tax Rate	Tax as % of Market Value	\$ / \$100,000 Market Value	City/District	Effective Tax Rate	Tax as % of Market Value	\$ / \$100,000 Market Value
Cleveland/Shaker Hts.	102.38	3.14%	\$3,140	Brecksville	65.61	2.01%	\$2,010
Shaker Heights	99.58	3.05%	\$3,050	Olmsted Falls/Berea	65.42	2.00%	\$2,000
University Heights	92.86	2.84%	\$2,840	Moreland Hills/Orange	65.16	2.00%	\$2,000
S. Euclid/Cleveland Hts.	92.57	2.83%	\$2,830	Orange	64.96	1.99%	\$1,990
Cleveland Heights	92.56	2.83%	\$2,830	Seven Hills	64.89	1.99%	\$1,990
Highland Hills	83.25	2.55%	\$2,550	Euclid	64.82	1.98%	\$1,980
Fairview Park	83.12	2.55%	\$2,550	Warrensville Hts./Orange	64.45	1.97%	\$1,970
Garfield Heights	81.76	2.50%	\$2,500	Strongsville	64.36	1.97%	\$1,970
Lakewood	81.20	2.49%	\$2,490	Broadview Heights	63.29	1.94%	\$1,940
Bay Village	78.49	2.40%	\$2,400	Hunting Valley	62.96	1.93%	\$1,930
Richmond Hts./S. Euclid	77.41	2.37%	\$2,370	Parma	62.80	1.92%	\$1,920
South Euclid	76.01	2.33%	\$2,330	N. Royalton/Brecksville	62.78	1.92%	\$1,920
N.Olmsted/Olmsted Falls	74.69	2.29%	\$2,290	Cleveland	62.68	1.92%	\$1,920
Lyndhurst	74.61	2.28%	\$2,280	Woodmere	62.16	1.90%	\$1,900
Orange/Warrensville	74.60	2.28%	\$2,280	Bratenahl	62.02	1.90%	\$1,900
Chagrin Falls Village	74.54	2.28%	\$2,280	Bedford Heights	61.85	1.89%	\$1,890
North Olmsted	74.18	2.27%	\$2,270	Solon/Orange	61.80	1.89%	\$1,890
Warrensville Hts.	74.09	2.27%	\$2,270	Pepper Pike/Beachwood	61.67	1.89%	\$1,890
Berea/Olmsted Falls	73.55	2.25%	\$2,250	Bedford	61.65	1.89%	\$1,890
Bentleyville	72.75	2.23%	\$2,230	Solon	61.65	1.89%	\$1,890
Moreland Hills/Chagrin Falls	72.60	2.22%	\$2,220	Gates Mills	61.17	1.87%	\$1,870
OLMSTED TOWNSHIP	72.59	2.22%	\$2,220	Glenwillow	61.01	1.87%	\$1,870
Garfield Hts./Cleveland	71.88	2.20%	\$2,220	Broadview Hts./N. Royalton	60.61	1.86%	\$1,860
North Randall	71.68	2.20%	\$2,220	Brookpark	60.51	1.85%	\$1,850
Beachwood/Warrensville	71.50	2.19%	\$2,190	Middleburg Heights	60.50	1.85%	\$1,850
OLMSTED FALLS	71.08	2.18%	\$2,180	North Royalton	60.11	1.84%	\$1,840
Bedford Heights/Orange	70.86	2.17%	\$2,170	Westlake	59.68	1.83%	\$1,830
Cleveland Hts./E. Cleveland	70.39	2.16%	\$2,160	Mayfield Heights	59.07	1.81%	\$1,810
East Cleveland	70.19	2.15%	\$2,150	Beachwood	56.62	1.73%	\$1,730
Maple Heights	69.53	2.13%	\$2,130	Brookpark/Cleveland	54.66	1.67%	\$1,670
Berea	68.89	2.11%	\$2,110	Mayfield Village	53.23	1.63%	\$1,630
Cleveland/Berea	68.53	2.10%	\$2,100	Highland Heights	53.07	1.63%	\$1,630
Fairview Park/Rocky River	67.44	2.07%	\$2,070	Linndale	52.78	1.62%	\$1,620
Fairview Park/Berea	67.34	2.06%	\$2,060	Brooklyn	52.75	1.62%	\$1,620
Pepper Pike/Orange	66.92	2.05%	\$2,050	Oakwood	52.65	1.61%	\$1,610
Rocky River	66.83	2.05%	\$2,050	Independence	51.98	1.59%	\$1,590
Newburgh Heights	66.78	2.05%	\$2,050	Walton Hills	49.15	1.51%	\$1,510
Chagrin Falls Township	66.50	2.04%	\$2,040	Valley View	47.61	1.46%	\$1,460
Parma Heights	66.48	2.04%	\$2,040	Brooklyn Heights	46.68	1.43%	\$1,430
Richmond Heights	65.73	2.01%	\$2,010	Cuyahoga Heights	46.68	1.43%	\$1,430

Source: Cuyahoga County Treasurer - 2007 Community Tax Rates

On The Move: Overview of District Transportation Operations

Every school day, the Olmsted Falls School District Transportation Department transports approximately 3,185 students. A staff of 32 full-time bus drivers, five substitute drivers, and one transportation aid, log 1,737 miles on our 34 active buses each school day. Annually, Olmsted Falls school buses travel more than 341,200 miles, when travel to and from athletic events and field trips are added to the equation!

While the majority of students are transported each day to one of the four Olmsted Falls School District buildings, many are transported to local private, parochial and special education schools – as required by law. A total of 27 schools are serviced throughout Northeast Ohio. In addition to our fleet of school buses, the District also utilizes the services of private cab companies, as

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needed, for the specialized transport of special needs students.

In order to maintain the safety of both drivers and students, drivers must adhere to specific routes and designated bus stops. The Olmsted Falls Transportation Department employs one manager, Al Cantrell, and one secretary, Jan Holecko, who set and coordinate bus routes annually along with other daily duties which keep the department running smoothly and efficiently.

Drivers attend monthly staff meetings and are involved in continuing safety education. Every driver is re-certified every six years, which involves taking classes, a written test and an on-bus test through the Ohio Department of Education. Bus drivers perform pre-trip vehicle inspections each morning and afternoon, checking the bus internally and externally for potential problems.

“Our drivers are doing an excellent job of transporting Olmsted Falls’ students safely,” said Tim Atkinson, Director of Business Affairs for Olmsted Falls Schools. Mr. Atkinson has been at the helm of the Olmsted Falls Transportation Department since 1978. (In 1999, he was named Director of Business Affairs and expanded his responsibilities to also include building and grounds maintenance.)

At the District’s bus garage, located on Schady Road, two mechanics work daily to keep the District’s fleet of buses in top working condition. Our maintenance crew has a 100% passage rate on all buses through the Ohio Highway Patrol’s annual inspection program. The maintenance staff also maintains the District’s 17 maintenance vehicles. In addition, the Olmsted Falls Transportation Department provides maintenance and/or fueling services for vehicle fleets from the City of Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township, as well as buses from Lakewood City School District, helping to generate additional revenue for the District.



Breakdown of 2007 Tax Dollar Expenditures for Olmsted Communities

Below find a breakdown of your tax dollars at work. For every dollar paid in property tax, the following local and county entities receive the specified amount from residents of Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township respectively. *Note: Olmsted Falls School District also serves students and receives tax dollars from residents living in select portions of Berea, North Olmsted and Columbia Station (in Lorain County).*

City of Olmsted Falls Tax Dollar

Olmsted Falls Schools	.59
Cuyahoga County	.17
City of Olmsted Falls	.13
Cuyahoga Community College	.03
Polaris Career Center	.03
Cuyahoga County Library	.03
Metro Parks	.02
Port Authority	<.01

Olmsted Township Tax Dollar

Olmsted Falls Schools	.58
Cuyahoga County	.17
Olmsted Township	.15
Cuyahoga Community College	.03
Polaris Career Center	.03
Cuyahoga County Library	.02
Metro Parks	.02
Port Authority	<.01

At Left: Mechanics at the District’s bus garage keep our vehicles safe.

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