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CFCSD Dates To Remember:

- Oct 26 **Evening Conferences**
All Schools
- Oct 28 **Halloween 5K/1 Mile Fam. Walk**
CFHS - 9:00am
- Nov 7 **Voting Day**
All Schools Closed

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Late October 2017

CFCSD: Five-Year Forecast

The Cuyahoga Falls City School District is forecasting flat revenue growth and increasing expenditures in the next five years. If the District continues on its current path, it will reach a projected deficit equal to 5.8 percent of its annual budget in FY 2020. Without making significant changes to revenue, the District is forecasting a deficit equal to 29 percent of its estimated 2022 annual budget.

The increasing gap between our revenue and expenditures are due to a variety of reasons:

- Decrease in local property tax revenue collections
- Aging buildings and infrastructure
- State funding Cap and formula
- Historical reduction in force

For the calendar year 2017, tax collections were down 1.2 percent as well as the delinquent tax collection rate down 1.1 percent. This equates to an estimated property tax revenue decline of approximately \$491,500 for fiscal year 2018.

Historically, the District had revenue set aside from its General Fund and placed into a Permanent Improvement Fund to pay for Capital and Infrastructure which was generated from charging rent to Schnee and Newberry. Moving forward, the District is not anticipating revenue for renting out Newberry Elementary. As such, the Permanent Improvement Funds were depleted last fiscal year and were not able to be replaced. This means that monies typically used to pay for Capital and Infrastructure will now be paid out of the General Fund which equates to an additional expenditure of approximately \$415,000.

Cuyahoga Falls City Schools is a capped school district which means that we do not collect all the State Foundation Funding we qualify for based on the Formula. For example, the District will qualify for approximately \$16.2 million, but anticipate to collect approximately \$15.7 million, or a difference of \$500,000.

The District's ability to continue to reduce expenditures outside of the classroom are no longer a viable option. Below is a historical table showing the number of students, the five-year forecast revenues, expenditures and the ending fund balance.

Year	Students	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance
FY 2004-2005	5,287	\$48,849,266	\$48,461,735	\$818,844
FY 2005-2006	5,294	\$40,943,581	\$41,336,288	\$463,043
FY 2006-2007	5,105	\$46,814,967	\$43,139,128	\$4,138,883
FY 2007-2008	5,156	\$46,967,051	\$45,624,580	\$5,300,814
FY 2008-2009	5,145	\$46,154,365	\$46,094,371	\$5,528,131
FY 2009-2010	5,145	\$44,858,922	\$45,160,214	\$5,061,636
FY 2010-2011	4,964	\$44,442,863	\$45,432,587	\$4,166,027
FY 2011-2012	4,882	\$44,983,543	\$45,202,402	\$3,941,690
FY 2012-2013	4,872	\$46,931,448	\$46,476,317	\$4,378,090
FY 2013-2014	4,941	\$47,985,166	\$47,954,413	\$4,180,555
FY 2014-2015	4,923	\$50,263,119	\$50,148,727	\$4,577,317
FY 2015-2016	4,838	\$50,215,522	\$51,263,349	\$3,385,769
FY 2016-2017	4,870	\$53,105,624	\$52,857,480	\$3,369,567
FY 2017-2018	4,855	\$52,293,474	\$53,396,370	\$2,368,731

The above table shows The District received \$48,849,266 in revenue in FY 2004-2005 compared to the estimated revenue in FY 2017-18 at \$52,293,474 which is a net increase of 7.05 percent. When you subtract out the revenue from Open Enrollment (\$3,200,929), the net operating revenue increase from FY 2004-2005 is 0.50 percent. This is an average increase of 0.035 percent each year. Since FY 2010-2011, the District has reduced 73 positions despite enrollment increasing by 33 students.



Emergency Levy Expenditure Plan Speaking Schedule

The following is a presentation schedule for the purpose of sharing the Emergency Levy expenditure plan (posted to the district website).

- 10/23 – Lincoln/Silver Lake @ Lincoln
- 10/24 – PTA Advisory @ Silver Lake
- 10/31 – Roberts/Bolich @ Bolich
- 11/6 – Athletic Boosters/IMP @ CFHS

All presentations are scheduled for 6:30pm. The presentations are intended to be approximately an hour with 30-45 minutes of presentation and 15-30 minutes of Q/A.

Issue 29

The Board of Education approved a resolution for a 4.95-mill levy to be placed on the November 7, 2017 ballot. If approved, the levy would generate \$3.6 million per year for five years and those funds will be used for capital improvements, technology, curriculum, human resources, and operating funds.

The District last received additional support from residents in May 2011 and since then, inflation has increased the cost of goods and services by 9.1 percent.

The District's 20-year bond issue, which generates 0.88 mills, expires on December 31, 2017. This will save area residents \$30.80 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation. The additional 4.95 mills will cost a property owner \$173.25 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation. The net impact of the expiration of the bond issue and

passage of the emergency levy is a total of \$142.45 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation.

Community members are invited to attend any of the *Emergency Levy Expenditure Plan* meetings that are scheduled (see schedule to the left) leading up to the vote. You can also read more about it at cfalls.org in the *News & Announcements* section.



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CFHS Halloween 5K/1Mile Family Fun Walk

Cuyahoga Falls High School Community Day
Presents:

4th Annual Health and Wellness Den Halloween 5K/1Mile Fun Run/Walk
Community Pancake Breakfast provided by CFHS National Honor Society
Trunk or Treat provided by CFEA (hosted at DeWitt Elementary)



When: October 28, 2017
Where: Cuyahoga Falls High School
Race time: 9:00am
5K - \$25 per runner
1Mile - \$25 per family
**Pancake Breakfast - runners eat first; community tickets sold day of event
Registration for race will be available online at www.cfalls.org
<http://www.cfalls.org> or by calling 330.925.4100



Begin your Halloween weekend by supporting the students of CFHS and join us for the **3rd Annual CFHS Halloween 5K/1Mile Family Fun Walk** at 9:00am on October 28th. All runners/participants will receive an event shirt

and overall winners will win a prize. Following the race there will be a pancake breakfast in the High School beginning at 9:30am (free to all runners – tickets day of are \$5). All proceeds will go to the Cuyahoga Falls High School *Health and Wellness Den* to support student academic opportunities and experiences.

Community Outreach Events Scheduled

The CFCSD is hosting free community outreach events throughout the year that will be held at the different schools incorporating various themes and activities. Community members are encouraged to attend. For more info, please check the District website at cfalls.org.

Friday, November 10 at 10:00am

Veteran's Day Celebration at DeWitt Elementary with refreshments

If you are planning on attending an event taking place during the school day, please RSVP by calling the hosting school.

CFHS: Helping Conserve Our Natural Resources

No one can dispute the importance of conserving our natural resources. CFHS Science teacher, Ms. Ashlynn Schindler, is working hard on her own and with our students to learn ways that we can be a positive impact on our environment.

As part of the *2017 AquaHacking Summit: United for Lake Erie*, Schindler, with two of the youth delegation, made up of twelve 18-35 year old young professionals working in water oriented fields centered around Lake Erie, presented their platform. "We presented our platform, www.lakeerieconnect.com as a way to link the organizations currently working towards a healthier Lake Erie with the individuals that wish to help, but do not know where to start." Schindler and her colleague's presentation was well received. She made professional connections and looks forward to using them to augment the district and science curriculum in the classroom and other courses.

These experiences have not just impacted Ms. Schindler, but they are also making an impact on some of our students as well! This summer, and over the past three years, a group of students from CFHS attended a two week program called *Learning Stream, International*, hosted by Hiram College and in partnership with students from Kent State and Case Western, as well as students from Pakistan and the Dominican Republic. At this intensive water collaboration camp, all of the students worked together to quantify the health of habitats; How healthy are these bodies of water? Students learned about local issues that impact our water, but also became acquainted with global issues such as the glacial melting and desertification that is occurring in Pakistan.

Not only are these students getting hands-on experiences and meeting people from around the globe, they are also able to receive four college credits in Field Biology!

Thank you Ms. Schindler for your dedication to our students as well as our environment!



Local Artist, Don Drumm, Meets Richardson Artists

On Wednesday, July 11, the Richardson Mural opening at City Hall did not just bring in some of our student artists and their families, but also a special guest joined the evening festivities. Akron native artist, Don Drumm, whose work inspired the three murals pictured to the left, came to see what our young artists are up to. He was not disappointed! "I feel that I can retire knowing that I am in good hands" said Drumm.

The idea of creating the work inspired by Drumm belongs to Richardson art teacher, Ms. Amber Hamilton. She led discussions on Drumm's work with 5th grade students, that helped them identify characteristics they could implement into their designs. The 5th-grade students were divided into small groups and asked to produce design concepts for the individual panels. Once the groups completed their ideas, they were shared

3-Dimensional Murals created by the students of Richardson Elementary.

with the rest of the student body who ultimately voted on their top three choices to be produced.

To create these murals, students, teachers, and staff brought in found materials. Some of the items used included: plastic eggs, beads, nuts and bolts, bead necklaces, pasta, pop tabs, and old jewelry.

In deciding on a color scheme, students wanted to make the mural panels appear metallic, similar to Drumm's artwork. A 2nd grader suggested using black and gold as the color scheme to represent the CFCSD.

This is a true example of the community working together to create something beautiful. This rotating show is made possible by Western Reserve Hospital, the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (CVAC), and Mayor Walters and the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

According to Ms. Hamilton, "I loved seeing the great teamwork and the use of the found objects. The best part was being able to have the students show off their murals to their families and share the process with them. It was pure icing on the cake to have Don Drumm come see the hard work my students put in." Executive Director of the CVAC, Ms. Danielle Dietrich, continued that thought by saying, "Having Don Drumm attend made art accessible to the kids showing that he (Drumm) is a real person."

