

2018 Clermont Chamber of Commerce Levy Questionnaire

1. **Williamsburg Local Schools**
Matthew Earley, Superintendent
Jo Anna Carraher, Treasurer

2. 5 year Renewal Emergency Levy.

We need this renewal to continue to provide the students of Williamsburg the first class education and opportunities they deserve. This is a renewal of an emergency levy that voters first approved in May 2009. We have a great team who are very committed to the success of every student and that needs to continue. Our class sizes are already above average and we cannot afford to cut anymore. Our students deserve the best instructional materials, technology, music, extra-curricular opportunities, many which are sustained through the support of this levy, therefore not passing this would jeopardize all of this and more. Our net open enrollment gain shows us that Williamsburg is an attractive option for the parents and students of surrounding districts. Without the funds from this levy, an already bare bones operation will be devastated by program cuts that will force unthinkable decisions to be made at the expense of student success. Despite our expenditures increasing, we have not asked for an increase for this levy.

3. Williamsburg Schools serve the approximately 5000 residents of the Village of Williamsburg and Williamsburg Township collectively. Based on a recent audit of our district by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, we expect an increase of 50 students over the next decade. However, that does not include housing and growth estimates associated with the South Afton Commerce development.

The number of students we serve is:

- A Fiscal Year 2014 992 students
- B Fiscal Year 2015 970 students
- C Fiscal Year 2016 1,001 students
- D Fiscal Year 2017 1,014 students
- E Fiscal Year 2018 1,027 students

4. Our employee count is as follows:

- A Fiscal Year 2014 101 employees
- B Fiscal Year 2015 102 employees
- C Fiscal Year 2016 109 employees
- D Fiscal Year 2017 108 employees
- E Fiscal Year 2018 109 employees

Our projected employee count for the next 5 years will remain much the same as FY18 provided our student count remains similar. Our current employee count is also less than FY 09, 10, &11 where it was 116, 117, and 113 respectively.

5. Our prior five year's of general fund expenditures are as follows:

A Fiscal year 2014 \$9,045,696

B Fiscal year 2015 \$9,574,613

C Fiscal year 2016 \$9,834,538

D Fiscal year 2017 \$10,634,272

E Fiscal year 2018 \$10,632,392

Our projected expenditures over the next five years will remain much the same as FY18 but are tough to predict that far out due to changes in state funding.

6. November 5, 2013 we requested a renewal emergency operating levy for \$996,826 per year and it was voted in by our taxpayers 64%-Yea, 36% Nea

7. One of our important missions is to provide exceptional service to our students and community while remaining ever vigilant to be ultra efficient with our dollars. I believe we are doing that and listed are some of the examples.

Shared Services:

- We share transportation with Batavia schools. By using one transportation department to manage two districts, we are saving costs yet providing full service busing for our students. We save on transportation management costs, personnel costs, repair costs, and even parts and fuel costs via bulk purchasing.
- We share services with Child Focus Inc. to provide top notch preschool and mental health services to our students. Through this partnership we reach more students at over half the cost than we would managing it ourselves.
- We share services with Milford schools to manage our cafeteria program. Our students are nourished with well planned, healthy, attractive meals and Williamsburg no longer has to use educational dollars to offset cafeteria losses.
- Williamsburg Local Schools belongs to the Clermont County Insurance Consortium to manage our health insurance costs for our employees. A few years ago, CCIC decided to join EPC, another consortium to further protect our investments in insurance plans and to stabilize insurance costs. The district also provides a stipend to staff who choose to defer enrollment in health insurance, further saving money for the district.


The district follows consumption rules for utilities making sure staff knows to "brown out" whenever possible to save our taxpayers money on utilities. The district has upgraded to much more energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems to further reduce consumption. We have seen results with a 25% decrease in electric costs over the last eight years.

To further prove Williamsburg Schools dedication to fiscal stability, of all the Clermont County districts, Williamsburg ranks fourth from the bottom in per pupil savings at \$8,959 per pupil. We would have ranked lower but the district has been dedicated to improving our technology in the classroom and those costs add up quickly. In fact, highest in those bottom four districts, Williamsburg funnels nearly 64% of our total costs directly into the classroom!

8. Our current operating millage for this levy is 7.43 effective (emergency levy), which costs the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$228 dollars.

9. A renewal of this emergency levy is for 7.32 mills and will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home approximately \$224 dollars.

We look forward to speaking with you on Monday morning and sharing more data of the great things we are doing at Williamsburg Schools and how the renewal of this levy is paramount to our students' and community success. Thank you for your time.




Chamber of Commerce Ballot Issue Review Presentation

September 10, 2018


District Highlights

- Continued Academic Success as measured by AIR, ACT, and college/university placements
- 72% of students to 2 or 4 year colleges
- Wildcat Pass
- Bold Goals: Academic Excellence, Accountability, Fiscal Stewardship, Community Partnership
- Early Childhood/Preschool Services
- Business Partnerships and Career Courses
- OSBA Honor Roll
- PTA, Booster Groups, Village, Two County, United Way, Child Focus, Churches, Rotary Club, Library



Facility Upgrades/Building Projects

- Abrams Field
- OFCC Facility Master Planning
- Energy Efficient upgrades
- South Afton Commerce Park
- Continued Safety and Security Upgrades
- Technology-Chromebooks, Projectors, Clevertouch



Shared Services

- Batavia Schools-Transportation
- Milford Schools-Food Service
- CCESC-Insurance Consortium and Personnel
- Child Focus-Early Childhood & Mental Health
- Cler. Co. Public Library, Clermont Chamber, United Way, WJAA

