

Network News

May 2004



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May 19 - 6 p.m. Public Hearings on School Funding

Visit <http://www.ohiofairschools.org> for details on places and times for the hearings.

May 24 - 7:30 p.m. Westerville Board of Education Board Meeting at Westerville South HS Commons

June 1- WeVOTE meeting 7 pm at the Westerville Public Library, Meeting Room A.

June 14 - 7:30 p.m. Westerville Board of Education Board Meeting at Westerville South HS Commons
<http://www.westerville.k12.oh.us/board2.htm>

Q&A

As a regular feature of our WeVOTE Newsletter, our Q&A Column will strive to provide factual, straightforward answers to your questions. Please submit questions to

wevote@wevotenetwork.com.

Q: Why is the school board cutting critical programming after we passed a levy?

A: Good question. Had the November,

2003 levy passed, property taxes would have been collected beginning in January, 2004. Since it failed, no additional money for the schools will be collected this year. That put the budget behind.

Even though the voter's approved a much smaller millage in March, 2004, which will be collected in January, 2005, the school budget is \$8.8 million behind. Therefore, cuts have to be made to balance the budget by June, 2004, in order to meet state rules.

Voters were told in November that these cuts would have to come if the levy failed. The March levy passage allowed for some funds to come into the school system while measures can be taken to stabilize finances and make a 10 year financial plan. More revenue is needed.

We've moved!

We've moved! WeVOTE has a new website and yahoo group address. These changes will provide our group with better accessibility and flexibility as we move ahead with our efforts to communicate and be responsive to the Westerville School District Community. Our website and yahoo group will provide up to date communications, newsletters, and discussions of happenings within the school district.

Please make note of our new addresses:

Website: www.WeVOTEnetwork.com

Email: wevote@wevotenetwork.com

Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wevotenetwork/>

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SCHOOL FUNDING CURE IS OVER DUE

An article by Christopher S. Mohr
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This article can be read online at
<http://www.wevotenetwork.com/wevote/id103.html>

SURVEY:

What do you currently do as a parent group to enrich your school's academics? Describe your programs and list any budget.

What would you like to see done?

For teachers:

What would you like to see in the way of curriculum support/enrichment?

What do you currently do or have previously done to support/enrich the curriculum? (i.e. Book in a Bag, Math in a Bag, etc)

You may send an email to survey@wevotenetwork.com with your survey response. Or you can fill out the survey on our web site. Your input is important to making sure our students have multiple opportunities for learning.

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