

# LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

Before spring break commences, I want to share some important information and provide an update regarding the District's upcoming school levy.

As you may have heard, our Board of Education has taken advantage of a relatively new ballot option for Ohio school districts by placing a 10-year "substitute" levy on the May 7, 2019 ballot. This levy will not increase existing property tax payments because it will effectively substitute two existing "emergency" levies that are set to expire in 2021 and 2023.

Emergency levies are fixed-amount levies. Combined, our two existing emergency levies raise \$10.6 million annually – no more, no less. However, a substitute levy allows us to also collect on the growth of new people moving to the community – without increasing the taxes residents and businesses currently pay. As one of the fastest-growing Ohio school districts in terms of student enrollment, this makes a substitute levy a great option for us. Renewing the expiring levies early will help secure economic stability for the future of the district.

If you have questions regarding the levy, or about the school district in general, I invite you to join district administrators and members of the Board of Education for a levy information meeting Tues., April 16, at 6 p.m. This will take place at Central Middle School's cafeteria during our community outreach time, prior to the regular Board of Education meeting. You can also find more information about the levy on a new section of the district website, <http://www.lhschools.org/LevyInfo.aspx>.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent