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LET YOUR VOICE ★★★★★★ BE HEARD!

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, August 7.

All eligible residents are encouraged to register to vote. The registration process is fast and easy. The deadline to register to vote for the August 7 election is July 9, 2018.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 9 – Last day to register to vote

August 4 – Last day to request an absentee ballot

August 6 – Last day to turn in your absentee ballot

August 7 – Election day: polls are open
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Find more information, registration forms and absentee ballot requests on the Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/register/>



HIGHLANDER HEADLINER

SUMMER EDITION





ISSUE 1

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

By Jeff Brandt, Oak Hills Superintendent

The Oak Hills Board of Education is currently seeking taxpayer approval for an operating levy on August 7, 2018. If approved, these resources will allow the district to implement additional safety, security and mental health services across all school buildings.

With the assistance of former Green Township Police Chief, Bart West, we have strategically identified recommendations that include adding school police resource officers to cover the high school and middle schools at all times. In addition, the levy would provide armed security assistance with coverage at all elementary buildings, additional mental health specialists to serve students and families and link them to social services, front entrance infrastructure improvements to secure visitor check-in procedures in all buildings, improvements to classroom doors, additional cameras focused on entrance and exit doors and new technology to directly alert local law enforcement agencies in the event of an emergency.



In addition, funds will assist us in securing our financial position and our rich tradition of excellence and high quality educational opportunities and programs for all students.

We can all agree that times have drastically changed in the area of school safety. These recent tragic and senseless acts of violence have a profound impact on all of us and we are committed to ensuring that the Oak Hills School District is proactive in providing resources to protect our children and staff. Our mission is clear, to ensure all students and staff are safe and keep our focus on providing meaningful educational opportunities so all students reach their full potential.

We value the Oak Hills community and your support to maintain our competitive advantage for our students. We strive to provide an innovative, contemporary and professional learning environment leading to diverse opportunities and potential career paths for our graduates.

If you seek additional information regarding Issue 1, please visit our district website at www.ohlsd.us. If you do not have internet access and would like information mailed to you, please call our district office at 513-574-3200. I encourage you to exercise your right to vote on August 7, 2018.

Keep Oak Hills strong and protect our children!

SPECIFICALLY, PASSAGE OF ISSUE #1 WILL PROVIDE:



Consistent armed professional police/security



Building upgrades



Mental health specialists



Secure classroom doors

AUGUST 7 IS AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY.

Please stay informed - visit ohlsd.us or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The students of Oak Hills Schools are fortunate to have had the long-standing support of Oak Hills residents, and the result is our excellent school system. The Oak Hills School District provides the community a strong and rigorous education for its students. Below are just some of many accomplishments that we can all be proud of:

- Language Immersion programs continue at C.O. Harrison, J.F. Dulles and Oakdale Elementary allowing students to learn a second language during the course of their regular school day.
- Two students were named National Merit Semifinalists during the 2017-18 school year.
- The District Preschool programs at J.F. Dulles and Delshire Elementary Schools have both been awarded a 5-Star rating for meeting the quality standard established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education. The 5-Star Award is the highest-possible award.
- Oak Hills offers 32 advanced placement courses in all of the core subjects of math, science, history and language arts. AP courses are also offered for electives such as foreign languages, arts, computer science, microeconomics and macroeconomics. Fourteen College Credit Plus courses are offered as another way to earn college credit without having to take an AP class and the high school also offers 48 honors classes.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



The philanthropic spirit of our Highlanders is inspirational as they raise money and donate their time for local non-profit organizations making an impressive impact on the world around them.

- Oak Hills district students raised \$39,888 for the American Heart Association through jump-a-thons, basketball tournaments and donation drives.
- OHHS students donated \$32,000 to local charities through their 9th annual Walk Oak Hills including: Anderson Ferry Food Pantry, Delhi Township Senior Center, Green Township Senior Center, Ronald McDonald House, Children's Miracle Network and Honor Flight.
- Oak Hills High School community service club was started this year. They started with a litter clean up around our community. More than 20 jumbo trash bags were filled with countless plastic and glass bottles, food bags and packaging, cups, aluminum cans, plastic bags, general trash that were then sorted and divided to be properly recycled.

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The district takes pride in eliminating costs and saving money. The district understands the importance of operating strong academic programs while being budget conscious. Examples include:

- Refinancing our debt obligations, which resulted in \$4.9 million of savings to our constituents.
- Oak Hills Schools have consistently received the Ohio Auditor of State award for a "commitment to accountability."
- Energy efficiency systems to improve the comfort, control and reliability of the district's HVAC and lighting systems are expected to significantly reduce operational costs and generate at least \$373,835 in annual savings.
- Find updated financial information at: ohlsd.us

