



# The Midview Schools

## ***E - NEWSLETTER***

The last month has been, without question, a challenging one. Our economy is in a recession, our schools are in the midst of making \$1.2 million in cuts from the budget, we've had extreme weather challenges, and to accommodate all of these conditions, there have been many changes in the operations of our schools. Times such as this makes communication between the schools and the community critical—an unfortunately, this is right when we don't have the budget to pay for traditional communication methods. This is why we must rely upon news coverage by our local newspapers, in addition to this e-newsletter and [www.MidviewK12.org](http://www.MidviewK12.org), our district website: they're free.

And wouldn't you know it? Right in the midst of all of these challenges, the database where our e-newsletter distribution lists are stored—crashed. While some addresses were recovered, the majority of the e-mail additions and changes made this school year have been lost. And so, we are now again in the process of rebuilding our E-News distribution list, and we would so appreciate your help.

Our first step is to make sure that everyone receiving this e-newsletter, really wants to receive it. If we were given your name mistakenly, we apologize. If this is the case please let us know and we will remove you from future mailings. [Click here to be removed from this mailing](#). Also, if you have a friend or neighbor who you think would be interested in receiving this E-Newsletter, please forward it on or [share their e-mail address](#). We appreciate anything you can do to help keep the district informed. Now, on with the news...

## **TOP STORIES**

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### **Midview Seeks Highly Qualified Candidate for Superintendent**

At the January Board of Education Meeting, the Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of current superintendent, Howard Dulmage. Having served the Midview Schools for 4 years, Dulmage has played a crucial role in stabilizing the district through some difficult transitions, and has become beloved by staff members for his philosophy to “fight the good fight to provide opportunities for kids”. A regular face at school events and community events throughout the district, his leadership and joyful chuckle will be missed. To know Howard Dulmage is to truly appreciate the saying, “A Scottish Friend is a Friend for Life.” Dulmage is assisting the Board in its search for a new superintendent. [Click here for details](#).

### **Midview Welcomes its Newest Board of Education Member**

A Wal-Mart manager and product of the Midview educational system will be the newest member of the Board of Education. Bob Butler, 39, was selected by the board to serve the remaining year of the four-year term left vacant by Robert Callaway, who died in January. Butler has been the general manager at the Wal-Mart in Elyria for the last eight years and continued in that capacity at the Supercenter at Chestnut Commons when it opened May 2007. He also has two children in the district, a twin boy and girl in the fourth grade. [Learn more about Bob Butler](#).

### **New Pay-to-Participate Details**

Raising the pay-to-participate fees is yet another measure the district is making to help meet its goal of cutting \$1.2 million from the budget now that the levy has not passed. The levy was offered to the public twice on the ballot in 2008--once in March, and once in November--and was voted down both times. The increase in pay-to-participate will help the district recuperate \$330,000 annually in coaching salaries, transportation, and maintenance costs. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## Log on to [MidviewK12.org](http://MidviewK12.org) for School Closings and Delays

It is always a difficult decision to close school as it affects over 3,000 students and their families in the Midview community. As always, the decision is based on current weather road conditions, input from neighboring schools, weather stations and state police. When the decision is made, it is with the understanding that our children's safety is the top priority. Midview School's closing announcements and rescheduled events are broadcasted on the front page of the district website at [www.MidviewK12.org](http://www.MidviewK12.org). [You can also check out the following local television and radio stations...](#)

## Where Do Schools Get Their Money?

With the recent cuts underway, there have been many questions about how Midview's income fares in comparison to other school districts in Northeast Ohio. On average, Ohio's districts get about 42 percent of their revenue from the state, 50 percent from local taxpayers and 8 percent from the local government. But the average masks a wide variation in how much money is available per pupil and how much of that comes from each sector. In Northeast Ohio, the most recent data show Beachwood had the most revenue per pupil while Midview had nearly the least-second only to one other school district--a difference of nearly \$14,000 per student. [For a full breakdown of income per pupil in Northeast Ohio school districts, click here.](#)

## Heard a Rumor About Your Schools? Looking for the Facts?

The Midview Schools are continually striving to communicate relevant, factual information to our community. The Midview website has a "MythBusters" portal designed to help community members anonymously contact us to help clarify or dispel rumors that are circulating in the district. If you have a rumor you would like addressed, please [tell us about it](#). And check out some of the other questions and concerns of your fellow community members by [clicking here](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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02/12	<a href="#">Band Boosters 7:00 p.m.</a>	Midview High School
02/12	<a href="#">Elementary PTA 4:30 p.m.</a>	Midview West Elementary
02/13	<a href="#">Elementary Room Parties</a>	N/A
02/13	<a href="#">MS/HS PTA 10:00 a.m.</a>	N/A
02/14	<a href="#">Valentine's Day</a>	All Schools
02/16	<a href="#">President's Day: No School</a>	All Schools
02/17	<a href="#">Choir Boosters 7:00 p.m.</a>	Midview High School
02/17	<a href="#">Midview School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.</a> <a href="#">What Happened at the January Board Meeting?</a>	Midview West Elementary
02/18	<a href="#">MMS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.</a>	Midview Middle School
02/19	<a href="#">Kiwanis Club 6:30 p.m.</a>	North Park Community Room
02/19	<a href="#">MHS Blood Drive</a>	Midview High School
02/20	<a href="#">Interims</a>	All Schools

02/20	<a href="#">MMS Dance 2:30 p.m.</a>	Midview Middle School
02/24	<a href="#">No School: Professional Training Day</a>	All Schools
02/26	<a href="#">International Dinner 5:30</a>	Midview High School
02/26	<a href="#">MS/HS Conferences</a>	N/A

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