



Community Input Informs Board as They Face Difficult District Decisions

After voters defeated a 2.5 mill permanent improvement levy in March, the Midview School Board contracted Burges and Burges Strategists to conduct surveys that examine community attitudes to determine why this issue failed, as well as provide insight into voters' general attitudes towards the schools.

Midview currently has the LOWEST per pupil instructional costs in Lorain County. The March Levy would have raised \$1.2 million to purchase educational necessities such as textbooks and classroom technology; replace aging buses that have become unreliable and costly to maintain; update security systems at the middle school and high school for the safety of our students; and make major repairs to the district to protect your investment in your schools. With this levy voted down, the district faces a deficit of more than \$1 million projected for 2010.

Since April, Burges and Burges associates have been surveying Midview staff, parents, and community members, helping the Board to decide what to do next: go back to the ballot in November, or cut more than one million dollars from the budget, including laying off teachers and staff and cutting programs—moves which would have a negative impact on student learning. This is a critical time for the schools, and we appreciate all those who have provided their input. Stay tuned to this publication and the Midview website for the latest information.

Congratulations 2008 Midview Graduates!



Congratulations to the 278 Seniors who represent the 52nd graduating class of Midview High School. The class of 2008 was awarded over \$1,439,773 in scholarships and grants. Class Valedictorian was Lauren Gauvreau, and Salutatorian was Theresa Hutka. Nearly 83% are seeking post-secondary education all across the nation, including the United States Armed Forces, Lorain County Community College, University of Akron, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Bowling Green State University, Heidelberg

College, Hiram College, Loyola University of Chicago, Miami University, Oberlin College, Ohio University, University of Tennessee, and University of Toledo. Log on to www.MidviewK12.org to view the online photo gallery.

Staff Retire with 194 Years of Experience

Congratulations to the nine staff members who retired at the end of the school year. With 194 combined years of service, their dedication and many contributions to Midview's students are much appreciated, and will be greatly missed!

The following individuals retired at the end of the 2007-2008 school year:



Pictured L to R: Jan Manning, Susan Keck, David Ineman, Nancy Martin, Carolyn Giese, and Holly Fabian

- **Nancy Martin**, 5th Grade Teacher at West Elementary (29 years)
- **Linda Clifford**, High School Spanish Teacher (22 years)
- **Holly Fabian**, 1st Grade Teacher at East Elementary (21 years)
- **Susan Keck**, High School Spanish Teacher (24 years)
- **Carolyn Giese**, Hourly Cook at North Elementary (29 years)
- **Jan Manning**, High School Secretary III (24 years)
- **Loretta Clifton**, Bus Driver (25 years)
- **David Ineman**, Bus Driver (10 years)
- **Melva Little**, Hourly Custodian at Willow Creek (10 years)

MHS and MMS Students Help Elementary Teachers with Restructuring Moves

On the last day of the school year, students at the middle school and high school pitched in to help our elementary school teachers with some heavy lifting as the district prepares for a reorganization at the elementary school buildings.

Next year East Elementary School will become an intermediate school hosting all 5th and 6th graders.

North and West Elementary Schools will become "primary" buildings, hosting students in Kindergarten through 4th grade.

This restructuring is financially necessary. The change will allow for more of a balance in our widely diverse economic and social population so that we do not suffer a loss of Federal or State funding.

Even more important—it's good for our students. The intermediate school (5th and 6th grades) will allow us to better transition these students to the middle school, while giving them the benefit of opportunities to work together academically. They will have additional playground space, and more opportunities for the arts. The North and West primary buildings will have the opportunity to better coordinate their programs, and provide more focus on the needs of younger students before they get behind.

With a deficit budget on the horizon, we are doing all we can to save money while still doing what is best for students. Thank you to our students, staff, and community for your support!

Reminder to parents: It is our goal to post teacher and room assignments at the elementary buildings by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008.

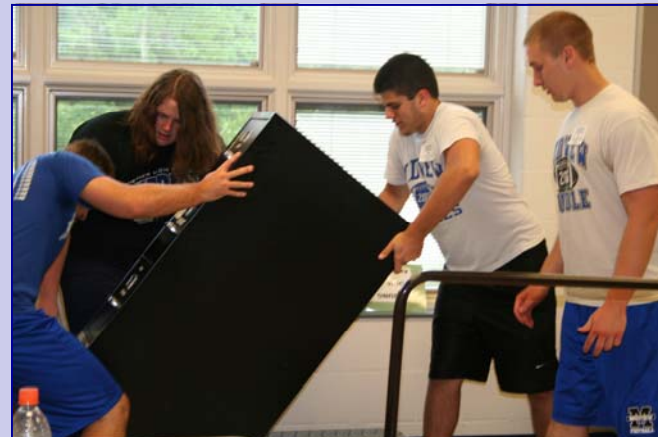
Board and Community Set Goals for 2009

On Saturday, May 10, twenty-five volunteers from the Midview community and staff volunteered their time to help the Midview Board set and achieve goals for the 2008-2009 school year. This process began in 2006 as a way to help rebuild trust through regular "coffee talk" meetings, in which the community was encouraged to share their questions and concerns face-to-face with the new Board.

Since that time, the process has grown into annual Long Range Planning sessions in which the Board—with community input—sets goals to build upon the district's strengths and focus on needs. The goals set for this year are:

Goal #1: The Board will establish trust through open and honest communication;
Goal #2: Develop and communicate instructional, operational and financial plans;
Goal #3: The Board will review, modify and finalize the Master Building Plan, and
Goal #4: The Board will encourage the development of our students' compassion, honesty, integrity and respect within a stable learning environment.

Goal committees will meet over the summer to establish action steps, and report back in August. **If you would like to be involved on a Long Range Planning Committee, please contact the Midview Board Office at (440) 926-7605.**



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