



Success

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QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Renewal Levy on the November 2nd ballot

Dear Resident:

As we head into the autumn season, I want to thank students, staff, parents...and really, the entire community for assisting us in our efforts to successfully launch the 2021-2022 school year. The spirit of cooperation and positivity throughout Shelby has been a blessing for our school district and has been paramount to the accomplishments we have been fortunate to achieve thus far, whether that success is found in academics, performing arts, or athletics. Thank you!

As most of you are aware, Shelby schools have been operating with in-person learning and with masks optional since the school year began in August. When this newsletter went to press, our hope was to continue with that practice as long as our COVID-related issues continue to be manageable. To that end, please know that the district will continue to monitor our numbers on a regular basis, but also keep in mind that protocols and processes are subject to change, particularly if there were to be a surge of COVID-19 or a variant. To assist the school district, it is important that parents continue to monitor their children's health...and equally important, if a child is displaying any symptoms of



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*- Tim Tarvin, Superintendent
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illness, please keep them at home and do not let them return to school until they are symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medication. Also, it's worth noting that we do have many students and staff who are wearing face coverings on a daily basis; this greatly reduces the possibility of quarantining if they are identified as a close contact to a positive case. Again, thank you for your extraordinary efforts to help keep our schools open and operating safely.

Shelby citizens are incredibly well informed, but I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to remind our readers that the district has a renewal levy on the November 2nd ballot. It is important to note that this ballot issue is not a new tax. This issue was first passed in 1987 and the monies collected from this levy go toward textbooks, technology, supplies, staffing and utilities. Please know that no money collected from this levy will be spent on either

of the two construction projects taking place in our district. As a matter of fact, if neither of these projects had ever been undertaken, the district would still be on the ballot in November.

As always, if you have questions about an article in this newsletter, or anything else for that matter, please feel free to contact the Board of

Education office at your convenience.

Thanks again for your incredible support, stay safe; go Whippets!

Tim Tarvin

Superintendent, Shelby City Schools



Updates from the treasurer

Beth Lykins, Treasurer

Student safety is of the utmost importance to Shelby City Schools. We are committed to investing in necessities to provide a safe environment not only while our students are in our school buildings, but also while being transported to and from school.

We transport 715 students through ten routes, totaling 850 miles a day. Our bus maintenance department keeps our buses very well maintained, doing all they can to keep our buses going safely. This year, we purchased two new buses at the cost of \$101,471 per bus to ensure our students have access to safe transportation to school.

Additionally, we understand the financial burden of the global pandemic has affected our community. As a result, we have waived instructional fees for the 2021-2022 school year. We want to help in any way we can.

We strive to continue to be the strong financial stewards the Shelby community deserves.



Student Leaders Emerge Through Leader in Me Program

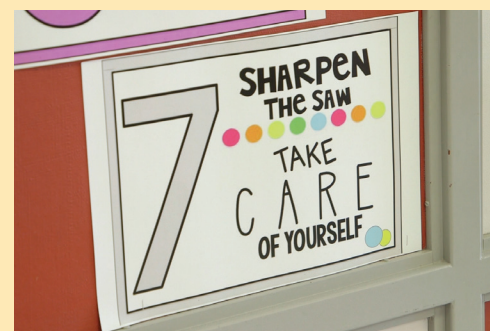
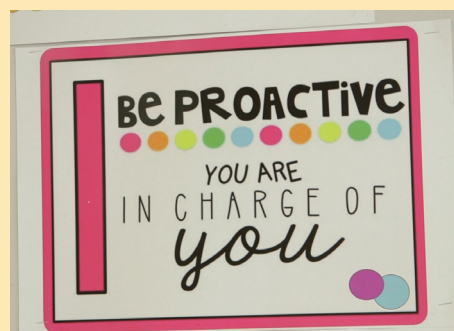
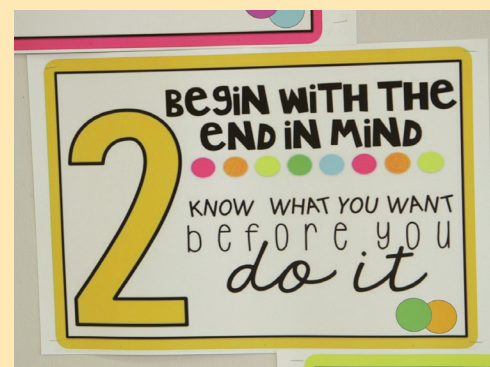
Leader in Me is an evidenced based Social Emotional Learning (SEL) process that will help to equip our students and staff with tools needed to maximize growth and achievement. Shelby City Schools launched the programs with students in the Fall of 2020 and the benefits have already become evident.

This is an intentional and proactive approach to develop collaboration and cohesiveness within the Shelby Schools community. The students are rising to the occasion, working as leaders and role models within the schools.

Students are engaging in daily lessons with content to learn the language used to elevate emotional competencies. These skills reach beyond the world of middle school; they are life skills.

The beauty of this program is watching students who typically may not step into a leader role build the confidence to do so. We are creating a community of leaders. While we will eventually phase out of the daily lessons, the skillset will continue to strengthen as our students incorporate the language and actions into their everyday lives.

Through *Leader in Me*, Shelby is fostering a positive climate and we cannot wait to witness more of the benefits.





Zero Tax Increase Emergency Renewal Levy on November 2 Ballot

On November 2, 2021, an emergency renewal levy will be on the Election Day ballot. This **zero tax increase** renewal levy generates around \$950,000 annually and helps fund the everyday operations of our schools. Since 1987, this emergency levy has been renewed every five years.

The passage of this renewal levy would allow Shelby City Schools to plan for the future with a stable funding source for operations. Educating students through a pandemic has shown us how unexpected costs can quickly become a reality. Because of funding like that generated by the renewal levy, our district was able to provide needed resources for students when education was interrupted by the global pandemic.

To be clear, funds from operating levies such as this one are **not** used for construction projects. The district is allocating the Rover Pipeline tax payments to the district's construction projects. This type of levy helps provide teachers, textbooks, supplies, and utilities.



A Community Affair: The Senior Citizen Breakfast at Shelby High School

On September 29, Shelby High School (SHS) hosted some very special guests. Good food, great music, and fantastic company came together for a successful Senior Citizen Breakfast featuring a performance by the SHS Pep Band.

Our school cafeteria is more than a place for school lunches, it is a space that serves the community. It was wonderful to host the senior citizens of the community and provide an opportunity for the generations to interact.

The next Senior Citizen Breakfast will take place on December 1 at 9 am. All are welcome! We invite you to join us.





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Construction Progress Forges Ahead

We continue to progress on our PreK-8 and athletic complex construction projects. Watching the PreK-8 building come to life has been exciting. We continue to add photos to our construction gallery as the project forges ahead!

The building will be two stories tall, approximately 155,000 square feet, and it will house about 1300 students and 150 staff members. The project is on track for completion by August of 2022. The new building will house all of the students who attend Auburn Elementary (1949), Dowds Elementary (1956), Shelby Middle School (1965), and Little Whippets Preschool.

Our new athletic complex is also shaping up. While the complex is completely funded, we have allowed community members to help enhance the complex through sponsorships. To date, sponsorships for Whippet Plaza,

the press box, stadium scoreboard, baseball field scoreboard, and locker room/athletic trainer facility have been secured. There are still opportunities for fans to support the Whippet Athletic Complex with varying sponsorship amounts. If you would like to donate to the Whippet Athletic Complex, please contact the board office.

We will continue to communicate with the Whippet community every step of the way!

