



SUCCESS



SUMMER 2021

QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Community Spirit Shown During Pandemic

Dear Resident:

We are excited to welcome our students and staff members back to school for the 2021-2022 school year. At the time of writing this newsletter, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, as well as other health organizations, are beginning to release guidance and recommendations for schools as the situation with Covid-19 and variants evolve. As of now, the City of Shelby Health Department is making the recommendation that students and staff wear face coverings during the school day. However, unlike last school year, face coverings will not be a requirement, they are optional for students and staff throughout the school day. The one exception to optional face coverings is in respect to school transportation. At this time, federal mandates require students and staff to wear face coverings while on school buses. Please know that the Shelby City Schools will continue to monitor and discuss the recommendations from the City of Shelby Health Department, as well as state agencies, as we prepare for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your patience as we work through the details to make the best



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*- Tim Tarvin, Superintendent
Shelby City Schools*

decisions for our students, staff and community, and we will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.

It's also important to note that, like last year, we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff so please know, we will be: promoting physical distancing, performing daily deep cleaning, encouraging hand washing, and following any future guidance or directives from the health department. Of course, we are hopeful that the school year will be

as normal as possible, and if issues arise, they will be kept to a minimum. Thank you for your flexibility and support in this matter.

One quality that makes Shelby such a wonderful community is that when the community is met with extraordinary challenges, Shelbians pull together, support one another, and work collectively for the

common good. It was the spirit of Shelby that fostered success last school year and I am confident it will also propel our schools in the coming year. As the superintendent of the Shelby City Schools, I want to thank students, staff, parents, and the entire community of Shelby for your continued work and support.

In this newsletter, we are excited to share Shelby City Schools happenings including summer activities, safety town, facility

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 12	5pm	Dowds/Auburn Open House Grades 1-4
	6pm	SMS Open House Grade 5 and any new students
	7pm	SMS Grades 6, 7 and 8 pick up schedules
	6:30pm	SHS Grade 9 and new student orientation
Aug 13	10am	SHS Grade 9 and new student orientation
Aug 17		First Day of School Grades 1-12
Aug 18		Kindergarten Open House - Group A: 5:30-6:30pm and Group B: 6:30-7:30pm



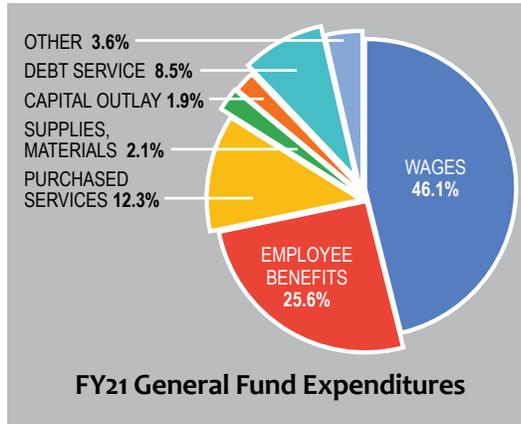
Financial Update

Beth Lykins, Treasurer

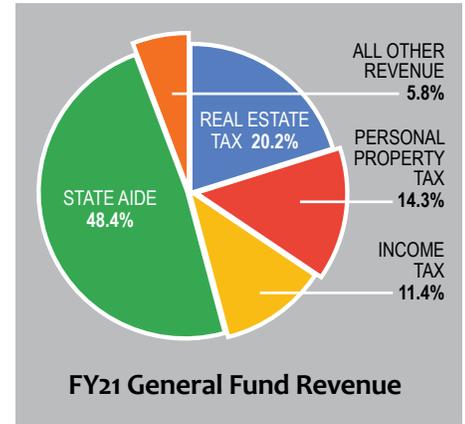
Shelby City Schools values the physical, mental AND financial well-being of our staff. The district will be hosting a Wellness Day for employees of the district on August 16, 2021. A biometric screening will be available and annuity vendors will be present to help employees prepare for retirement. We have also invited local providers (such as local hospitals, the health department, the library, senior center, and banks) who provide physical, mental, and financial wellness to community members.

At Shelby City Schools, we vow to be the fiscal stewards the Shelby community deserves, making both fiscally responsible and transparent decisions. The following is a breakdown of our FY21 general fund expenditures and revenue.

For FY21, 71.7% of our general fund was spent on instructional support. This includes wages and employee benefits, such as retirement, insurance, Medicare, workers



compensation, substitute teachers, and tuition reimbursement. Purchased services, including state-mandated programming, utilities/insurance, special education services, extracurricular transportation, and other legal and professional services comprise 12.3% of total expenditures. Another 8.5% of the general fund is debt services, which includes payments for the PreK-8 building and the athletic complex. It is important to note that these construction projects are fueled by pipeline funding. Equipment and supplies, such as facility and classroom supplies and technology are covered by 2.1% of the general fund. The remaining 3.6% is miscellaneous costs.



While 48.4% of our revenue is provided by the state, the support of our community is a large source of funding for our schools. Over forty-five percent of our general fund is comprised of real estate, personal property (including Rover Pipeline money), and income taxes. The zero tax increase operating levy on the November ballot, if passed, would help to maintain this portion of the district's cash flow.

At Shelby City Schools, we value individualized learning, and our expenditures are a reflection of such. We are committed to using our funds in the most impactful and responsible manner. If you have any questions about our budget, you can contact Beth Lykins at 419-342-3530 or lykins.bethl@shelbyk12.org.

ZERO TAX INCREASE Renewal Levy Will Be On November 2 Ballot

Lorie White, BOE President

At the June 21 Board of Education meeting, the school board unanimously approved placing a levy before voters on the November 2, 2021 ballot. The renewal of a zero tax increase operating levy, if passed, will fund education essentials for students such as supplies, utilities, textbooks, and teachers.

The emergency levy, first presented to voters in 1987, was passed and has been renewed every five years since then by voters. The renewal levy again, if passed, will generate zero additional taxes for Shelby taxpayers. The renewal levy generates a total of

\$950,000 per year and helps fund the daily operations of the schools. These funds will not be used for new construction in the district. The current construction projects are being funded by limited, one-time pipeline funding. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on pipeline funding being available for the future.

It is funding like this renewal levy that allows Shelby to provide excellent academic programming while preparing for challenges similar to what we have seen over the past two years, without putting a considerable strain on our budget.



learning continues in the summer



Kindergarteners Spend Fun, Educational Week in Safety Town

Safety Town originated in Mansfield in 1937 and has been a Shelby tradition for 43 years. Each year, students entering kindergarten participate in this fun, educational week. However, in 2020, we were unable to host Safety Town due to the pandemic. As a result, we offered open enrollment for students who missed their opportunity to attend Safety Town last year which culminated in the participation of 150 students entering kindergarten and first grade.

The mission of this programming is to provide a well-rounded safety primer for children regarding dangers present in everyday situations and to foster a spirit of good citizenship and respect at an early age.

Students from Shelby City Schools and other neighboring districts attended Safety Town at Dowds Elementary from June 7 through June 11, 2021.

This program includes age-appropriate activities such as stories, short videos, safety songs, games, and craft projects to address a multitude of safety topics. Pedestrian and traffic safety are emphasized in Safety Town and other important lessons include "stranger danger," good touch/bad touch, trusted adults, fire hazards, medicine and drug safety, and gun safety.



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projects, the renewal levy on the ballot in November, and of course back-to-school information. Transparency is important to us. If you have questions about the information in this newsletter or any other Shelby City Schools matter, we welcome conversation. Please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Education.

Again, thank you for all that you do for our students and school district, enjoy the rest of your summer and go Whippets!

Tim Tarvin
Superintendent, Shelby City Schools

Duck Chuck™, Open Mic™ All Part of Hands-On Learning Experiences at Camp Invention

From June 1 through June 4, 2021, 106 campers entering kindergarten through fifth grade experienced Camp Invention! With the help of 19 middle school and high school student helpers, students explored STEM conceptions through hands-on challenges.

This year's program, Recharge, focused on developing self-confidence and

sparking creativity. Students engaged in Open Mic™, a module that allows students to develop their own inventions after learning through reverse engineering a wireless microphone. They also engaged in Duck Chuck™, where students design and build a launcher for rubber ducks.





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Construction Projects Moving Forward For Shelby Schools

Pre-K-8 Building



It is an exciting time for Shelby Schools! This summer has been full of progress on our Pre-K-8 and athletic complex construction projects, funded by the Rover pipeline money. The footers have been poured for the Pre-K building and the walls, plumbing and electrical are underway! We are in the process of pouring the floors and applying the veneer.

Our new athletic complex is shaping up. The home bleachers are complete as is the football practice field west of the aux gym. The visitor's bleachers, press box, score boards, and field lighting have all been ordered and we are looking to install the foundation for the press box and work on the site for the visitor's stands soon.

We will continue to communicate with our community as we inch closer to filling the hallways and stands with Whippets!



Athletic Complex

