

Good Morning,

I wanted to officially share that the Operating Referendum was passed with the election on Tuesday. This gives the School District the ability to levy up to \$550,000 above the revenue limits each of the next four years starting with the current year 2024-2025. We are still hopeful that the lawmakers could help all school districts in our area out with their next State Biennial Budget. Until that happens, this is necessary to help support our programs and to keep up with the operating costs of the District. We are planning to fix our parking lot in the summer of 2025 and aim to budget half of these costs in the 2024-2025 Budget and the other half in the 2025-2026 Budget. As a reminder, the additional funds in the referendum will help cover the rising costs that we have seen in recent years and support upcoming curriculum updates as well.

I want to thank everyone for their support of our School District! It is amazing how much pride our community has in our School and on behalf of our students. I have shared with our 7-12 students that taxpayers have made a statement. With your support, it sends our students a message that you all believe in their future and in the work that our School Staff does. I am both honored and thankful that you believe in our School District and stepped up to support us! Thank you!

We will continue to budget conservatively and with a purpose. Our goals include continuous improvement in student learning, retaining a high quality staff, maintaining our facilities, amongst many other goals on our strategic plan. We also want to continue marketing our school district and make it an attractive place to move. We also have housing opportunities in town with the subdivision and we are hopeful that this can help our school grow in enrollment as we move forward. If you have seen the most recent Belmont Housing study, it definitely points to a lot of positive. Data shows that Belmont is a desirable place to be and our goal is to continue to have the safest and best school around!

Have a great rest of your week! Please remember that we have a 1 pm dismissal today and we have Parent-Teacher Conferences today 1:30-7:00.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent