

# Your Money Matter\$

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*A Publication for Highland Taxpayers about Highland Local School District Finances*

## Questions Important to Taxpayers...

- \*How are your tax dollars being spent?
- \*Why will the Highland Schools need more money in the future?
- \*Why are levies on the ballot so often? Why don't they last forever?
- \*What does "millage" mean to you?
- \*Why aren't schools run like businesses?
- \*Is our enrollment increasing?
- \*How do enrollment levels affect district finances?
- \*What are Highland's future facilities needs?
- \*What has the Highland district done to save money?

## Introducing...Your Money Matter\$

The Highland Local School District is working with the Highland Financial Advisory Panel to publish quarterly articles regarding the finances and operation of our school district. The "Your Money Matter\$" publication will attempt to answer the questions listed above, and provide pertinent information relevant to the district's finances.

## Financial Advisory Panel

As a result of the 1999 Highland Strategic Plan, a Financial Advisory Panel was established. Community representatives from four of the townships in our district provide an independent review of school district finances, communicate this information to the citizens and maintain dialogue with the Board of Education about financial issues. They have developed and prioritized a capital improvement budget and recommended the additional classroom space that was needed at the middle school. They have provided invaluable expertise, assistance and recommendations on many areas of the district's budget.

## Feedback is Welcome

If you have comments to share about this newsletter, questions about Highland's finances or inquiries about district operations, please contact Tracy Goebel at [tgoebel@highlandschools.org](mailto:tgoebel@highlandschools.org), or 330-239-1901 ext. 1261. You can also contact any Financial Advisory Panel member. We will try to address all questions in the next edition of "Your Money Matter\$."

## Your Money Matter\$ Online

Your Money Matters will be posted on our website. Log onto [www.highlandschools.org](http://www.highlandschools.org), click on the link that says "Administration," then click on the "Treasurer" tab.

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