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PARMA WEST BUILDING



PARMA EAST BUILDING

Renderings from GPD

- Parma City School District new construction bond issue will be on the ballot May 4, 2021.
- If passed, PCSD will cut the number of high school and middle school buildings from six to two.
- The two new school buildings will each house grades 6-12 with a middle and high school sharing one roof but featuring their own entrances, administration and classroom spaces.
- The 6.3-mill bond issue will cost taxpayers \$18.38 per month per \$100,000 of their home value. The term of the bond issue is 37 years.
- The bond issue can only be used for construction of buildings, not operating expenses.
- The state will pay \$69 million of the cost of new construction. The state will not provide any funding to renovate current buildings.



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A Message From The Superintendent



Charles Smialek, Ph.D.
PCSD Superintendent

Happy 2021! We are hopeful that vaccinations and continued focus on health measures such as wearing face masks and social distancing will allow us all to enjoy a much more normal year than 2020 presented!

Our Board of Education recently approved resolutions to place the funding of our strategic consolidation plan on the May ballot for community residents to consider. Interest rates are currently lower than last summer's, allowing us to lower the millage of our bond issue to 6.3, costing taxpayers \$18.38 per month per \$100,000 of their home value.

Our need is real. Quite simply, we should no longer be a three high school district. Passage of this bond issue will allow us to cut the number of high school and middle school buildings we operate from six to two. The two new school buildings will house grades 6-12 with a middle and high school sharing one roof but featuring their own entrances, administration and classroom spaces. This reduction will save us over \$1,000,000 in operating costs per year. More importantly, new schools will have updated technology, a STEM learning center and Career & Technical Education classrooms that will allow our students to compete for high paying jobs when they graduate from high school. The state will pay \$69 million of the cost of construction.

If we cannot pass a bond issue, we will soon be forced to consolidate our students into old schools, the youngest of which opened during the Lyndon B. Johnson

administration. In 2017, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, or OFCC, conducted an assessment of the interior of our secondary schools. The OFCC used a 26-point checklist to look at the nuts and bolts of our current buildings like the HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems. This assessment determined that our secondary schools, even with the closure of one high school, would cost \$167,973,892 to renovate to current codes. The state will provide us nothing for these renovations.

The choice we will ask voters to make in May is clear: take advantage of a \$69 million state contribution to fund the construction of new schools with better opportunities for our students or force us to consolidate into old buildings with a \$167,973,892 repair bill we will have to pay on our own. We believe our students are worth the investment in new construction; we are hopeful you do, too!

Cynthia Lee Bratz Appointed to PCSD Board of Education



Cynthia Lee Bratz
PCSD Board Member

On December 3, 2020, Cynthia Lee Bratz was appointed to the Parma City School District Board of Education and was sworn in by City of Parma Mayor Timothy DeGeeter.

Bratz will serve on the school board through December 31, 2021, filling Karen S. Dendorfer's seat. Dendorfer

resigned after almost 32 years of service and dedication to the Parma Schools on November 5, 2020.

"I have been passionate about education for as long as I can remember and a child advocate my entire adult life," Bratz expressed. "I love our district and have spent the last four decades seeking to contribute to providing the greatest opportunities for our kids."

Bratz previously served on the Parma City School District Board of Education from 2006 - 2009, two of those years as president,

and has been extremely involved in the school district for years.

She is a proud graduate of Normandy High School, Class of '70, and earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami University.

Bratz has four children, who all graduated from the Parma City School District, and is a proud member of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition of Northeast Ohio, Parma City Schools Foundation, Inc., Parma Council of PTAs, Parma Democratic Club, and Past Gavelers Association of Parma.



2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

New student and kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin in **April 2021!** The registration process is done 100% online.

Please visit www.parmacityschools.org/registration to learn more. We are excited to welcome you to the Parma City School District!

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Message from the Treasurer/CFO



Sean Nuccio
Treasurer / CFO

Beginning in 2018 with the appointment of Dr. Smialek as Superintendent, the Parma City School District strives to achieve three main goals:

1. Practice fiscal responsibility
2. Increase student achievement
3. Improve transparency throughout our communities

Providing a high-quality education for each student, while practicing fiscal

responsibility, is paramount for everyone who resides and works in our three communities. To be transparent with our communities regarding our finances, we submit this report for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.

The financial report summarizes the revenues and expenditures for the general fund, the largest fund where most of the day-to-day operations and services of the district are provided.

From August 1, 2016 to December 20, 2019, Parma City School District was in Fiscal Caution status. During that time, the district endured millions of dollars in difficult reductions to the budget through fiscal recovery plans. The continuation of these previously implemented reductions is just one of the reasons for our increased financial stability.

The removal from Fiscal Caution status by the Ohio Department of Education in December 2019 should reinforce to the community that the PCSD continues to closely monitor our finances and makes sound financial decisions, while improving the educational experience for each of our students.

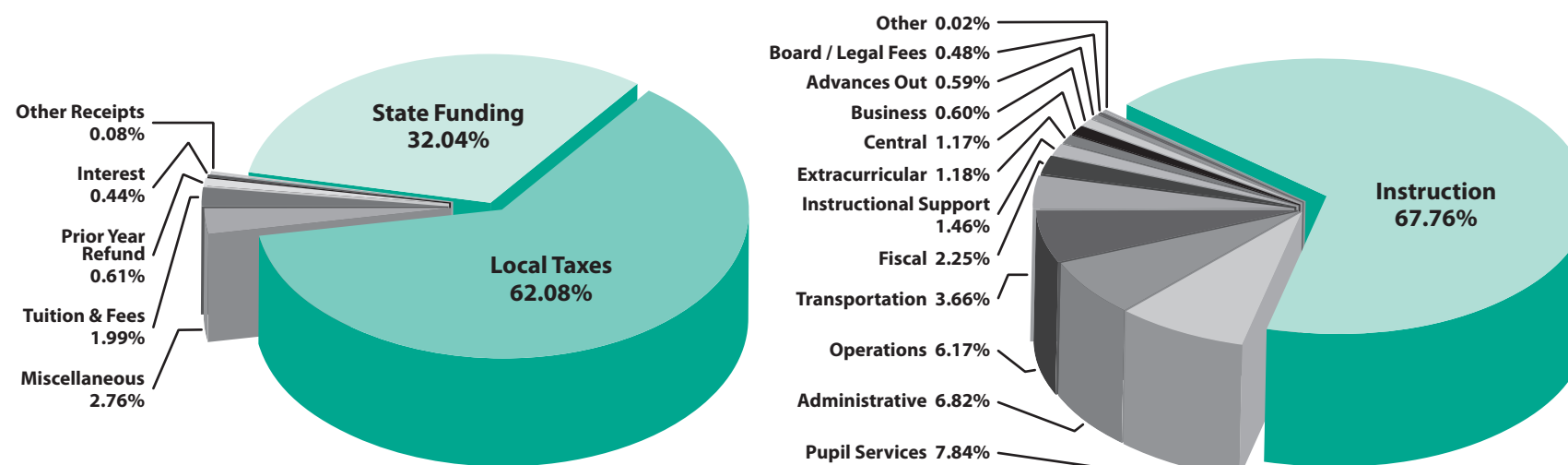
We are committed to making the necessary changes to our processes and procedures to ensure financial stability while being transparent with our communities.

In November 2020, PCSD's Five-Year Financial Forecast projected a positive cash balance through June 30, 2024. The latest Five-Year Financial Forecast can be found on our website for our stakeholders to review in more detail.

We will continue to have an annual audit of our finances conducted through the Ohio Auditor of State. For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, these audits will be conducted by Rea & Associates, an outside, independent Certified Public Accounting firm who will report their findings to the state. Those audits will be available on our website when they are released.

For more information and to view the district's Five-Year Financial Forecast, please visit our website at www.parmacityschools.org/treasurer

2019–2020 PCSD Financial Report



2019–20 Revenues		
Local Taxes	\$ 96,723,766.18	62.08%
State Funding	\$ 49,913,291.63	32.04%
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,305,669.74	2.76%
Tuition & Fees	\$ 3,094,742.08	1.99%
Prior Year Refund	\$ 954,535.37	0.61%
Interest	\$ 686,084.85	0.44%
Other Receipts	\$ 117,880.05	0.08%
TOTAL	\$ 155,795,969.90	100%

2019–20 Expenditures		
Instruction*	\$ 99,424,973.19	67.76%
Pupil Services*	\$ 11,510,381.57	7.84%
Administrative*	\$ 10,011,585.51	6.82%
Operations	\$ 9,051,870.54	6.17%
Transportation*	\$ 5,366,508.87	3.66%
Fiscal	\$ 3,300,470.92	2.25%
Instructional Support*	\$ 2,136,327.13	1.46%
Extracurricular	\$ 1,733,803.35	1.18%
Central	\$ 1,717,436.46	1.17%
Business	\$ 884,533.18	0.60%
Advances Out	\$ 872,411.00	0.59%
Board / Legal Fees	\$ 696,467.03	0.48%
Other	\$22,474.25	0.02%
TOTAL	\$ 146,729,243.00	100%

REVENUE DEFINITIONS

Local Taxes

A combination of residential, commercial, industrial, public utility and tangible personal property taxes paid by property owners located within the school district.

State Funding

A combination of state per pupil aid and property tax relief reimbursement from the homestead exemption. The exemption was eliminated in Sept. 2013 for any new tax issues that are approved.

Tuition & Fees

A total of receipts generated by the district. This revenue includes tuition collected from programs like Career Tech and fees collected from programs and activities held throughout the year. Includes transportation and classroom fees.

Miscellaneous

A combination of revenues some of which include service agreements, rentals, leases, administrative fees for auxiliary services and salary reimbursement from other funding sources.

Prior Year Expenditures

Refunds of prior year expenditures.

Other Receipts

Includes, but not limited to, sale of fixed assets, insurance claims and fees collected from recycling programs.

*** 87.54% of the PCSD general fund expenditures are spent on student instruction and student support services.**

Definitions derived from Uniform School Accounting System (USAS) Manual, developed by the Auditor of State's Office.

EXPENDITURE DEFINITIONS

Instruction

Relates to the direct, daily instruction between teacher and pupil. Instruction includes regular, special education and career and technical education.

Pupil Services

Provides administrative, technical and logistical support to facilitate and enhance instruction. Includes guidance services, health services, and speech, hearing, occupational and physical therapies.

Administrative

Relates to activities associated with overall administrative responsibility for a single school or the entire district. Includes school administrative services, district administrative services and special education administrative services.

Operations & Maintenance

Relates to activities concerned with keeping the physical plant open, comfortable and safe for use. Keeping buildings, grounds and equipment in effective working conditions. Includes safety and security services.

Transportation

Relates to the conveyance of individuals to and from school as provided by state law. Includes transportation to and from school activities and between home and school.

Fiscal Services

Relates to budgeting, financial accounting, payroll, inventory control, auditing and fiscal services rendered by the treasurer's office.

Instructional Support

Relates to activities associated with assisting the instructional staff with the content and process of providing learning experiences for pupils. Includes testing coordination, literacy, coaching, professional curricular development and media services.

Extracurricular

Student activities under the guidance or supervision of qualified adults that provide opportunities on an individual, small group or large group basis, not necessarily for credit. Includes subject, language, music, honor and sport-related activities.

Central

Relates to activities, other than administrative, that support each of the other instructional and supporting services and programs. Includes technology maintenance and support, electronic student records management and informational services.

Business

Relates to activities concerned with purchasing, receiving, transporting, exchanging and maintaining goods for the district. Includes, but not limited to, telephones and printing services.

Advances Out

Transactions which withdraw money from one fund to another, in anticipation of future revenue with which to repay the fund making the advance. Repayment must be made immediately upon receipt of the anticipated revenue.

Board / Legal Fees

Relates to activities concerned with establishing and administering policy in connection with operating the school district. Includes district legal fees.

Other

Relates to community services and building improvement. Community services are payments the district makes that do not directly relate to providing education for pupils. Building improvement relates to remodeling of buildings.