

Superintendent's Corner
March 28, 2016

Greetings Wildcat Community,

Last week, the New London Board of Education adopted the first of two resolutions to place a renewal levy on the ballot this fall. The levy currently collects \$152,000 per year for our school district, and if renewed will continue to collect that same amount. As you will hear me say often over the next few months, this levy is not a new tax and will not result in an increase in your taxes. In addition, this renewal levy is for 10 years. Many have asked me why 10 years instead of the traditional 5-year levy. The Board and I are committed to keeping our budget lean and not requesting additional resources from our community. Many school districts are in what seems like a 3-year cycle of consistently returning to the ballot for renewals or requests for new monies, consistently operating outside of their budgets. Our goal is to remain off the ballot unless absolutely necessary, and transitioning to a 10-year levy cycle helps us achieve that goal.

This levy was originally passed in 1986 by combining two levies that were passed in 1982 and 1983. At that point it collected \$250,000 annually. After the Income Tax passed in 1990, the levy was reduced in 1991, reducing its collection to the \$152,000 the District currently collects. Our community has renewed this levy every 5 years since that time.

Next month, the Board of Education will vote on the second resolution, which will officially put the levy on the November ballot. After which, a community led levy committee will be formed and we will begin communicating the need for the renewal of the levy and continued support for our school district.

If you are interested in volunteering for the levy committee or have questions regarding the levy, please contact me at either 419-929-1586 or at bromano@newlondon.k12.oh.us

Until Next Time,
Go WILDCATS!!!!

Brad Romano