

Liberty-Benton

State of the Schools



Superintendent Mark Kowalski

October 8, 2019

*"If you want to go quickly,
go alone. If you want to go far,
go together."*





**Thank
you!**



WHAT'S THE PLAN?

1

NEW PK-8 SCHOOL

Located near the current LBHS with improved site access, parking and modern learning environments.

2

NEW AUDITORIUM

Available to all grade levels and built to support our growing commitment to the performing arts.

3

LIMITED LBHS RENOVATION

Upgrades to systems that the State of Ohio has deemed necessary to extend the life of the building.



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OFCC & Facilities Update

OFCC Update:

- Funding approved at October 24th Commission Meeting
- Certification of Funds at Board of Control Meeting on November 18th
- District will proceed with the securing of local funds – November 21st

Other Projects:

- Transportation Facility
- Updates to current district facilities
- Existing ES/MS property (on hold)



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Continuing the Momentum

#1 Place to Teach in Hancock County*

#1 District with the Best Teachers *

#1 Safest School District in Hancock County*

#1 School District for Athletes in Hancock County*

* According to niche.com



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Continuing the Momentum: Academics

Class of 2019:

- 87% is attending universities across 7 states
- 86% earned a total of 1,497 college credit hours
- 53% of the class received scholarship money totaling \$1,562,430 over four years of college
- 22 earned an honors level of 26 or higher on their ACT; nearly 10% earned a 30 or higher

This year:

- Additional course offerings at LBHS
- Curricular changes ES/MS/HS



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Continuing the Momentum: Athletics

Last Year:

- 62% of students participated in athletics
- 5 teams were league/district champions
- 8 student-athletes competed at the state level
- 4 student-athletes were offered athletic scholarships

This Year:

- 3 league champions (Golf/Soccer/Volleyball)
- Sectional Champs – Golf
- 275 participants



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Continuing the Momentum: Arts

Last Year:

- More than 1,200 district students had nearly 2,000 pieces of artwork displayed at the 2019 Arts Festival
- *Shrek the Musical* involved 100 students
- 52 student-musicians went to Nashville, where they recorded at the historic RCA Studio B and attended a performance at & toured the Grand Ole Opry

This Year:

- Marching Band - 66
- Choir - 417
- Performances – 48



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Continuing the Momentum: Student Experiences

Last Year:

- State Superintendent DeMaria visited with STRIDES Leadership Day
- High school students collected over 8,000 pounds of food
- Middle school & elementary collected 150 coats

This Year:

- Camp Storer
- Manufacturing Day
- National Lime & Stone



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Continuing the Momentum: Personalized Learning

Last Year:

- 42 students participated in the Summer Reading Program for a total of 36 hours of summer intervention
- 100% of junior and seniors met 1:1 with guidance counselors for college & career planning
- 55% of junior high students took high-school level courses
- 18 College Credit Plus courses

This Year:

- Challenged Champions
- Awakening Minds Art Therapy
- College/Career Fair



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Report Card Highlights

- District overall grade is a B
- Our Performance Index (PI) went from 82.1% to 83.7%
- Out of 608 public school districts in Ohio, we are in the top 16.9% with the highest academic PI rating in the state of Ohio
- Indicators met: 16 out of 24



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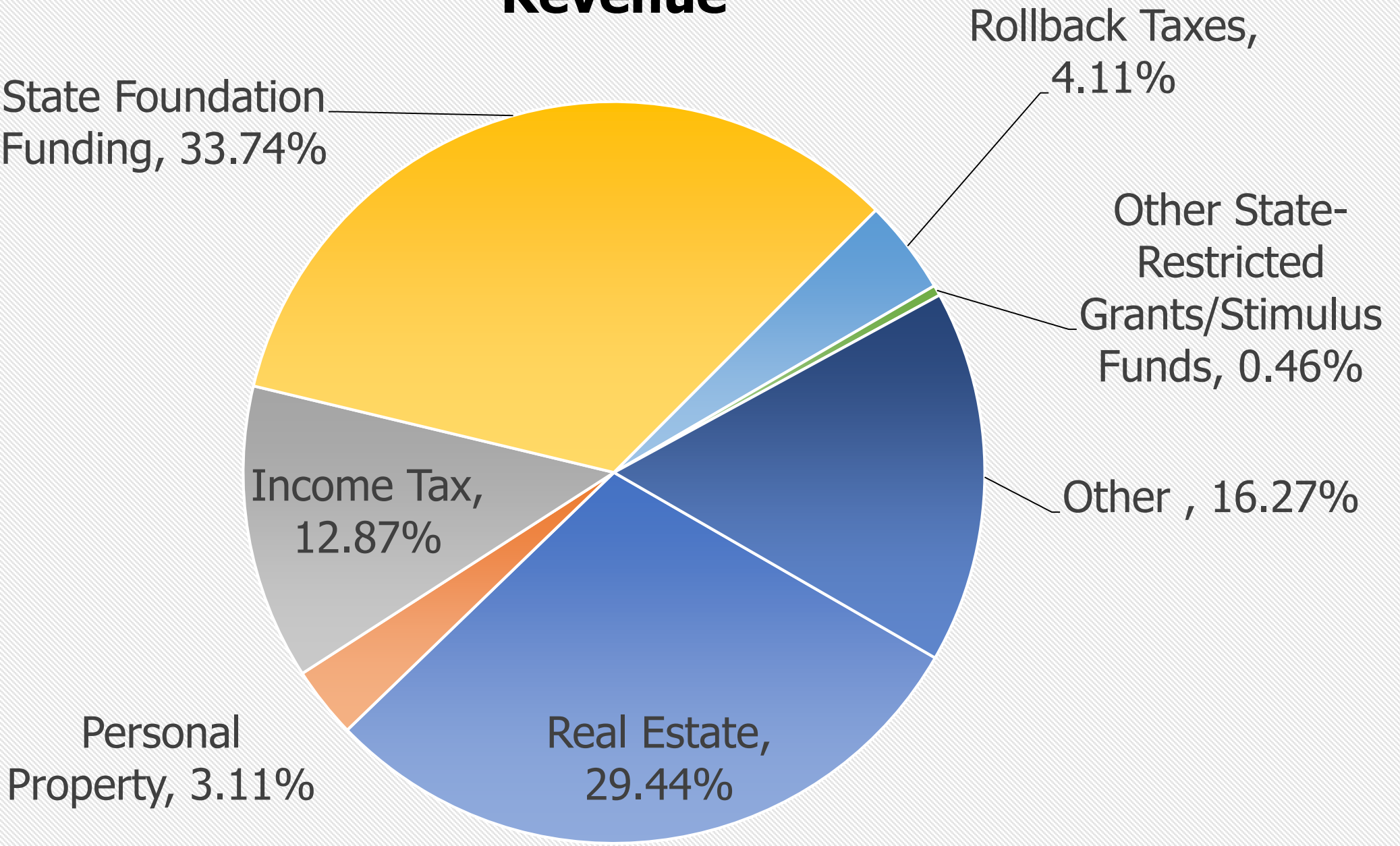
Let's Talk Finances

- Thank you, residents!
- 9th consecutive year receiving the Auditor of the State Award
- 68% - percent of district funds spent on classroom instruction
- Among the 20% of public districts with the lowest operating expenses per pupil

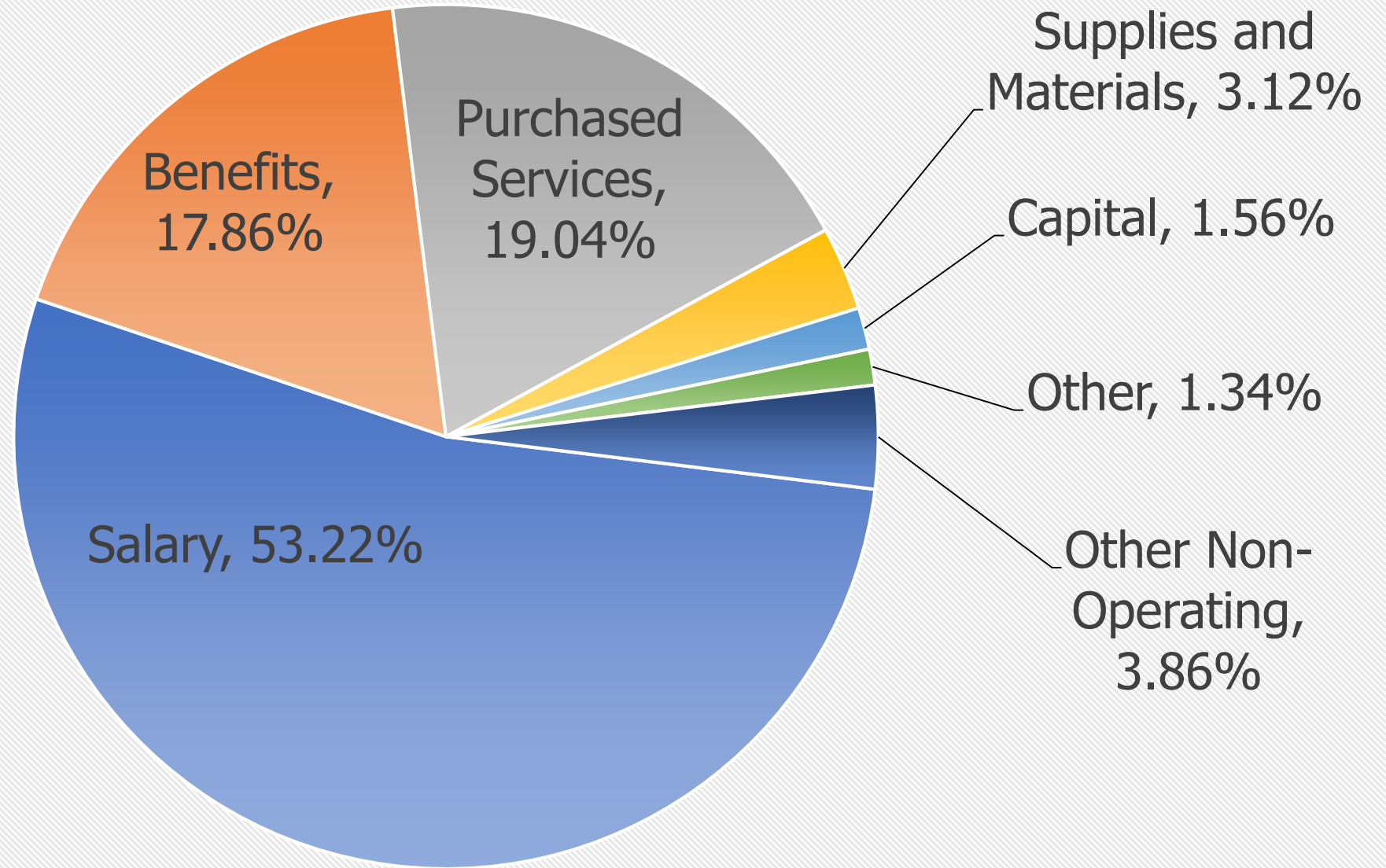


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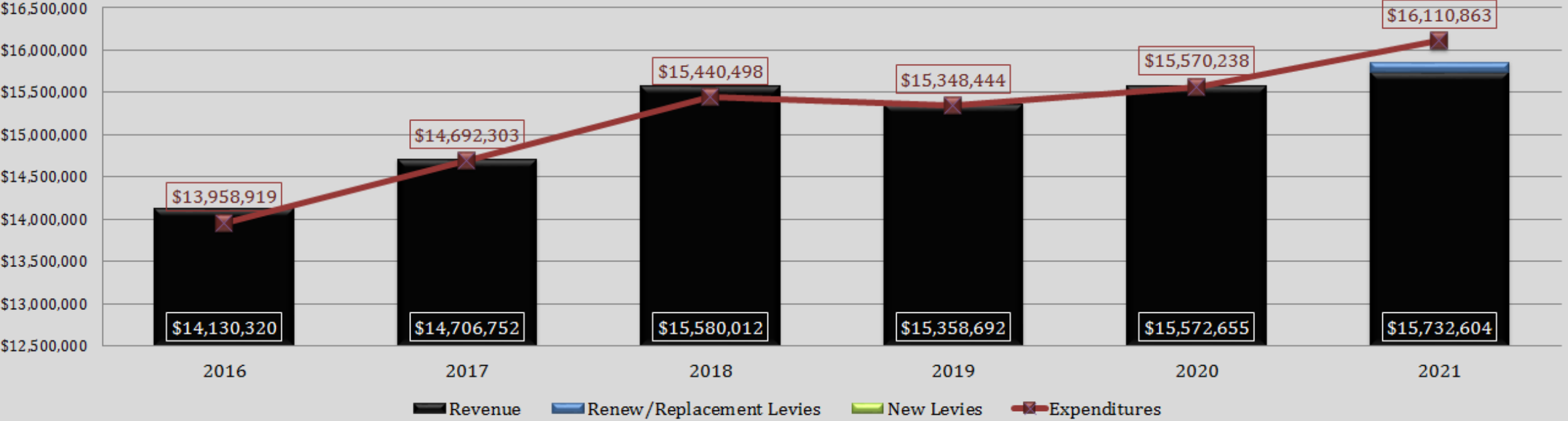
Revenue



Expenses



Revenue vs. Expenditures



What Does This Mean for Our Community?

- **An Income Tax renewal is on the ballot for November 5:**

- It has been in place since 1994.
- If passed, the renewal request would generate approximately \$1.9 million annually for the district (13% of the district's budget).
- The renewal will occur at the same 0.75% rate –the same rate when first passed in 1994.
- Is one of the lowest income tax rates of local districts with an income tax.



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What Does This Mean for Our Community?

- Passage would continue to help fund the day-to-day operations of our schools.
- The need does not go away with failure, it only delays it. By not securing these funds, the district compromises its ability to provide the current quality of education and fiscal stability.
- There are no new taxes with this renewal.



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November 5!



*“Alone, we can do so little; together,
we can do so much.”*



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