

Sylvania Schools Key Communicators Meeting

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#SylvaniaWorks...

What is something you think “Works” really well in our district currently...

Table Talk Discussion



Points of Pride



- **Ohio Department of Education Momentum Award for 3rd Year in a Row**
- **95% H.S. Graduation Rate**
 - 90% attend Post Secondary Institution
 - \$16 million in scholarships earned
- **One of a Kind Collaborative Leadership Initiative**
- **Students logged over 30,000 hours in Community Service**
- **Auditor of State Award with Distinction in 2018**
- **3% enrollment increase since 2016**

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What helps define a High Quality K-12 system?



- Clear and Shared Focus
- High Standards & Expectations for All Students
- Effective School Leadership
- High Levels of Collaboration & Communication
- Curriculum, Teaching, and Assessments aligned with State Standards
- Multiple Measures to Inform Improvement
- Focused Professional Development
- Supportive Learning Environment
- High Levels of Family and Community Involvement

2018–2019 Big Picture Goals for the Sylvania School District



1. **Increase the Academic Achievement of ALL Students**
2. **Strengthen the Safety, Security and Mental Health throughout the District**
3. **Continue to Build our Future through Collaborative Leadership and Development**

Digging Deeper on Our Goals



- **Goal #1**
 - High Quality Intervention Plans at Bldg. Level
 - Measured by Assessment Data, ACT scores and Gap Closing
- **Goal #2**
 - Focus on Mental Health of Staff and Students, Implement Raptor System
 - Measure by student referrals and Raptor Evaluation Tool
- **Goal #3**
 - Build new district committees including all
 - Measure through yearly Climate Survey

Our Changing Sylvania...a *Community that is experiencing New Challenges, Growth and Expanded Diversity*



- **Enrollment Growth**
 - Up 3% since 2016
- **Tougher to Pass Levies in Current Economic Times**
- **School Safety**
- **Socioeconomic Need Growth**
 - Free and Reduced Lunch need from 11% in 2008 to 21% in 2018 doubling in 10 years
- **Cultural Diversity**
 - English Language Learners over 200 students and growing
 - Arabic and African American Population Growth
 - Syrian Refugees
 - Director of Diversity Position

District Financial Update

The year in review.....



“When home values increase, the school receives more tax money.”



Real Estate Tax Overview

VOTER APPROVED MILLAGE - District does not collect more tax revenue when property values increase

- ❖ Voter approved taxes are for a specific amount of money for a specific purpose over a specific amount of time
- ❖ HB920 - When property values increase due to county reappraisals, this law goes into effect and prevents tax levies from collecting more than what was approved by voters

Real Estate Tax Overview

INSIDE MILLAGE - District collects additional tax revenue when property values increase

How it works:

- ❖ 1 mill of tax is equal to \$1 per \$1000 of assessed property value
- ❖ \$100K home value, assessed at \$35,000 = \$35.00 tax bill per mill

After county reappraisal:

- ❖ \$110K home value, assessed at \$38,500 = \$38.50 tax bill
- ❖ Additional tax revenue after reappraisal is \$3.50 per inside mill
- ❖ Sylvania Schools has 5 inside mills = Total increase in taxes \$17.50

“State legislators claim state funding continues to increase each year yet schools report they have received less money.”



State Funding Fiscal Year 2017 \$16,859,864

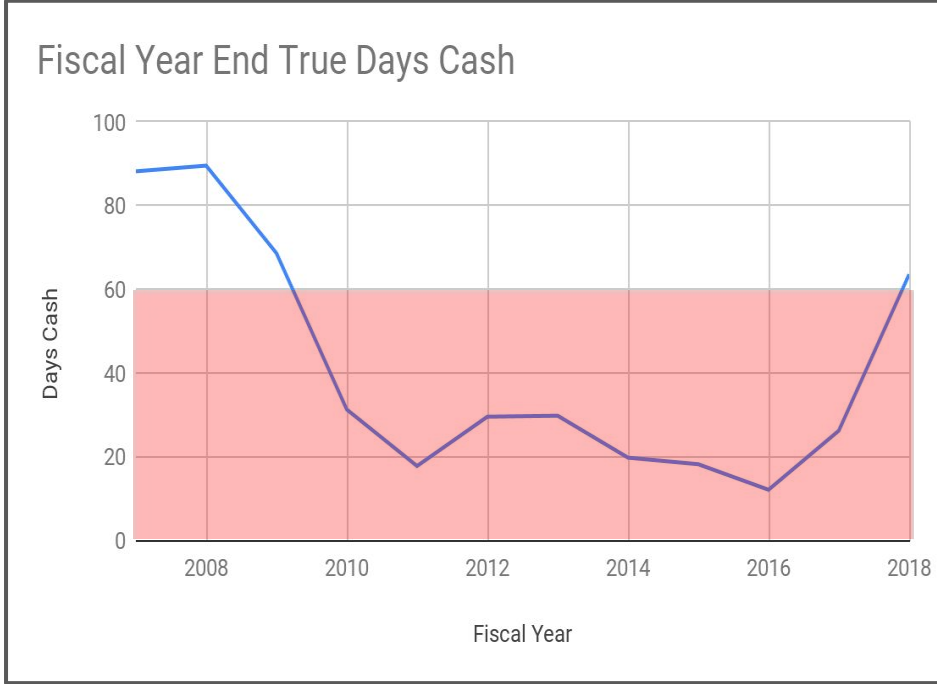
	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
Basis for "CAP" Calculation	16,859,864	17,365,660
Growth Cap	3%	3%
Maximum Capped Amount	17,365,660	17,886,630

	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
Basis for "CAP" Calculation	16,859,864	18,124,354
Growth Cap	7.50%	7.50%
Maximum Capped Amount	18,124,354	19,483,680
Reduction in State Funding		-\$2,355,744.50

“I read Sylvania Schools is holding \$15 million in cash reserves.”

- ❖ Auditor of State recommends 60-90 days cash in reserve
- ❖ Sylvania Schools reached 60 day cash balance at the close of fiscal year 2018
- ❖ Cash reserve level is a leading indicator of fiscal health

Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Year End Cash Balance	Days Cash
2007	\$71,001,514.00	\$17,145,252.00	88
2008	\$76,693,200.00	\$18,807,211.00	90
2009	\$80,125,107.00	\$15,054,418.00	69
2010	\$82,531,755.00	\$7,059,174.00	31
2011	\$79,460,314.00	\$3,852,689.00	18
2012	\$75,851,336.00	\$6,127,859.00	29
2013	\$78,187,921.00	\$6,368,111.00	30
2014	\$79,927,162.00	\$4,315,235.00	20
2015	\$81,577,349.00	\$4,051,614.00	18
2016	\$81,442,452.00	\$2,682,819.00	12
2017	\$84,623,175.00	\$6,064,241.00	26
2018	\$86,357,231.00	\$15,028,534.00	64



“Sylvania homeowners pay the highest property taxes.”

Annual Real Estate Tax Amount For \$200K Home



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This is how our Plan Works...



- Consistently align staff to enrollment
- Routinely evaluate operational contracts upon expiration
- Review processes and current practices (*"We've always done it this way."*)
- Having a clear understanding of state and federal mandates
- Identify educational initiatives and prioritize implementation
- Spending decisions directly target district goals
- All decisions are evaluated on the impact they make for kids

#SylvaniaWorks...What is something
you think “can work better” as we
move forward...

Table Talk Discussion



*Thank you and feel
free to contact us
anytime!*



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