



March 27, 2023

Dear Edgewood Parents:

It causes me a great deal of concern to report on Edgewood City School District's financial matters. Due to inflation, the school district's expenditures are more than the revenue. According to the most recent [Five Year Forecast](#), the district should have been on the ballot several years ago. Therefore, the district needs to make some major cost reductions.

If a school district doesn't balance the budget, the State of Ohio will place a school district on financial watch before placing it in emergency, giving the state the authority to take over the financial planning of a school district according to [Section 3316.07 - Ohio Revised Code](#).

The Treasurer informed the board that the district must reduce its spending by 1.3 million dollars. If the May 2nd school levy does NOT pass, the district will need to make another major reduction of one million dollars.

As inflation continues to increase, so does the cost of business. Although the district made \$800,000 in reductions last year, it is time to make another 1.2 million dollars of cuts. Without an increase in revenue, the district will have to continue to make reductions annually. If this continues over time, this will eventually mean NO electives or extracurricular offerings. **It is urgent that we reduce spending NOW.**

**Therefore, the district is looking at the following reductions for the 2023-34 school year:**

1. **Reduce Transportation Service** (Savings of \$200,000 per year; \$1,000,000 in 5 years):
  - a. Reroute the transportation schedule
    - i. More students per bus
    - ii. Pick up from school may be a further distance (Note: State minimum requires 2 miles from school).
  - b. Use district vans and not outsource, if applicable.
2. **Reduction of Personnel** (savings of one million dollars)
  - a. Business Manager
  - b. School Resource Officers (1-2)
  - c. Exempted Position
  - d. Paraprofessional Positions (1-2)
  - e. Certified Staff Positions (11)
3. **Increase student activity fee from \$50.00 to \$150.00**
4. **Limit Overtime Costs**

Depending on the results of the May 2nd election, the district could be forced to implement the second phase of reductions up to an additional one million dollars. These additional reductions include further discussions around the following areas:

1. **Implement a Community Engagement Committee to prioritize district curricular program needs.**
2. **State Minimum Transportation** (Savings of another \$240,000 per year/1.2 million in 5 years)
  - a. Two Mile Radius or More - K-8
  - b. No HS Transportation
3. **Reduction in Supplemental Contracts** (Savings of \$500,000 per year/ 2.5 million in 5 years)
  - a. Pay to Play at \$900 per player; OR
  - b. NO supplemental contracts including extracurricular activities
4. **Reduction of Personnel** / Reduction of additional staff to include administration, certified, and classified staff. (Savings of \$260,000 per year / 1.3 million in 5 years)

You will be asked to complete a survey in the near future in order to gain a perspective of district needs and priorities. If you are interested in serving on a community engagement committee to review district and legislative matters, please contact me at [kelly.spivey@edgewoodschools.net](mailto:kelly.spivey@edgewoodschools.net)

It is my goal to keep the Edgewood experience strong. However, now is the time for the community to decide the future of our students.

Best Regards,

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Superintendent

Edgewood City School District