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A Quarterly Newsletter for Kirtland Local Schools

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## FOCUS TURNS TO BUDGETING AFTER MAY LEVY LOSS

The Kirtland Local Schools and the Board of Education began the budgeting process for fiscal year 2019 in February. As a result of the levy failure in May, the district has had to make some tough decisions to respect the voters' decision not to approve additional revenue while reducing the budget. These decisions will have a direct impact on the classroom and services the district provides.

Budgeting decisions take into account community discussions since the election, the Board's fiscal beliefs and principles, and a one-time, higher-than-anticipated, upfront payment of property taxes. The district also sought to provide options to the Board that are sustainable into the future, create the least disruption to the instructional program and still offer a well-rounded educational experience.

**As a result, the Board approved the following reductions and fee changes for the 2018-2019 school year:**

- Reduce 3 full-time and 1 half-time teaching positions, 3 bus driver positions and a half-time position in the treasurer's office. Another teaching position is reduced to part-time. These reductions bring the total staffing reductions to almost 22 positions or 15% of staff since 2011-2012.
- Reduce 3 athletic coaching positions
- Reduce building and department budgets by \$234,800
- Increase school, technology and field trip fees
- Add activity access fee grades 6-12
- Pay freezes for administrators and supervisors for the 2018-2019 school year
- Reduce a high school special education position from full-time to part-time
- Adding activity fees for sports and marching band camp
  - \$140 per student, per season at KHS
  - \$90 per student, per season at KMS
  - \$50 marching band camp fee

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The athletic and marching band camp fees will help offset the salaries of coaches for all sports 7-12, as well as transportation costs for these activities. This will reduce costs of running these programs and prevent eliminating opportunities that add value to the educational experience for our students.

The district is fortunate to have a strong Kirtland Booster Club that supports our 7-12 athletic program and helps limit costs to the district. The athletic boosters donate about \$84,000 annually to the program. It will be essential to maintain a strong booster group going forward as the district is dependent on their continued support to provide these opportunities for Kirtland students.

All of these actions helped flatten expenses for the district – just 0.26% above last year's budget – but the district will continue to deficit spend by about \$427,836 next year. The Board of Education and administration continue to look for ways to reduce spending and slow projected deficit spending. But the need for additional funds remains. The district is considering a variety of options – including a revised levy – while being mindful and respectful of the May election results.

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## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It may be summer, but there is still a lot of activity going on in the Kirtland Local Schools.

Our Strategic Planning Committee is finalizing action planning steps that came out of an all-day retreat last spring. The group worked on developing beliefs, and mission and vision statements for the district after evaluating district needs. Small groups then refined action plans and goals. This cascading system of strategic goals and action plans engages everyone from the classroom to the board room in accomplishing the district's vision and mission in alignment with core values.

The level of discussion and engagement of the participants and the feedback from the community continues to help guide the future of the school district. Student representatives were an integral part of the process, providing valuable insight, along with parents and community members.

The strategic plan will be a dynamic, active document that guides decision-making at the school and district levels. The goals of the strategic plan are the focus and driving force of the district with all other plans, resources, programs, and initiatives affecting the planning supporting these goals.

A final strategic plan is expected to be presented to the Board of Education in July.

Bill Wade  
Superintendent

## BOARD APPOINTS INTERIM TREASURER

John Scott will assume interim treasurer duties for the Kirtland Local Schools after being approved by the Board of Education.

Scott, of Seven Hills, will serve on a temporary basis until the Board can appoint a replacement for CFO/Treasurer Daniel L. Wilson, who is leaving the district to return his focus to Mentor Local Schools and to spend more time with his family.

Scott has more than 40 years of experience, most recently serving as treasurer for the Clearview Local School District until retiring in 2013. Since then he has served as interim treasurer for Vermilion Local Schools, Elyria City Schools, Warrensville Heights Schools, East Cleveland Schools and Richmond Heights Local Schools.

Scott began his career as a state examiner with the State Auditor's Office, performing state examinations of school districts and libraries in Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lorain counties. He also served as treasurer for the Cuyahoga Valley Joint Vocational School District (now Cuyahoga Valley Career Center) and an assistant treasurer for Lorain City Schools. At Lakewood City School District he was a consultant for the treasurer and assumed the role of payroll/accounts supervisor.

Superintendent Bill Wade said Scott's vast experience with school districts will help guide Kirtland through a difficult financial period as the Board and administration consider a variety of options to slow projected deficit spending.

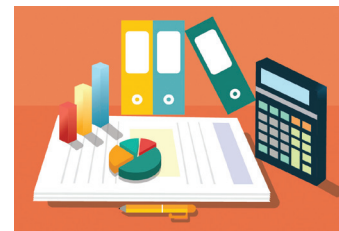
## BOARD APPROVED UPDATE TO FIVE-YEAR FORECAST

After approving the 2018-2019 appropriations budget in June, the Kirtland Board of Education is focusing on updating the district's five-year forecast.

Overall, current year revenue is projected to be 0.8% above budget. This is due to a one-time transfer of funds that closes out the State of Ohio Straight A grant, as well as real estate tax prepayments some taxpayers made to take advantage of federal tax reforms. The district expects this to result in lower-than-normal tax collections next fiscal year.

Current year expenses are projected to be 2.63% below budget due to tight fiscal management and a few lower-than-anticipated expenses in the areas of salary, out-of-district tuition and contract services, and textbooks.

Although this forecast shows improved revenue and expense updates, the district will continue to deficit spend for the second straight year. The Board of Education and administration are actively pursuing future spending reductions to slow projected deficit spending.



## Athletic Participation Fee Form 2018-2019



An Athletic Participation Fee was adopted by the Kirtland Board of Education in 2018. The Athletic Participation Fee structure will be in effect this year for all Kirtland Local Schools' Interscholastic Athletic Programs. The purpose of this fee is to partially offset the expenses (salaries and transportation) that the Board of Education incurs while providing comprehensive athletic programs in the middle and high schools.

Payment of the participation fee **does not** imply any privileges beyond membership on the team. For example, no athlete is guaranteed an equal or certain amount of playing time.

### How much is the fee?

- \$140.00 for KHS per student, per season.
- \$90.00 for KMS per student, per season.

### Deadlines for paying Participation Fees?

- All participation fees must be paid by the following dates to ensure continued participation:
  - Fall Sports: Friday, August 24, 2018
  - Winter Sports: Friday, November 30, 2018
  - Spring Sports: Friday, March 15, 2018

### How do I pay my fee?

- All Athletic Participation Fee forms should be turned in to the Main Office before the deadline date.
- Fees may be paid in the Main office or in InfiniteCampus a week after the season has started.

### Can I get a refund?

- No refunds will be issued after the student has participated in the first contest of a sport.

### Who should I contact if I have other questions regarding Athletic Participation Fees?

- Please contact Athletic Director Matt Paul at matt.paul@kirtlandschools.org.

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: (check the one that applies) \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Kirtland HS \_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00 Kirtland MS

### CHECK ONE

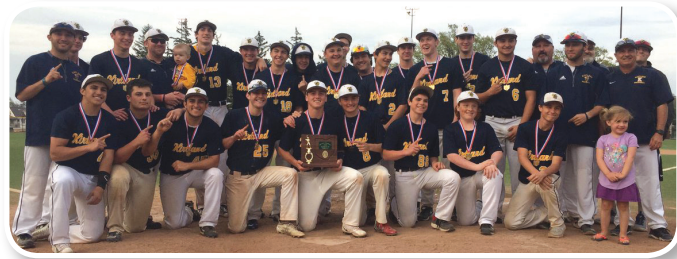
- \_\_\_\_\_ Option # 1 Cash Payment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Option # 2 Attached is my check payable to: **Kirtland Local School District** Check #: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Option # 3 Attached is my Money Order payable to: **Kirtland Local School District**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Option # 4 Pay in InfiniteCampus Online

**PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH SEASON FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER**

# SPORTS SHORTS

It was a successful spring season for our Kirtland athletic teams.

- The Kirtland Middle School boys' and girls' track teams won the Chagrin Valley Conference Invitational.
- Jenna Sayle was the District II champion in both the 1600 and 800 at the cross country/track and field Regional Championships.
- KHS Varsity Baseball won its first district title in school history, advancing to the Division III Massillon Regional Tournament. Coach Luke Smrdel won his 100th game this season and was named the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches' Association Division III Coach of the Year. Senior Mike Zeuli was named the Division III Ohio Player of the Year, Mizuno All-Ohio and joined junior Joey Torok on the OHSBCA First Team All-Ohio.
- Kirtland Baseball 2018 All-CVC First Team members are Mike Zeuli and Joey Torok, Second Team is Tyler McCrory, and Honorable Mention is Seann McGill and Ryan Lipps. The following team members were named All Lake County – Mike Zeuli, Tyler McCrory, Tyler Bratton, Joey Torok and Seann McGill.



- Kirtland Softball won the District Title. Emily Grady was named co-MVP of the CVC and Second Team All-Northeast District; Liz Vern earned Honorable Mention for All-Northeast District; Emily Grady, Liz Vern and Julia Camino earned First Team All-CVC; Daniella Davis and Kaitlyn Mancini earned Second Team All-CVC; Haleigh Getchell and Vikki Carriero earned All-CVC Honorable Mentions.

## KHS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH



Shawn McGregor was named the new Varsity Boys' Head Basketball Coach. He most recently served as the Varsity Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Junior Varsity Football Coach and Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach for Hawken School in Gates Mills.

New 6-12 Principal Scott Amstutz and Athletic Director Matt Paul

screened a field of 23 applicants. After multiple rounds of interviews with administrators, coaches, and community members, Coach McGregor stood out for his coaching experience and success on and off the court.

Coach McGregor describes himself as a "family guy" and says he welcomes the opportunity to be more involved in our community where he is raising his children.

Coach McGregor is a co-founder and instructor of the Great Lakes Basketball Academy based in Kirtland. He resides in Kirtland with his wife, Anna, and children Norah and Carsan.

## KHS STUDENT PLACES AT PENOHIO STATE TOURNAMENT

Kirtland High School student Brandi Martz took sixth place at the Varsity level at the PenOhio State Tournament at The College of Wooster.

She and fellow KHS students Emily Crebs and Cassie McFadden, along with Kirtland Middle School students Kaley Ream, Angelina Giacomazza, Sheridan Kochevar, Michael Skalicki and Theresa Santilli, all qualified for the state tournament after placing at the regional tournament.

This was the first PenOhio state tournament. Students qualified for the state tournament by performing in the upper 50% of participants at regional contests.



## DISTRICT IMPLEMENTS SAFETY UPGRADES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

To enhance safety and security measures at our campus, the Kirtland Local Schools made some safety upgrades over the summer, including changing how staff members access buildings beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

All staff members will be assigned a new photo ID badge that replaces the fob system. The district also outfitted all exterior doors with new locks.

Through the support of the PTA auction, the district also will complete the following additional safety upgrades:

- Bearcade devices will be installed in every classroom and office to assist staff in locking down the buildings during an intruder situation. The Bearcade is a lightweight door barrier made of high-impact modified polycarbonate. The device is placed on a wall inside classrooms where it can be accessed immediately. Staff slides the device along the bottom-inside of the door to prevent the door from being opened from the outside.
- Security window film will be installed on various windows throughout the district to provide added protection to doorways and large window areas (such as the atrium between the elementary and high schools). This film makes it tougher for intruders to gain access, providing crucial additional time for staff to implement safety procedures and for first responders to arrive on campus.



Security is a top priority for the Kirtland Local Schools. These security updates will create a safer campus for staff, students, parents, and visitors. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we implement these new safety features.

## NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO OPEN 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

### Scott Amstutz To Lead KHS/KMS as 6-12 Principal



With a goal of restructuring the administrative team to better meet the needs of students and staff, the Kirtland Local Schools named Kirtland Middle School Principal Scott Amstutz as the new 6-12 principal.

Mr. Amstutz will oversee educational leadership and management at Kirtland Middle School and Kirtland High School. An assistant principal at each building will report to Mr. Amstutz and concentrate on student discipline and day-to-day building operations. Matt Paul will remain assistant principal and athletic director at the high school.

Superintendent Bill Wade said the resignation of Dr. Lynn Campbell to accept the position of superintendent for Orange Local Schools provided an opportunity in Kirtland. He said the new structure better utilizes building administrators to assist students and staff in a more effective and efficient way.

### David Leone Named New Middle School Assistant Principal



David Leone, a social studies teacher at Riverside Local Schools, was named Kirtland Middle School Assistant Principal.

Scott Amstutz said Mr. Leone won over teaching staff with his personality and his positive approach to teaching and learning. He has a collaborative nature and a drive for education and learning, as well as a passion for education and cultivating relationships with students, staff and parents.

Mr. Leone was in the pool of candidates for the 6-12 principal position and stood out for his strong leadership style. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the middle school, reporting to Mr. Amstutz. He comes to Kirtland from Riverside, where he taught Advanced Placement U.S. History, 8th and 10th grade history, current issues and world geography. He also served an administrative internship at Riverside last school year.

# K KHS Class of 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS

200

NUMBER OF AP TESTS  
TAKEN

46

RECEIVED HONORS  
DIPLOMAS

22

GRADUATED WITH  
HIGH HONORS  
(CUMULATIVE GPA OVER 4.0)

33

EARNED AN ACADEMIC  
LETTER ALL FOUR YEARS  
OF HIGH SCHOOL

The 95 members of the Kirtland High School Class of 2018 celebrated the end of their K-12 education journey with a long list of accomplishments. The class was represented by Valedictorian Alex Weaver and Salutatorian Kelly Rudder.

Graduates will be attending 21 different colleges. Seven students committed to the U.S. Armed Forces and two seniors graduated from Auburn Career Center with certifications and qualifications for the workforce and college preparation.

### Honors Diploma

Isabel Anness  
Timothy Aquila  
Colleen Elizabeth Baldrey  
Emma Bartholomew  
Danielle Bryll  
Kristi Bryll  
Morgan Carpenter  
Leah Coso  
Lola DeJohn  
Madison Donohue  
Elise Frazee  
Dylan Fulco  
Justin Gardner  
Jessica Hepper  
Maxwell Janas  
Elena Janosick  
Anna Johnson  
Margaret Kadas  
Matthew Krule  
Nathan LaMantia  
Julia Loncar  
Jacqueline Malvicino  
Jennifer May  
Kathryn McCollister  
Tyler McCrory  
Charles McPeak  
Emily Needham  
Luke Potosky  
Ann Potter  
Gino Rosson  
Cassidy Ruckel  
Kelly Rudder  
Michael Schnur  
Sydney Snyder  
Schular South  
Colin Stack

William Stief  
Sanjay Sundararajan  
Isabella Sverko  
Donald Trivisonno  
Michael Tutolo  
Nina Umanzio  
Hallie Vernon  
Hannah Vouk  
Alexander Weaver  
Kyle Work

### High Honors (above 4.0 GPA)

Isabel Anness  
Emma Bartholomew  
Danielle Bryll  
Kristi Bryll  
Morgan Carpenter  
Leah Coso  
Elise Frazee  
Justin Gardner  
Anna Johnson  
Margaret Kadas  
Nathan LaMantia  
Julia Loncar  
Emily Needham  
Luke Potosky  
Gino Rosson  
Kelly Rudder  
Schuyler South  
Colin Stack  
Sanjay Sundararajan  
Isabella Sverko  
Hannah Vouk  
Alexander Weaver

### Top 10%

Isabel Anness  
Danielle Bryll  
Kristi Bryll  
Elise Frazee  
Nathan LaMantia  
Gino Rosson  
Kelly Rudder

### College Signing Day

Baldwin Wallace University  
Bluffton University  
Bowling Green State University  
Chandler-Gilbert Community College  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Cleveland State University  
Cuyahoga Community College  
East Carolina University  
John Carroll University  
Kent State University  
Lakeland Community College  
Liberty University  
Life University  
Miami University, Oxford  
Ohio Northern University  
Ohio University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
The Ohio State University  
University of Akron  
University of Cincinnati  
Yale University



*Congratulations!*