

“With ongoing, careful financial planning and support from the community, I am confident Forest Hills will continue to provide students with high-quality educational opportunities within a cost-effective budget.”

– Scot T. Prebles, Superintendent



District pays off bond debt early, lowers tax bills, extends life of 2012 levy

Due to strategic and conservative financial management practices, property owners will soon see the school district portion of their **tax bills drop** when Forest Hills School District **pays off the 1996 bond three years ahead of schedule**. The bond was used to build a new Nagel Middle School and a Turpin High School auditorium.

The FHS D five-year forecast projects a positive cash balance through the 2019-20 school year, adding an additional four years to the life of the March 2012 operating levy. This means FHS D has outperformed financial parameters and **will make three years of funding last for seven years while protecting the quality of educational programming**.



Evidence of fiscal accountability:

- More operational dollars dedicated to classroom instruction than 45 of 48 districts of similar size
- 8th lowest per pupil expenditure out of 22 districts in Hamilton County, 7.6% lower than the county average
- More than \$200,000 saved annually by self-insuring workers' compensation claims
- Projected to receive \$1 million in Duke Energy incentives to off-set mechanical upgrades
- Earned \$40,000 in e-rate funding to off-set construction projects
- Obtained \$56,000 in grants for security upgrades
- Received a \$67,500 grant to support hands-on learning opportunities
- Earned \$17,300 in grants for science and technology education





Forest Hills
School District

Offering in 2017-18

ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Forest Hills School District will offer tuition-based, all-day kindergarten during the 2017-18 school year.

Thanks to community support of the 2014 bond issue, FHSD is able to provide additional classroom space to accommodate all-day kindergarten. However, money from bond issues can only be used for facilities, not operational expenses. **Tuition will offset the additional operating costs and defer operating costs from taxpayers.** The program tuition is \$3,000. Financial assistance will be available to those who qualify.

Forest Hills will continue to offer a half-day kindergarten program. Currently, the state provides partial funding for a half-day kindergarten program as Ohio law requires school districts to provide tuition-free, half-day kindergarten for all who request it.

Both programs will meet the same curricular goals; all-day kindergarten will provide additional time for learning, discovery and enrichment.

A parent information meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2017 at Nagel Middle School (1500 Nagel Road) to provide additional programming and enrollment information.

More information: www.foresthills.edu/adk.html or 231-3600.



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