



News from the Logan Elm Local School District

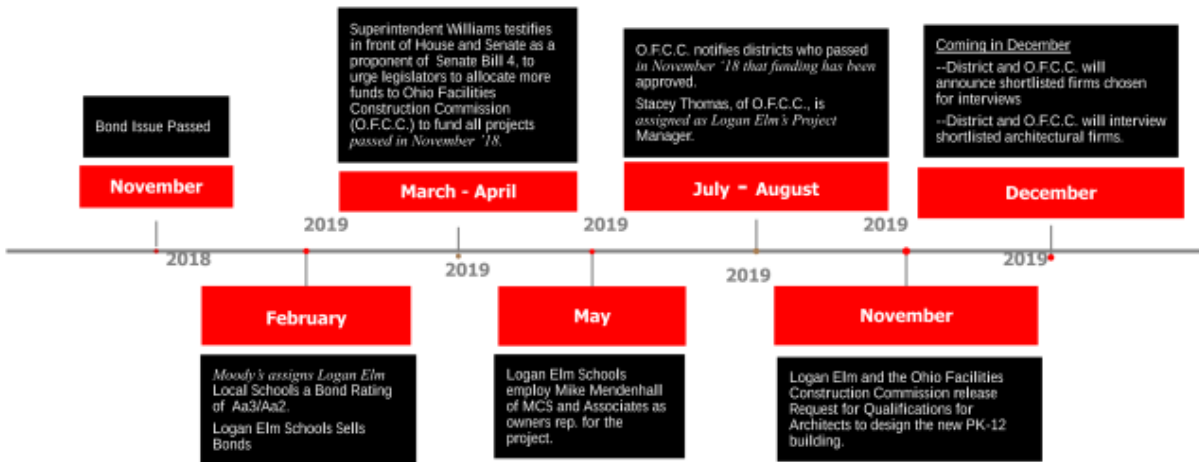
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Construction Update:

Logan Elm School District is currently in Phase 1 for the construction of the new PK-12 building. During this phase, we are working diligently with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to get the project started. While we are all anxious to see actual plans and watch construction occur, we are still in the planning phase. This timeline illustrates what has occurred in the months since the bond issue passed. This timeline may also be viewed on our website by clicking [here](#).

Logan Elm Construction – Phase 1

Before We Break Ground... ..



Schools Honor Veterans

All Logan Elm School buildings held Veterans Day assemblies or programs to honor those in our families and community who have served in the military. Logan Elm and McDowell held a combined assembly on November 11th, with Devin Braun as the guest speaker and the LEHS Choir providing musical selections. Pickaway and Washington Elementary Schools held programs which featured student speakers, songs and introduction of veterans. Laurelville Elementary's program featured Stages Family, who gave a presentation on Honor Flight.



McDowell Students Raise Funds for Veterans

McDowell Student Council sponsored their Inaugural Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament Fundraiser. This fundraiser was to help raise money for the Military Veterans Resource Center. Students had a great time raising money and playing in this tournament. Close to 90 students participated.

McDowell and LEHS presented checks totaling over \$2700 to the Military Veterans Resource Center to support their food bank.



Renewal Levies Fail by Slim Margins; District to Return to Ballot in March

Two Logan Elm School District renewal levies failed by slim margins on November 5th. A 2.4 mill property tax went down by 84 votes, and the 1% income tax went down by 59 votes.

The two levies were not new taxes. The property tax originally passed in 1990. The income tax originally passed in 2005. These two levies come up for renewal every five years. They're both set to expire at the end of 2020. The Board was asking voters to renew both levies for five more years with no rate increase.

The levies make up 16% of the District's operating revenue. They pay for ongoing costs such as teacher salaries, utilities, upkeep of school facilities and bus transportation. Continuation of these levies is vital to fund our existing instructional and extracurricular programs. If the levies are not renewed before the end of next year, the District will lose over \$3.4 million per year and have to make significant budget cuts to make ends meet.

The Board of Education passed resolutions at its November meeting to place both levies on the March 17th primary ballot. Board members and administration will work to educate voters on the need for these levies between now and then. If you have questions about these levies, please contact Steve McAfee, Treasurer, at 740-474-7501 or steve.mcafee@loganelm.org.

LEHS Kicks Off Braves Against Drugs Program

LEHS has kicked off our annual campaign for Braves against Drugs. Students who enroll in this program every year receive a t-shirt, coupons from local fast food chains, a ticket in the drawing for the Coughlin Automotive Car Give-away. They are also subject to random drug screenings. Our goal with this program is to give students an "out" when faced with peer pressure related to drug use.

LEHS students were given information on November 6th during lunch to bring home for parent signatures. Students must re-enroll every year and pay \$5 to help offset the cost of their t-shirt.

Salt Creek Intermediate Welcomes "Grand Friends"

Salt Creek students welcomed their grandparents and other special guests for "Grand Friends Day" this week. Grand Friends came to Salt Creek to share experiences with their grandchild, attend the Fall Book Fair, and enjoy refreshments during the event. The Book Fair benefits the Salt Creek library. We have put an emphasis on purchasing literature that is written at the different ability levels of our students, while also maintaining age level content. Several parent and student volunteers helped to make the event a success.



Thank You!



Thank you for reading the Logan Elm Schools e-Newsletter! We appreciate your interest in the students and activities of all Logan Elm schools!

Our e-newsletter is distributed on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Pictured: Logan Elm HS Student Union and McDowell Student Council recently raised over \$2700 for the food pantry at the Military Veterans Resource Center. They are pictured here with the veterans who attended the recent Veterans Day Assembly.

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