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Dear Community Members:

I hope this finds all of you well. We have 12 school days until Christmas Break, and if you have looked at your calendars, they probably look like mine...Full!

I have several items for you including the November Financial Report.

#EAGLEWAYDECEMBER

In the month of December we are looking to highlight some of the great work being done by our students and ways they are modeling the Eagle Way. Enhancing our school culture is a critical element of our efforts to improve overall student performance. Test scores are not the most important outcome, but graduating strong independent adults who can manage the vast challenges of the 21st Century is our mission. Helping to create these students requires more than just teaching meaningful concepts and skills. They have to have the soft employability skills to help them understand that doing the right thing, giving your best, and treating others well are essential to lifelong success.

Culture Matters!

So this month we are going to talk/tweet about culture and the Eagle Way in a concentrated manner. In five days this month we have had dozens of examples of students showing how much their care through volunteering to help others during the holiday season. We are showing examples of kids going the extra mile and giving their best in the classroom. I am excited to see more of this, and we hope you can reinforce these ideas at home.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Winter has finally arrived. We know this week that temps are going to drop and flakes are flying. This time of year also creates the most significant challenges when it comes to getting students safely to and from school and their related activities. Last year we caught a break, but the predictions for this year are not favorable. We are in for a long haul!

Here are some important points for parents.

1. **Parents always have the final word on whether or not students come to school, practice, or any other activity.** If you are uncomfortable with putting your child on the road or in a bus due to the conditions, all you have to do is let your child's building, coach, or director know. We will support you in your decision if we feel it is reasonable. In eleven years, I have never had a parent abuse this right.

2. We live in NW Ohio. It is going to snow and be cold. We cannot close school every day there is some snow on the roads, or cold temps. Students have to learn how to drive and dress for the conditions. Kids have to **SLOW DOWN** during the winter and take their time. They have to get up early and start their cars and make sure the windows are cleaned off. **IF KIDS ARE GOING TO BE LATE, CALL US!!!** The last thing anyone wants is for someone to drive in an unsafe manner because they are running late. That is when accidents happen. We would rather them just call us and tell us they are running late. Better to be 10 minutes late for school then end up in an accident.

3. As I said, kids need to dress for school. Sometimes the media likes to create a little excitement with the Wind Chill Advisories etc. However, it is amazing to watch kids get off the bus with no coat, gloves or a hat during the winter. Kids need to dress for the cold weather. **If you know someone who is in need of appropriate cold weather clothing, please let us know!**

Many times the winter weather puts us in a no-win situation. The snow does not always come down at 3:00 in the morning making it a reasonable call. Forecasts can be wrong, and radars do not always reflect what is happening on the ground. We are typically fairly conservative and err on the side of caution, but we also need to get to school as well. It is a tough balancing act.

Finally, if you have lived out here for any period of time, you know that it can be sunny with clear roads in the morning, but windy with drifted roads in the afternoon. Please make sure to remind your kids that it can be smooth pavement for a mile, and then snow and ice for a patch. They have to drive defensively and for the conditions. We cannot be everywhere with them, so let's do our best to prepare them in advance.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

We are now five months into the fiscal year and in solid shape. Our revenues are ahead of our forecast due mainly to some FY 2016 reimbursements for high incidence special education (\$113,627 in green) and expenses coming in under projections in nearly every area.

Eastwood Schools Financials	Monday, December 05, 2016			
REVENUE	Projections	FY 2017	\$\$ change	% change
General Property Tax	\$3,062,511	\$3,062,511	\$0	0.00%
Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Income Tax	\$1,063,606	\$1,084,543	\$20,937	1.97%
Unrestricted Grants-In-Aid* Includes SFSF	\$2,588,626	\$2,644,458	\$55,832	2.16%
Restricted Grants-In-Aid	\$20,516	\$20,207	-\$309	-1.51%
Property Tax Allocation	\$299,351	\$302,048	\$2,697	0.90%

All Other	\$296,789	\$410,416	\$113,627	38.29%
Advances / Other	\$2,244	\$12,441	\$10,197	454.41%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,333,643	\$7,536,624	\$202,981	2.77%
EXPENSES				
	Projections	FY 2017	\$\$ change	% change
Personnel Services	\$3,462,380	\$3,435,827	-\$26,553	-0.77%
Retirement / Insurance	\$1,569,314	\$1,450,087	\$119,227	-7.60%
Purchased Services	\$707,231	\$646,104	-\$61,127	-8.64%
Supplies / Materials	\$279,363	\$255,417	-\$23,946	-8.57%
Capital Outlay	\$12,998	\$29,476	\$16,478	126.77%
Other Objects	\$593,798	\$568,908	-\$24,890	-4.19%
Advances / Transfers	\$2,233,798	\$2,233,798	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,858,882	\$8,619,617	\$239,265	-2.70%
REVENUES vs. EXPENSES				
	-\$1,525,239	\$1,082,993	\$442,246	-29.00%

SUMMARY

So far so good through the first five months of the fiscal year. We do remain cautious about future prospects as state revenues are coming in under their estimates and the governor will have some items left to check off on his agenda as this will be his last budget. We have shared with you that we remain on the “guarantee” when it comes to state funding. We are forecasting some reduced state aid, we just hope that it will not be cut further. Worth watching as we move into 2017.

SANTA IS COMING TO THE TROY/WEBSTER LEGION

A week from today, Santa will be making a pre-Christmas stop in Luckey as part of his world tour. He will be there from 6:00-7:30 and there is a flyer attached.

SHOPPING EXPO AT PORTAGE VALLEY

There will be a Holiday Shopping Expo at Portage Valley this Sunday, December 11th, from 1:00-4:00. There is a flyer attached.

That’s it for this week! Go Eagles as all of our teams start Winter Sports action this week!