

## *From the Superintendent's desk:*

On November 3, our community is asked to **renew** a 1.4 mill permanent improvement levy. This levy is collecting at .57 mills and costs the homeowner \$17.52 a **year** for \$100,000 in valuation. This levy was first passed in November of 1985. The need for permanent improvement dollars is even greater today. Currently, we are planning a five-year roof replacement project at the high school, which will cost around \$20,000 a year. We also have a three-year building rotation of patching and resealing our parking lots at an estimated \$5,000 a year. We are in the process of developing a seven-year technology plan at an estimated \$30,000 a year. Besides these ongoing expenses, emergency needs also arise. For example, we just had a boiler go out in the high school, which will cost \$20,000. Permanent improvement dollars go a long way in the upkeep of our old facilities. Please remember that these dollars **may not** be used for salaries.

We are trying to be good stewards of your tax dollars. This past summer the district participated in all the auctions at Ashland City Schools and a sale at Crestview Schools. We were able to either replace or acquire much needed furnishings for our schools, including desks, chairs, bulletin boards, cabinets, playground equipment, and maintenance equipment. We spent a total of \$4,034. If we would have bought everything new, we would have spent over \$130,000.

I would like to invite everyone to our Strategic Planning Committee meetings. The meetings are held on the Monday night of board meeting weeks, usually the second week of the month, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the high school library. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to provide input and gain knowledge on the operation of our school district. Please contact me for additional information concerning Strategic Planning at 419-368-8501, which is my direct line telephone number, or by email at [hill\\_dickerson@tccsa.net](mailto:hill_dickerson@tccsa.net).

To gain additional information on the upcoming **renewal** of our permanent improvement levy, please plan to attend one or more of the following events:

### Free Pancake Breakfast for the Hillsdale Community

When: October 31

Time: 7:30 – 10:00 am

Place: High School Cafeteria

### Informational Town Hall Meetings

Oct. 19	Hayesville -	Kendig Shelter House	7:00 pm
Oct. 26	Mifflin -	Community Building	6:30 pm
Oct. 26	Jeromesville -	Firehouse	8:00 pm

Thank you for your continued support of our school district, and thank you for your support on November 3. #FalconsForever!

Sincerely,

Steve Dickerson, Superintendent