

## Citizens for Kettering City Schools

3750 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering, Ohio 45429

April 27, 2010

*Dear Members of the Oakview School Community:*

I am writing to share my perspective regarding the proud tradition that is the Kettering City Schools. As an Elementary School Principal, I have the unique honor to not only serve the children and families of the Oakview school community, but also to experience first-hand all that is encouraging about our children, their families, our teachers and staff, and the tremendous support consistently provided by members of our community at-large.

On May 4th, the Kettering City School District will have a 6.9-mill operating levy on the ballot. Over the past four years, I have witnessed the impact of our Board of Education and District Administration making prudent budget decisions and reducing staff. Our class sizes have increased to capacity and all school budgets have been trimmed each year. We have been doing more with less. We have worked hard to maintain the high quality academic programs our students deserve and our families expect, while also being fiscally responsible with the funds entrusted to us by our residents.

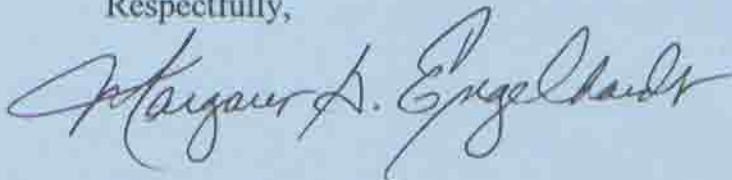
If this levy does not pass, the consequences will be devastating to one of our city's strongest assets. The Kettering City School District's and Oakview's ability to continue providing top-quality programs and services to our students will be severely compromised.

I am proud to be associated with the Oakview school community and to live and work in the Kettering City School District. I believe that the sacrifices of today result in assets tomorrow.

Please join me in continuing the proud Kettering tradition of supporting our schools and our children.

**Please Vote YES for Issue 3 on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Respectfully,



Margaret G. Engelhardt  
Principal