



A VOTE FOR ISSUE 3

is a Vote For

QUALITY SCHOOLS & A STABLE COMMUNITY!



Ask people what keeps Kettering stable and more often than not, you hear "the schools."

In these challenging times, it's important not to forget this fact. Our schools, year-in and year-out, do an excellent job of educating the children of Kettering.

The Main Reason? Our Exceptional Teachers.

This hasn't happened by accident. Voters continue to speak out strongly in support of our teachers. The Kettering City Schools is committed to recruiting hard-working teachers so that we can maintain our quality schools. And quality schools are the key to protecting our property values. It all ties together, and begins right in the classroom.

Here's the real fact you need to consider when you study Issue 3: Our schools are at a crossroads. With the state cutting millions in aid and revenues, it's more apparent than ever that if we want to keep good schools, we're going to have to do it locally, at the ballots.

Issue 3 Deserves Our Votes.

Yes, it's an investment. And it's an investment that will keep Kettering stable in a time when that's more important than ever.

Straight Facts About Issue 3:

WHAT:

- A 6.9-mill levy to fund the day-to-day operations of the Kettering City Schools.
- Every dollar will go toward providing instruction, student support, technology, transportation, textbooks and utilities.

- The taxes you pay as a result of a school levy approval are deductible on your federal tax return, if you itemize.

WHY:

- The district has made \$7.6 million in cuts over the past four years, eliminating 57 positions, including administrators, custodians, secretaries and teachers.
- Under Ohio law, revenue from levies cannot increase with inflation. What this means is that as costs increase, revenue remains flat -- and eventually declines. At the same time, districts like Kettering continue to see reductions in state funding. All of these factors contribute to the need for school districts in Ohio to return regularly to their voters for approval of new levies to fund the operations of our schools.

WHEN:

- The levy will appear on the May 4th ballot as Issue 3.
- If you prefer to vote from the comfort of your own home, you can now "vote by mail" by requesting an "Absentee Ballot" from the Board of Elections. Absentee Ballot applications can be downloaded from the Board of Elections website at www.mcboe.org. Applications are also available by calling the district's Community Relations Office at 499-1458.
- If you choose to vote in person, the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Although this is a primary election, you can request an "issues only" ballot when you vote, if you prefer not to establish a party affiliation but still want to support your schools in the May 4th election.

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Caring Teachers

Hard-Working Students

A Great Community



Vote YES

on May 4th

To Protect Our Investment in
Quality Kettering Schools

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