

# **Lanesville Community Schools**

**March 2010**

	<b>Lanesville</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Public School Attendance Rate</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>Public High School Graduation Rate</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>81.5%</b>
<b>SAT Scores (reading and math)</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>1004</b>
<b>ISTEP Language Arts/English Scores</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>ISTEP Math Scores</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>ISTEP Passing Math &amp; English</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Percent going to college</b>	<b>79.7%</b>	<b>76.9%</b>
<b>Percent receiving Academic Honors Diploma</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Percent receiving Core 40 diploma</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>75%</b>

**There are *292* school corporation in Indiana. *48* Indiana school corporations have less than 1,000 students enrolled. Lanesville Community Schools is the *13<sup>th</sup>* smallest district in the state, YET, Lanesville Community Schools is achieving among the best in most of the categories posted on the Indiana Department of Education website.**

# **Advanced Placement Courses**

**Calculus**

**Chemistry**

**English**

**Art History**

**Spanish**

**French**

## **Science Curriculum**

**Two equipped labs**

**Licensed teacher in Physics and  
Chemistry**

## **Foreign Language Curriculum**

**French I, II, III and advanced  
placement**

**Spanish I, II, III and advanced  
placement**

**Chamber of Commerce “Best Buy  
Indiana” high school 10 out of the  
last 11 years.**

**AYP met in each building and by the  
corporation each year.**

**Indiana Student Achievement  
Institute “Top Gainer” designation  
for the last 6 years.**

**Indiana Academic Bowl  
Interdisciplinary Champion 2008**

**Lanesville Community School  
is currently going through a  
difficult time because of  
reductions in State General  
Fund Support**

# **Why?**

- 1. Change in Property tax system and downturn in the National and State Economies.**
- 2. The Latest reduction took place in January, 2010 (right in the middle of the school year)**

**This situation exists not only in the Lanesville School district, but other Public Schools. Governmental units like County and City Governments are effected as well.**

## **FACTS**

**In January 2010, we received notice that we would receive a \$170,000 reduction in current State support, and that this reduction would carry over into 2011. This means that the total reduction in State support for the next two years is \$340,000.**

**We began 2010 with a cash balance in the amount of \$800,000. This money was available as a result of the use of money from the Rainy Day fund. Rainy Day money has been used by the school district to pay health insurance costs for the past few years. This money came from the Capitol Projects Fund and is not available for 2010.**

**Based on current program and personnel arrangements, our 2010 general fund personnel expenditures will be \$3,400,000.**

**This figure includes all costs of:**

- **Retirement Contributions**
- **Social Security**
- **Medicare**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Dental and Life Insurance**
- **Salaries and Extra Curricular Pay\***

**\* Does not include any pay increases for 2010 or 2011, but does include step increases**

**Vendor Claims are estimated at \$700,000 per year and include expenses for the following:**

- Fuel for heating the building**
- Electric, water and sewer**
- Paper**
- Instructional materials and supplies**
- Copy Machines**

**Estimated 2010 expenses are**

**\$ 3,400,000.00**

**+ 700,000.00**

**\$ 4,100,000.00**

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**Our current estimate of 2010 State  
Support is \$3,500,000.00**

# **Estimated Deficit for 2010**

**\$4,100,000.00**

**- 3,500,000.00**

**\$ 600,000.00**

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**Without any changes, this situation  
will continue through the end of  
2011.**

**No school system, business or family  
can operate this way.**

**Changes need to be made.**

**So where do we go from here?**

**We must reduce our spending.**

**Regretfully,  
reduction in spending involves**

**People**

**And**

**Programs for students**

**In the past few years we have:**

- 1. Used Rainy Day Fund money to pay some General Fund expenses.**
- 2. Used Cooperative purchasing options when available to get the best price available.**
- 3. Reduced a special education teacher and an elementary counselor position.**

**4. Utilized an interim Superintendent for the past 2 ½ years.**

**5. Restrained spending as much as possible. (We have one of the lowest per pupil levels of expenditures in the State)**

## **2010 Property Tax Rates**

- Lanesville** **\$ .63**
- North Harrison** **\$ .87**
- South Harrison** **\$1.07**

# **Current General Fund Cost Per Student**

<b>Lanesville</b>	<b>\$5,581.00</b>
<b>Crothersville</b>	<b>6,429.00</b>
<b>Rising Sun</b>	<b>6,558.00</b>
<b>Clarksville</b>	<b>7,240.00</b>
<b>Milan</b>	<b>6,629.00</b>
<b>Orleans</b>	<b>6,484.00</b>
<b>Cannelton</b>	<b>9,751.00</b>
<b>Medora</b>	<b>7,510.00</b>

# **FOR THE FUTURE**

**Continue to collaborate with area school districts to deliver services in the most efficient and effective ways possible.**

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**Special Education**

**Vocational Education**

**Alternative School Education**

**Develop other areas where we can collaborate with other school districts.**

**1. Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Opportunities**

**2. Use of Technology to deliver educational services**

**3. Sharing of Technology services among districts.**

**Another possibility is to consider the use of a local voter referendum to provide additional resources for school General Fund operations.**

## **KEY POINTS TO SHARE**

- 1. Lanesville Schools will continue to operate in the most efficient and effective way we can.**
- 2. Lanesville Community Schools offer good educational programs.**  
**With data to support those claims.**

**3. Schools have to do with people.**

**Little people and grown up people. We believe in treating all people with courtesy.**

**4. Our intent is to communicate in the most direct and complete way possible. There are no secrets.**

**WE WILL GET THROUGH  
THIS!!!!**

**We welcome your  
suggestions, comments  
and questions. Please  
send an email or call the  
school.**