

## **President's Report**

**Mark Curtis**

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Good evening and welcome students, staff and families of Samuel Bissell and R.B. Chamberlin Middle School. I am Mark Curtis and it is my privilege to be your Board President.

Although spring isn't here yet, you couldn't tell by the ever unpredictable weather of northeast Ohio as we were enjoying 75 degree temperatures just last week. But alas, we are back to reality heavier coats and turning the heat back on.

Congratulation to our lady Tigers high school basketball team and coach Julie Solis on a great season as they finished as co-champions of the suburban league. They won this past Monday so they continue on in the playoffs. In addition, congratulations are in order for Tyahana Elder for finishing in first place in bowling in Canton, Ohio. She is headed to the state bowling competition on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Finally, if you weren't able to witness the Twinsburg City School District Orchestra play with Mark Wood, you missed one of the most amazing shows of the year. There were flashing lights, booming strings, and a rocking crowd capping off a performance for the ages.

But wait, there's more. I want to invite you to come out and support our schools this Friday as the Blue Ribbon Committee sponsors a basketball fundraiser featuring Twinsburg staff members at the high school at 7 p.m. We promise it will be a fun and enjoyable evening for everyone. There will also be another community forum on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the library so please come out and encourage others to attend as well. We know that there are many questions so we are making concerted efforts to ensure that the electorate is informed and getting accurate information. We also have a website where information about the levy can also be obtained at [www.twinsburglevy.com](http://www.twinsburglevy.com).

Finally, after having gathered feedback throughout the state, the Ohio Department of Education has released its draft proposal for compliance of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. ESSA is the re-authorization of the former No

Child Left Behind Act. This new law is supposed to allow states to have more flexibility in how we conform to federal law, however Ohio's most recent version suggests things will be status quo. Although there was significant feedback to scale back the amount of standardized testing, Ohio has chosen to maintain the current process. We strongly encourage you as parents and taxpayers to reach out and make your concerns heard. You may also contact your elected representatives in the Statehouse (Senator Frank LaRose & Representative Kristina Roegner). Every little bit helps, so please take a moment to express your views.

So without further delay, I will now turn the meeting over to our Superintendent Mrs. Powers.