

Board of Education President's Report

Mark Curtis

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Good evening and welcome students and parents of Wilcox Primary, George G. Dodge Intermediate, and Twinsburg High School. I am Mark Curtis and it is my privilege to be your Board President.

As February is Black History Month, I want to encourage you all to attend Twinsburg High School's African American Showcase of "Who Are We", a journey through truth and triumph to be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature the Twinsburg High School Jazz Band, THS alum Simeon Fuller, and the Twinsburg Recreational Unified Step Team.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the pancake breakfast this past Sunday. Specifically, I want to extend a special thanks to all of the students, staff and other volunteers who helped make this event a memorable one. Good food, entertainment and nice prizes were a good way to kick off efforts to support our schools.

The blue ribbon committee also hosted a forum at R.B. Chamberlin on Monday, for residents to get important information regarding the district's financial landscape as well as answer questions as we seek to pass a levy to replace the loss of state dollars. If you weren't able to attend the forum, it was taped for future broadcast on cable 9. There will also be another forum on March 20th so please come out and encourage others to attend as well. We are making concerted efforts to ensure that the electorate is informed and getting accurate information. As I have stated in previous reports, these dollars are needed to replace a permanent loss of state dollars that we previously received. In total, upon completion of this phase out, we will lose over \$9 million dollars. It is also critical that our residents understand that these are legislative actions, not those of our district that necessitate the need for a levy. We recognize the importance of being fiscally responsible and despite our revenues being flat for 10 years, we have managed to keep our per pupil expenditures below most area districts as well as the state average.

We truly appreciate the support that you've provided over the years and do not take it for granted. We remain committed to providing the very best in education and extracurricular activities for our students and hope to sustain our tradition of excellence.

With that being said, I will now turn the meeting over to our Superintendent Mrs. Powers.