

Board of Education President's Report

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Good Evening and thank you for attending tonight's meeting. As we near the election on May 8th, I want to continue to ask you for your support on Issue 3, our renewal levy. This levy is vital to our operations, and vital to our ability to offer high quality programming and opportunities for our students. It has saddened me to see some very divisive and personal attacks against the District, its employees, and this Board these past few weeks, in regards to this levy and the operation of this District. I ask that if you have questions regarding our operations, you reach out to me, my fellow Board members, our Superintendent, or our Treasurer. The amount of misinformation that I have seen publicized and spread out as fact has recently been overwhelming. Whether it is tax abatements, salaries, spending or our carryover balance, much of it has been misrepresented and improperly reported. There is more to what we do than just a number on a spreadsheet. From our Central Office administrators, to our teachers, aides, building principals and administrators, bus drivers, mechanics, directors, cooks, custodians, groundskeepers, assistants, secretaries, all of our employees are vital and play an important role in the education of our children. They all are the reason that our buildings are receiving national and state awards like Wilcox this evening. This levy is a continuation of dollars that the community has entrusted us with since 1993. It will allow us to continue to offer the high quality programming and opportunities for our students. I urge you to support your children, your grandchildren, and your community on May 8th at the polls and vote yes on Issue 3.