

## **President's Report**

**Mark Curtis**

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Good evening and welcome community, staff and administration. I am Mark Curtis and it is my privilege to be your Board President.

We're at the point in time where the school year is winding down. Another state of the schools address is in the books, Prom is over and graduation is right around the corner. Where did the time go? Much has been accomplished this year and although the school year is nearing an end, there still much work to do.

Our Superintendent testified again in Columbus on H.B. 49 on behalf of our school district last week. I was also asked to testify before the House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee and did so this morning in support of H.B. 87 which is sponsored by our State Representative Kristina Roegner. Recall that this is legislation that I have collaborated extensively with Rep. Roegner, The Ohio Department of Education as well as the State Auditor, Dave Yost. If enacted, the law would require monies paid to charter schools be returned to the districts of origin due to a finding of recovery. Currently these funds are returned to the state's general fund. However, given the disparity of what we receive in state foundation dollars (which is approximately \$1,280) and what is deducted (\$6,538) and sent to charters, this legislation ensures that our tax dollars are effectively deployed and meeting the needs of our students.

Collectively, our efforts are ongoing and will continue. I will also continue to keep you abreast things unfold. As always, we ask that the community to reach out to our elected officials and ask that they continue to be our voice as the biennial budget continues to move through the legislative process.

Finally, most meetings begin with student recognitions, however tonight's meeting is designated to recognize the accomplishments and retirement of our staff. During the superintendent's state of the schools address, there were many highlights of staff achievements and tonight will be a continuation of our acknowledgement and appreciation for all that you do. Make no mistake, the success of our district cannot happen without you.

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