



# TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tiger Family:

Here is this week's news...

## **Twinsburg Board of Education Authorizes Bond Levy Fact Sheet**

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Twinsburg Board of Education authorized a Fact Sheet that provides information about the upcoming Bond levy which will be on the May 6, 2025 ballot. This Bond levy will support the construction of the new PreK-6th grade elementary school and the renovation of many of the District's athletic facilities. Learn the facts by reviewing the attached document.



# FACT SHEET

MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION

## TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND LEVY

### OVERVIEW

The Twinsburg City School District is placing a Bond levy on the ballot to fund educational and facility improvements. This initiative is part of the **Tiger Legacy Project**, a community-guided plan for the future.

### WE LISTENED TO THE COMMUNITY

Feedback gathered during the previous Bond issue helped shape this updated plan:

- Modified the project scope while addressing both educational and athletic facility needs
- Addressed concerns including traffic, parking, environmental issues at the Dodge campus, and proximity of athletic fields to surrounding neighborhoods
- Prioritized long-term solutions to reduce ongoing maintenance costs
- Reduced the overall cost of the project for our residents

### WHAT DOES THE LEVY INCLUDE?

#### Construction of a New PK-6 Elementary School

- Replaces Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary School, and George G. Dodge Intermediate School
- Modern, consolidated facility with state-of-the-art resources, including security enhancements, for young learners
- **City/School District "Win-Win"**: To be built through a property swap with the City of Twinsburg, exchanging the Dodge campus property—a collaborative solution benefiting the District and the community

#### Athletic Facility Updates and Relocations

- Renovation of **Tiger Stadium** and **Hoon Softball Field** at their current sites
- Relocation of:
  - JV/9th Grade Baseball Field to the RBC Campus
  - Varsity Baseball Field to the Twinsburg High School Campus (current JV/9th Grade location)
  - Girls' Practice Soccer Field to the RBC Campus

### CURRENT CHALLENGES

- **Aging Buildings**: Four of five schools require renovations costing 66% or more of the price to build new
- **Rising Costs**: Labor and materials are increasingly expensive
- **Athletic Facilities**:
  - **Track at Tiger Stadium**: Emergency repairs were made in Spring 2024; additional repairs are required in Spring 2025
  - **Turf at Tiger Stadium**: Nearing the end of its lifespan

### FINANCIAL DETAILS

- **Maximum Term of the Bond**: 36 years
- **Estimated Interest Rate**: 5.00%
- **Millage Rate**: 3.84 mills, which equates to approximately \$135 annually per \$100,000 of appraised property value

For more information, visit [www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/TigerLegacyProject](http://www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us/TigerLegacyProject)



ELECTION DATE  
 **MAY 6, 2025**

EXHIBIT K-9 - Board of Education Meeting February 19, 2025

*Unwavering Commitment ~ Unlimited Possibilities*



**Please Join Us for a *Community Conversation About the Updated Tiger Legacy Project***

You are cordially invited to a *Community Conversation* about the Twinsburg City School District's updated *Tiger Legacy Project*. Feedback gathered during the previous Bond issue helped shape this updated plan:

- \* Modified the project scope while addressing both educational and athletic facility needs;
- \* Addressed concerns including traffic on Ravenna Road, parking at the new PreK-6th grade elementary school, environmental concerns at the Dodge campus, and proximity of the athletic fields to surrounding neighborhoods;
- \* Prioritized long-term solutions to reduce ongoing maintenance costs; and
- \* Reduced the overall cost of the project for our residents.

Please plan to attend an upcoming *Community Conversation* and learn more about this exciting project. See the attached flyer for dates and times.

We Listened to the Community!

Community Conversations About the Updated  
**TIGER LEGACY PROJECT**

We invite you to learn more about the exciting developments in the Tiger Legacy Project. These meetings will focus on the construction aspects of the project and are a great opportunity to stay informed about the future of our schools.



**DATES & LOCATIONS:**

**Community Kick-Off, Thursday, February 20, 2025**

7:00 p.m. at Twinsburg High School - Large Group Instruction (LGI) Room

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

7:00 p.m. at Wilcox Primary School - Multi-Purpose Room

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

7:00 p.m. at Samuel Bissell Elementary School - Multi-Purpose Room

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

7:00 p.m. at George G. Dodge Intermediate School - Media Center



All sessions will be livestreamed on Youtube at  
<https://bit.ly/twinsburgyoutubelive>



**Twinsburg**  
City School District

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

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### **Congratulations to Our Lady Tigers!**

On Saturday, February 22nd, our Lady Tiger Basketball Team played the Warren Harding Raiders at Medina High School for the District Championship. Our Lady Tigers were victorious, 49-43! Our District Champs now head to Barberton High School on Tuesday, February 25th to play the Toledo Anthony Wayne Generals in the Regional Semifinal game at 6:00 p.m. Please come out and cheer on our Lady Tigers!



### **Tiger 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Team is Suburban League Champs!**

Congratulations to our 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Team and Head Coach Raynard Holmes for defeating Cuyahoga Falls on Thursday, February 20, 2025 by a score of 52-42 and winning the Suburban League Freshmen Basketball Tournament Championship! Way to go, Tigers!





### **Congratulations, Mrs. Looymans!**

Congratulations to Twinsburg High School American Sign Language educator Mrs. Kelly Looymans who learned last week that she is the recipient of the *2025 Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching* from the University of Rochester! Mrs. Looymans was nominated by one of her former students, Grace McGlumphy, THS/Class of 2021. We sincerely appreciate Grace's thoughtfulness and her appreciation of Mrs. Looymans. Mrs. Looymans will receive a \$4,000 award and Twinsburg High School will also receive a \$3,500 award. The awards will be presented in May at the University of Rochester's Singer and Senior Awards Ceremony. Way to go, Mrs. Looymans! You are so deserving of this honor!



### **Black History Program a Tremendous Success!**

Congratulations to our Twinsburg High School's Black History Club and advisor Ms. Tania Johnson for hosting a fantastic Black History Vendor Fair & Program on Wednesday, February 19th.









### **Samuel Bissell Elementary School Celebrates *Random Acts of Kindness Week***

Samuel Bissell Elementary School recognized kindness as part of *National Random Acts of Kindness Week*, February 16th – 20th. Students were shown a top secret mission video and charged with being “Kindness Detectives”, looking for students who were acting in a kind way toward fellow students and staff members. Students, then, documented what they saw on “Kindness Tickets” and secretly submitted them to the “Evidence Box” in the office. At the end of each day, School Counselor Mrs. Braun pulled a few tickets to recognize those students who were caught in the act of being kind! Thanks, Mrs. Braun, for organizing such a positive week for our Bissell Tigers and to our students, thanks for being so kind to one another!



### **Twinsburg BOE Meeting News**

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025, the Twinsburg Board of Education recognized and celebrated THS senior Grace Robbins who recently earned the Gold Star Award, the most prestigious award presented by Girls Scouts of America. BOE President Mrs. Rhonda Crawford presented Grace with a special Proclamation. Grace is the daughter of Jim & Brenda Robbins of Twinsburg.







Students of the Month from Samuel Bissell Elementary School and RB Chamberlin Middle School were recognized and celebrated.



During the Strategic Plan Update for Quarter 2, RB Chamberlin Middle School 7th grader Victoria Brandt shared information about the Cleveland Clinic's Career Rounds, an initiative to connect our middle school students with careers in the medical profession. Victoria is the daughter of Robert & Mary Kahl Brandt of Twinsburg.



Way to go, one and all!

#### **RBC Poetry On Display at the Twinsburg Public Library**

As part of Black History Month, eighth grade Language Arts educators at RB Chamberlin Middle School engaged their students in a poetry project. After reading poetry written by Langston Hughes, our RBC Tigers used his poems as a guide for structure or inspiration to write their own poetry. These amazing poems are currently on display in the Teen Crossings section of the Twinsburg Public Library and will also be displayed in the RBC Media Center this week. Students will also submit their poems to the National Library of Poetry's Poetry Contest. Last year, RBC had an impressive number of students published in this contest. Special thanks to Mrs. Gabrielle Copen for sharing this great news with us and to our wonderful partners at the Twinsburg Public Library for allowing us to display our students' poetry.





### **Everyone's An Artist: Galaxy of Art!**

On Saturday, March 1st, our Parent Mentor Mrs. Tisha Eisenhuth is joining with the Parent Mentors from the Solon, Nardon, and Hudson communities, in partnership with the City of Twinsburg's Parks & Recreation Department, to host *Everyone's An Artist: Galaxy of Art!* This fun morning of arts and crafts will be held at the Twinsburg Community Center from 10:00 a.m. - noon. See the attached flyer for details! We hope you can join us!



### **Looking for Teen Talent for Coffee for a Cause**

On Saturday, March 8th, talented teens from the Twinsburg City School District in grades 7 - 12 will present their best writing, dramatic acts, comedic skits, and music at the *26th Annual Coffee for a Cause*. *Coffee for a Cause* is the Twinsburg Public Library's annual benefit evening for the Akron Children's Hospital Burn Unit and Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. The proceeds generated from the sale of coffee and baked goods that evening are used to send many children with severe burns to summer camps. This year, *Coffee for a Cause* hopes to raise \$1500 for this effort.

*Coffee for a Cause* is successful because of the students in grades 7 - 12 who share their talents. At this time, the Twinsburg Public Library seeks talented teens to perform at this year's *Coffee for a Cause*. Please see the attached flyer for more information. And, hopefully, you can attend *Coffee for a Cause* on Saturday, March 8th at 6:45 p.m. at the Twinsburg Public Library.





**Kick-Off to Kindergarten Parent Meeting**

If you are the parent or guardian of an incoming Kindergarten student, please plan to join us for the *Kick-Off to Kindergarten Parent Meeting* on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Wilcox Primary School. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

A flyer for a 'Kick-Off to Kindergarten Parent Meeting'. The top half has a blue background with a yellow sun and white clouds. The text 'KICK-OFF TO KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING' is in white, with 'PARENT MEETING' underlined. Below it, 'Academic Year 2025-2026' is in white. The bottom half has a pink background with white clouds. It features a photo of three young children standing together. Text on the pink background includes 'TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WILCOX PRIMARY SCHOOL', 'Address: 9198 Darrow Road', 'Phone: (330) 486-2030', 'Website: www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us', and a date/time box for 'March 12, 2025 6:00-7:00PM'. A note on the right says 'Please note: Children must turn 5 years old on or before August 1, 2025 to be eligible for kindergarten enrollment'.

**It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Twinsburg Baseball League!**

Twinsburg Baseball League registration is open for the 2025 Recreation season but not for long! Registration is open until March 1st to avoid a late fee.

Register at: [Twinsburgbaseball.com](https://twinsburgbaseball.com)

The Rec program is open for children Pre-K through 12th grade. Practice will begin early April with games beginning late April. The season will run until the end of June.

Please note - Majors and Seniors League Registration will close April 30th.

Have questions? Please join Twinsburg Baseball League on March 5th at the Twinsburg Community Center at 6:30 p.m. for a Parents' Meeting.



Have a great week!  
Kathi Powers, Superintendent

