

Putting Your Tax Dollars to Work for Our Community



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Each day, we work to make sure that your tax dollars are used wisely and effectively. That's why our monthly School Board meetings are open to the public and that all our administrators and our Superintendent remain accessible to answer your questions. I wanted to send along this brief report that highlights innovative strategies that we have implemented to "do more with less" as we serve the 3,400 students enrolled in our Lebanon Community School Corporation schools. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me at (765) 482-0380 x 31811 or by email at taitc@leb.k12.in.us.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you for a better Lebanon Community School Corporation.

Doing More with Less... Everyday

- ▶ Our Lebanon Community School Corporation budget is \$45,625,000. In addition to internal controls, public oversight by the locally-elected School Board, we also have our finances reviewed by the State Board of Accounts.
- ▶ We save taxpayers money by participating in an insurance trust to reduce the cost of healthcare, including access to 3 employee health and wellness clinics.
- ▶ We saved energy costs by upgrading lighting in every school building to more energy efficient LEDs.
- ▶ We upgraded building system controls for more effective management of heat/air systems, saving additional costs.
- ▶ We have upgraded boilers, chillers, air handlers, etc. to provide efficient heating and cooling to all buildings.
- ▶ We have saved thousands of dollars by participating in cooperative purchasing of natural gas, school bus purchases, and school supplies.
- ▶ We saved tax dollars by refinancing existing debt to reduce interest costs.
- ▶ LCSC has insured fiscal integrity by maintaining operating cash reserves and a Rainy-Day Fund.
- ▶ We made substantial security upgrades to enhance student safety.
- ▶ We employ 7.5 School Resource Officers to promote a safe learning environment in our buildings.
- ▶ We have recruited, retained, and rewarded our outstanding teaching and support staff.
- ▶ We implemented one-to-one computing in our district through the use of MacBooks and iPads to better prepare our young people for the challenges of a global economy.
- ▶ We partner with InWell to provide mental health services to students.
- ▶ We partner with the community youth athletic clubs and teams by providing access to our facilities.
- ▶ We have an outstanding partnership with our Education Foundation for additional support of our teachers without using tax dollars.
- ▶ LCSC partners with Aramark for management services for food service and facilities. This partnership provides us with innovation, bulk purchasing benefits, and thousands of annual savings.