

December 17, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This past November the residents of the Coventry Local School District turned down a 4.99 mill Emergency Levy request. As a result of this levy defeat, the Coventry Local Schools face a \$600,000 deficit at the end of the current school year. In an effort to reduce the deficit and generate some additional funding for our schools, the Coventry Board of Education has voted to implement several cost reduction measures. The Board of Education has acted on the following recommendations from the superintendent and treasurer to begin January 4, 2010:

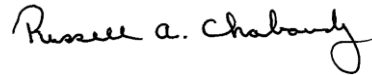
- 1) All bus stops will be combined into cluster stops. A letter will be sent home with your child on Thursday, December 17, 2009, explaining your new pick-up and drop-off spot. Questions concerning your child's bus pick-up or drop-off location can be addressed by leaving a voice mail at 330-644-2371 or an e-mail at ksmith@coventryschools.org. Our bus supervisor, Mrs. Kelly Smith, will be checking her messages over the holiday break. Cutting the routes from 600 stops to 300 stops will save over \$70,000 the remainder of the school year.
- 2) Pay-to-Participate Fees will be as follows for the winter and spring sports seasons:
CHS & CJHS winter sports - \$150.00 – This fee is due by January 15, 2010
Erwine winter sports - \$100.00 – This fee is due by January 15, 2010
CHS & CJHS spring sports - \$150.00 – This fee will be due by April 1, 2010
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There will be a cap of \$500.00 per family per sports season. Special arrangements for payment should be addressed with our athletic director, Mr. Jim Vivo, at 330-644-1152 or jvivo@coventryschools.org. It should also be noted that failure to bring in new money to the district prior to the fall sports season may result in these fees increasing at least twice the amount of the new fee schedule or the cancellation of some of our fall sports program.
- 3) Lunch prices will be increased to the following rates:
Elementary from \$2.25 to \$2.75
Middle School through High School from \$2.50 to \$3.00
Milk price will increase from \$.45 to \$.50
- 4) All school buildings not hosting a school athletic, choir or band event will be closed at 4:00 p.m. Non-school groups or organizations wishing to use buildings after 4:00 p.m. will be charged as follows:
Youth sports teams - \$10.00/hour
Outside groups or organizations - \$25.00/hour
- 5) Students participating in extra-curricular clubs will be charged a fee based on the number of students in that club needed to cover the cost of the supplemental contract, not to exceed \$25.00. This fee is being determined by the building principal and the school treasurer and will be presented to the students in early January.

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- 6) Effective January 1, 2010, the monthly fee for members of the Portage Lakes Fitness Center will be increased by \$3.00 per member.

All of these potential cuts were discussed in detail prior to the levy, as well as explained in every piece of levy information sent to the community explaining the need for our levy request. The board and administration are looking at every way to control our costs. Unfortunately, the district is already operating on a very tight budget, and it becomes increasingly more difficult to find areas to cut that do not have a direct impact on our educational program. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members with any questions, comments or concerns as we move through this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell A. Chaboudy".

Russell A. Chaboudy
Superintendent