



Shawnee Local School District
3255 Zurmehly Rd.
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4/20/2023 External Communication

Good Afternoon Everyone,

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Our staff and students continue to strive for excellence both in and out of the classroom. Students are diligently taking state tests and achieving great things during the last few weeks of school.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our community for your support in the passage of the \$2.2 million levy in May of 2021. These funds have been used to continue to provide our students with the best possible education.

The school funding formula at the state level has changed to the disadvantage of Shawnee Local Schools. Shawnee Schools Treasurer, Chris Cross, shares the following information:

The state's funding formula includes a "state share index" (percentage) which, for Shawnee Schools, is 24.46%. This means that when the state calculates the average base cost per-pupil to be \$7,351.71, Shawnee Schools only receives \$1,763.68. The difference of over \$5,500 is expected to be paid by the local taxpayers (offset by any federal revenue received).

Simply stated, for every \$1 needed to educate a Shawnee student, District tax payers are expected to pay 75 cents.

In efforts to continue fiscal responsibility, the District will be attempting to reduce its expenses by \$1 million beginning with Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023). We will keep the community updated as we work through this challenge.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jude Meyers". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Jude Meyers, Superintendent