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# The CO-PILOT

Linking the Community and Pilots

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## FROM THE DESK OF BETH HENCH

We were thrilled to welcome our students, teachers, and staff back for the 2021-2022 school year. Although the year has not quite been the return to normal that we hoped it would be, I am so proud of the work that continues to be done on a daily basis. During the beginning of the year professional development, our teachers spent some time building with Lego to recognize the importance of each piece of the puzzle that makes us successful. I want to again thank all of our puzzle pieces – students, teachers, administration, staff members, families, and community members – for the hard work and support that has been evident throughout the start of the year. This will be another great school year because of our collective dedication to doing whatever it takes to ensure student success in our classrooms and beyond our walls.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remind our community that November 2 is Election Day. Ayersville has two **RENEWAL** levies on the ballot: a 1.6 mill natatorium levy and a 1% income tax levy. These levies are **NO NEW MONEY** for our district. Over the past several years the landscape of Ayersville has been adjusted to account for losses in tax dollars, adjustments to state aid, and legislative changes. The opportunities we have been able to provide to students have suffered - in one way or another - due to changes we have made as a result of our financial situation. The income these renewal levies will bring will allow the district to at least maintain our current programming and continue to offer the best possible education we can for our students. If you have questions or would like more information in order to make an informed vote on November 2, check out our website ([ayersville.org](http://ayersville.org)) or contact me at 419-395-1111 ext. 400.

**Help Wanted:** There is a shortage of individuals willing to serve as substitutes in school buildings across the country. Ayersville is no different. We need the support of our community more than ever. Even if you are able to help one day a week, your services would be greatly appreciated!

- Classroom teacher: A person can be a substitute teacher if they have a bachelor's degree in any field OR **Senate Bill 1 is expected to expand individuals allowed to serve as a substitute to any high school graduate.** Anyone interested in becoming a substitute must apply for the appropriate license and must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Bus drivers (regular route and substitutes): Bus drivers help with extracurricular activities, field trips and/or a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a preservice class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be paid for by the district

for any individuals who serve as a bus driver for Ayersville Local Schools.

- Cafeteria: Help is needed in the cafeteria for the hours of 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a cafeteria substitute must be able to pass a criminal background check.

If you are interested in serving as a substitute, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 419-395-1111 ext. 400 for further information on how to apply.

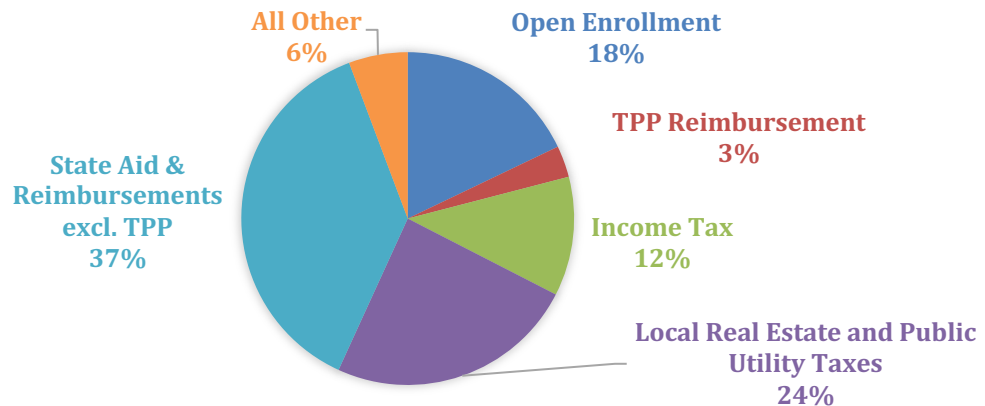
### FROM THE DESK OF ABBY SHARP:

#### 2020-2021 FINANCIAL RESULTS – GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used for the daily operations of the school district. Salaries, benefits, utilities, transportation, and other operational items are paid from this fund. Following is a summary of the results from 2020-2021 (FY2021), which ended June 30, 2021.

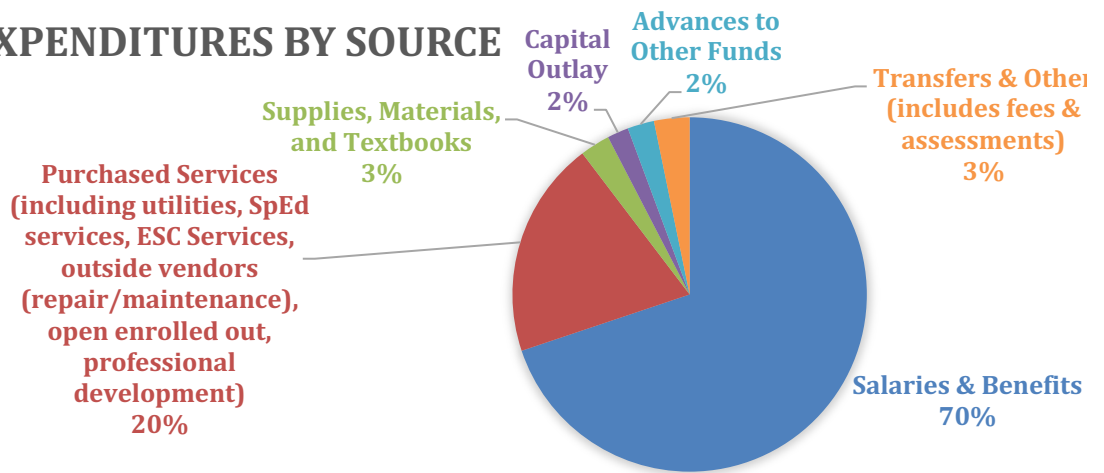
**Revenue** for the General Fund totaled \$8,167,730, which was 7% lower than FY2020. This year's decrease was due to decreased property tax collections. Some properties within the district were granted tax exemption and a three-year refund was given. The district was notified in June 2020 that the payment that we received in September 2020 would be significantly less due to the refunds given. While this was a dramatic loss, it will only have a major effect on local real estate tax for one year. Overall revenue was down including real estate tax, tangible personal property (TPP) tax, income tax, and all other revenues. The only increased revenue was to state aid which was from the partial restoration of state funding cuts from FY2020. The percentage of each major revenue source for the General Fund in FY2021 is shown below:

#### 2021 REVENUE BY SOURCE



**Expenditures** from the General Fund totaled \$9,132,312, which was a 4% decrease over what was spent in FY2020. The split between categories is different from prior years. ESSER funds (federal funds provided for relief from the extra expenditures related to COVID) were used to offset some salaries and benefits lowering that percentage. An increase to the advances to other funds was also due to the ESSER funds. Cuts were also put in place in FY2021. In general, expenditures were down in salaries, benefits, purchased services, supplies and materials, and capital outlay. As schools are a “people business”, the majority of the budget in schools each year is allocated to salaries and benefits. The graph below shows the breakdown of last year's expenditures by major category:

## FY2021 EXPENDITURES BY SOURCE



### In summary:

The district was able to lower expenses by implementing cuts and offsetting some costs with federal funds. Unfortunately, the loss in revenue was greater than the amount saved by lowering expenses. As we begin FY2022, the Tangible Personal Property (TPP) reimbursement phase-out will result in the loss of approximately \$56,782 in additional revenue in FY2022 and \$66,821 in FY2023. FY2025 will most likely be the last year of this state reimbursement. The Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) was included in the biennial budget for FY2022 and FY2023 with a projection of increased state revenue in the amount of \$521,402 in FY2022 and \$888,981 in FY2023. The future of the FSFP is not guaranteed past FY2023. Even with the increase in state funding, the stability of the district lies in the continuation of local real estate and income tax.

Monthly financial reports are now available on the school website by going to Menu – Treasurer – Monthly Financial Report.

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE

The school year is off to a great start at Ayersville Elementary. Students have been busy learning our school and classroom expectations. Teachers are continuing to utilize Google Classroom with their students. This is another wonderful way for families to stay connected with teachers and the expectations of the classrooms. Our Mindset for October is Everything is Possible. Students are learning that by staying positive and setting high expectations for themselves, anything is possible.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students went on a field trip sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation District, and Kindergarten and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students ventured to Leaders Farms. Students in K-3 learned about fire safety and fire extinguishers through the support of our local fire fighters!

Third graders took the Ohio's English Language Arts State Assessments on October 19 and 20. These results will be sent to families when they arrive in the district.

### HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

It has been a fantastic start to the 2021-2022 school year! There have been so many outstanding happenings within our classrooms on a daily basis that we are unable to list them all in one update! That is just one of the many reasons that I encourage each of you to download the Ayersville Local Schools App!

We have weekly news articles from teachers as well as daily posts on our Live Feed featuring quick updates from nearly every teacher!

In addition to the updates from within the classroom, our Video Production team has revamped how our daily announcements look. The students have been working hard on producing a daily newscast that allows us to not only share information, but to also highlight the positive that is happening in and around the school.

As a building, our theme this year is: Attitude's a choice: What's yours? The students hear this message on a daily basis following the Pledge of Allegiance. As a staff we are challenging our students to take a deeper look into their own choices towards their attitudes. Are they choosing to find the positive and help to spread it? Do they need somebody to lean on during a particularly tough day? Each day students are encouraged to make somebody else's day better, no matter how small of an improvement that is! Our staff has worked these thoughts and challenges into their lessons throughout the High School building this year.

During the week of October 4th-8th we celebrated the Fall Homecoming Spirit Week! It was a fantastic week of fun activities and building positive memories. All of the activities culminated with our Fall Homecoming Dance. This year, unlike any year before, we held the dance outdoors! It was an amazingly beautiful evening full of fun and dancing! Our student government, including our newly elected Student Council and Class Officers, did a fantastic job of organizing and setting up all of the week's activities!

### **NEW TO PILOT NATION**

The beginning of the school year brings many new and exciting changes. It also brings excitement of new staff members! Please welcome the new wave of Pilots joining our ranks at Ayersville Schools.

Laura Inkrott – Elementary Principal  
Alicia Kalik – Intervention Specialist  
Melissa Kern – Part-Time Assistant to the Treasurer  
Madisen Morlock – VoAg Teacher

Colin Mengerink - Custodian  
Nico Kinner – Part-Time Custodian  
Jen Noaker- Educational Aide  
Ariel Stehura – Vocal Music Teacher

### **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

We will continue our online ticketing this winter for all high school events (Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming). You will pay at the door for Junior High events except for the Junior High wrestling tournament. Tickets for High School events need to be purchased online and can be found on the school website under athletics or at this website:

<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/eventlist/ayersvillepilots>

Reserved seats for Boys' basketball will go on sale Nov. 15-16 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Nov. 17th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the athletic office. Please bring a credit card with you to purchase tickets.



## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

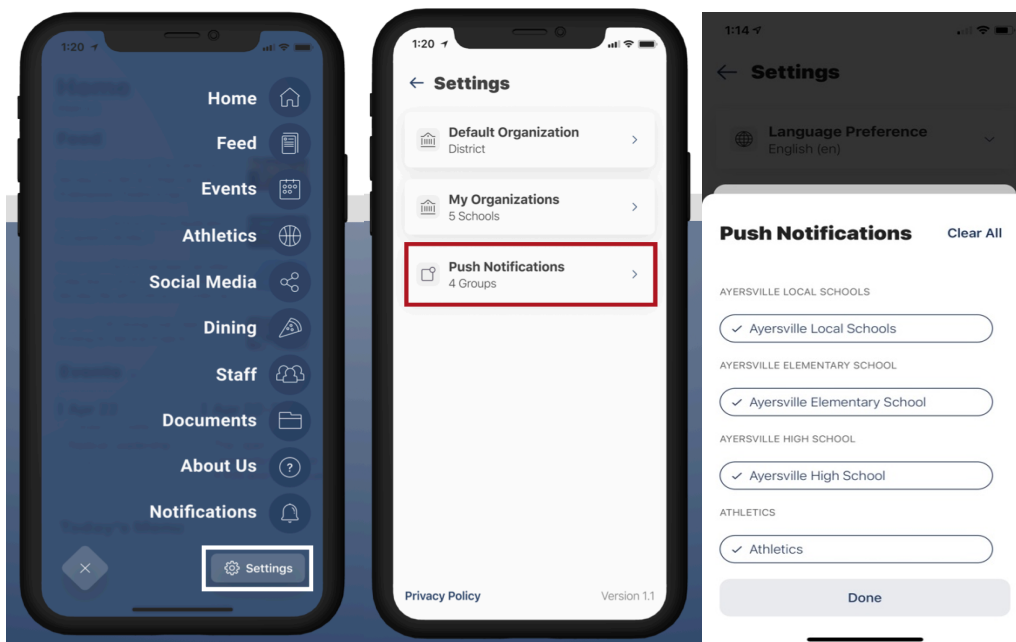
Don't miss any updates from Ayersville Local Schools!

Ayersville Local Schools is thrilled to announce our new app for mobile phones! Stay up-to-date with access to events, documents, news from administrators, student stories, and notifications such as school delays and cancellations.

App Demo Video: [https://youtu.be/ZwAT\\_sgYeGs](https://youtu.be/ZwAT_sgYeGs)

You can download the app for free on both Google Play or the Apple App Store.

1. Search 'Ayersville Local Schools' in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select 'ALLOW' when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the app, and navigate to the bottom Menu button then tap 'SETTINGS'
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your organization is selected



## PTO UPDATE

The Ayersville Elementary PTO has been busy this year already! We supplied each student and staff in K-6 with a Pilots T-shirt. We have also made donations towards a tent for school and extracurricular use and to the levy campaign. We are also in the process of planning to set up some trunks in the south parking lot to contribute to the Trick-or-Treat night in Ayersville on October 28<sup>th</sup>. NHS and SADD are working with us to coordinate this event! If you are interested in participating or volunteering with this in any way, please contact us at [ayersvillepto@gmail.com](mailto:ayersvillepto@gmail.com). We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. either in the Media Center or on Zoom. Follow the PTO Facebook page, Ayersville Elementary P.T.O., for updates and announcements.

**2021-2022 Officers:** Casie Sprow, President; Melissa Stiltner, VP; Tammie Santo, Treasurer; Natasha Hussey, Secretary; Kami McGuire, Assistant Secretary; Sarah Randall, Assistant Treasurer.

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### POSTAL PATRON

#### UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 29	Variety Show in the RBL Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	Wavier Day – no school for students
Nov. 2	Election Day
Nov. 11	P/T Conferences from 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	P/T Conferences from 4:00-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24-26	Thanksgiving Break – no school
Dec. 1	2-hour delay for Staff Professional Development
Dec. 22	1-hour Early Dismissal
Dec. 23-31	Christmas Break – no school
Jan. 3	School resumes



#### Pool Winter Hours

Tues & Thur	7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Adults only	9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Preschool:	\$ .50
Students:	\$1.00
Adults:	\$1.50

Adult swim is available M-F from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Cost for adult swim is \$1.50 daily, \$5.00 weekly, or \$20.00 monthly.