

Vote FOR the North Olmsted Schools on November 2nd Invest in Your Future for a Dollar a Day

The recent unexpected economic downturn has had an unfavorable effect on all of us, including funding for the North Olmsted City Schools.

Changes in property values affect both the homeowner and the school district. Schools are receiving less money to operate as home values decline. State funding cuts are making it even harder for districts across Ohio to keep all of their programs intact.

The district cut expenses by \$4.5 million and eliminated 39 jobs, but they still need your help to balance the budget and keep our schools and community stable. It's a sound investment.

After failed levies in May and August, the schools had to make these difficult decisions:

Cut bussing for students K-8 who live less than two miles from school. Not all parents are able to drive their students to school, and two miles is a long walk for little ones. Many walkers will cross large intersections and congested parking lots.

Students who want to do anything extra in school now have to pay large fees ranging from \$100 up to \$1,000. This includes sports, band, orchestra, drama and clubs. Many families can't afford the fees, and fundraisers can't cover everything.

Students who depend on extra help from staff may begin to struggle in school after more staff cuts. How many jobs are enough to cut? Do we just keep cutting until there is nothing left? What will we have after all the cuts? The schools need your help.

Please think about all of these things before you cast your vote.

Vote **FOR** our schools, and your investment in our community will continue to grow. People will want to move into our city to raise and educate their family – just like you.

Vote **FOR** our schools and be known as a community who values an Excellent with Distinction school system. It all ties together, and begins right in the classroom.

Vote **FOR** our schools because quality schools are the key to protecting our property values.

Investing in your future for about a dollar a day is a smart investment!

For more information visit www.northolmstedschools.org and www.northolmstedkids.org

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