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## NOT A NEW TAX 5.7 Mill Emergency Operating Levy Renewal

The Green Local Schools has placed a 5.7 mill emergency operating levy renewal on the ballot for your consideration. It currently collects \$850,000 annually, and is expiring on December 31, 2020, with collection through December 31, 2021. This levy was last renewed in 2010 at a higher voted millage of 6.6 mills. Because the dollar amount of taxes charged by this emergency operating levy must stay constant, the millage is being reduced from 6.6 to 5.7 mills, a decrease of 13.6%, as property values have changed. Please keep in mind that this is not a new tax or a tax increase, but a millage renewal for an existing emergency levy that is dedicated to district operations.

The School District is counting on your support for renewal of this levy on November 3, 2020. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to the students, parents, and communities we serve.

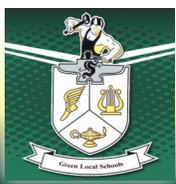
*Right: Sample of Green Local Schools levy renewal ballot*

#### Proposed Tax Levy Renewal Green Local School District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Green Local School District for the purpose of **providing for the emergency requirements of the School District** in the sum of \$850,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to average 5.7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 57 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 10 years?

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY



## Dates to Remember

Due to the current circumstances please watch our website for updated date changes of future events.

### October

- 8 – GES Parent Teacher Conferences
- 8 – GMS Parent Teacher Conferences
- 12 – All-Sports Booster Meeting
- 13 – GES Parent Teacher Conference
- 15 – 2 Hour Early Release
- 15 – End of the 1st Nine Weeks
- 16 – No School – Staff Prof. Dev.
- 19 – Sacred Choir Concert
- 26 – Board of Education Meeting

### November

- 5 – SHS Parent Teacher Conferences
- 6 – Veteran’s Day Assembly
- 6 – OMEA MS Honor Band/Choir Concert
- 13 – All Sports Booster Meeting
- 26-27 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 30 – No School – P/T Comp Day
- TBD – Board of Education Meeting

## Public Participation at Board Meetings

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such participation in Board meetings. A sign-up sheet for public participation will be provided at each regular meeting for participants who would like to speak at the meeting. No previous contact to Green Local Schools is necessary.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting, at which public participation is permitted, shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

## Accountability, Transparency, and Stewardship of District Finances

We remain dedicated to providing transparency in keeping the community informed about the challenges facing our school district and the need to sustain funding in order to maintain a high quality education for our students. State funding of our school district was reduced by \$194,872 during the past and current school years due to a shortfall in State sales and income tax revenues. During the past school year, expenditure decreases (i.e., budget versus actual) were realized as a result of the State-mandated building closures and COVID relief monies used to offset district expenditures totaling over \$100,000. These budget savings will assist with offsetting any additional reductions which may occur at the federal, state, and local levels. For many school districts, including Green Local, a proactive approach to monitoring district expenditures is necessary during these very uncertain times.

Providing an excellent educational experience for our students, while also making sure the school district stays within its financial means, while staying in compliance with State and Federal laws is truly a balancing act. The Auditor of State’s office provides financial oversight and accountability for district finances through its annual financial audit ensuring prudent use of taxpayer dollars, accurate financial records, a sound internal control structure, safeguarding of assets against loss, waste and abuse, and compliance with governmental laws. Documents of such audits can be viewed publicly at <https://www.ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch/Search.aspx>. The Green Local Schools has continued to demonstrate sound financial management, as documented and evidenced in its annual financial audit reports.

Green Local Schools continues to pursue alternative revenue sources, such as actively soliciting grant opportunities for district operations at both the State and Federal levels. This school year, the district will be participating in State grants totaling \$431,857 and Federal grants totaling \$486,070. In addition, the school district was able to participate in several capital improvement projects recently using funds raised through sponsorships, donations, fundraisers, and business partnerships totaling \$223,442. These projects included a new soccer press box, stadium scoreboard, eight lane track expansion and a greenhouse. As always, Green Local Schools is very appreciative of the financial support provided through these partnerships.

## Wayne County Fair 2020

Even though the fair looked a little different this year for the kids of Green Local it was great to see them adjusting and enjoying themselves.





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## Nurse's Update

By Melody Martell RN and Julie Welty LPN

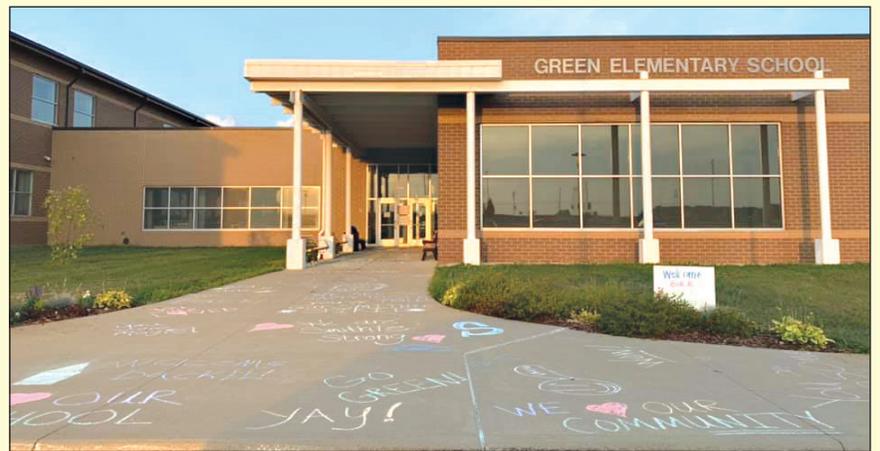
Welcome Back Smithies – here are a few important reminders:

Continue checking your student's temperature every morning before sending him/her to school. If they are not feeling well-keep them home and contact the school nurse, if needed.

Wash your student's masks daily or have a clean mask available for each day.

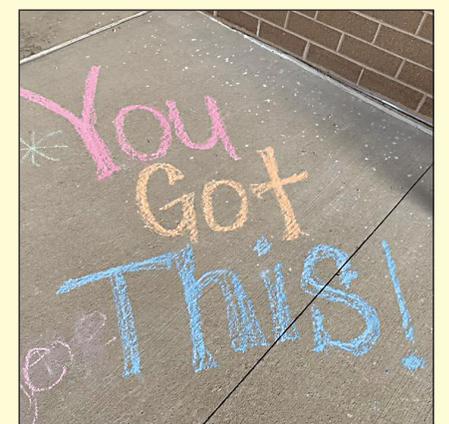
All students are required to have up to date immunization records on file. Incoming seventh grade students are required to have Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines and twelfth grade students are required to have a second dose of Meningococcal to be considered current on vaccines. Please send updated immunization records to the school nurse by September 30th, 2020.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Mrs. Martell at [MMartell@wccscc.org](mailto:MMartell@wccscc.org) or Mrs. Welty at [gren\\_jwelty@tccsa.net](mailto:gren_jwelty@tccsa.net). We thank you for your assistance in keeping our Smithie students healthy!



## First Day Sidewalk Greetings

Staff and Students at Green Local Schools were greeted with fun and inspiring sidewalk chalk messages upon their return to school on the first day. Thank you.



## Looking for Extra Income?

Green Local Schools are looking for substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year in the following areas:

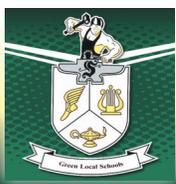
**Substitute Teacher  
Paraprofessional (Aides)**

Apply at Tri-County Educational Service Center, 330-345-6771  
[www.youresc.k12.oh.us/substitute-teacher-paraprofessional-services](http://www.youresc.k12.oh.us/substitute-teacher-paraprofessional-services)

**Bus Driver (will train)  
Cafeteria  
Custodial  
Secretaries**

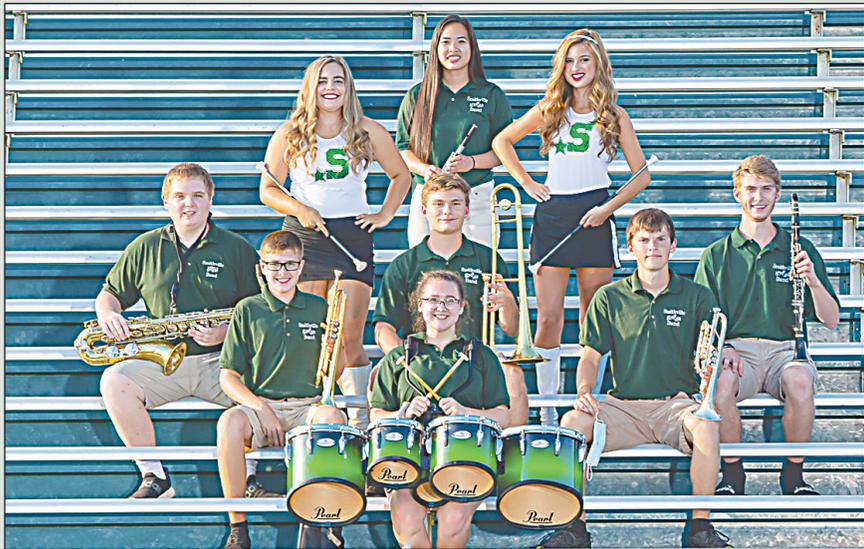
Apply at Green Local Schools, 330-669-3921 ext. 5000  
[www.green-local.k12.oh.us/district/employment](http://www.green-local.k12.oh.us/district/employment)

All applications for employment are subject to a criminal records check through the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the authority of Section 3319.32 and Section 109.57, Revised Code.



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## Salute to 2020-2021 Senior Band Members, Majorettes and Choir Members



### Band/Majorette

Front: **Whitney Wenger**

Second Row: **Dakotta Snyder, Michael Frantz, Austin Cool, Tyler Indermuhle, Alex Taylor**

Third Row: **Sharie Guilliams, Malaina Schaffter, Morgan Danko**



### Choir

Front row: **Hannah Baker, Morgan Danko, Sharie Guilliams, Lyric Wenger, Carissa Butler, Marley Weigman, Sophie Gaines**

Back Row: **Noah Smith, Aidan JoDon, Ian Anderson, Joel Thompson, Jaron Sustar, Wesley Dickens**

Not pictured: **Nick Copley**



Thank you to the following scoreboard sponsors for their generous donation to the new Smithie Stadium scoreboard and play clocks.

- CA Leach Builders
- Primary Residential Mortgage Incorporated
- Orrville Plumbing and Heating
- Window World

Also, thank you to HAD Drilling Contractors for assisting with the installation of the scoreboard and Woodarski Electric for setting up the electric.

We are grateful for your support! Go Smithies!



Thank you to Rogue Tree Solutions for hanging the Senior Banners on Smithie Drive.

We greatly appreciate you!

Green Local Schools were fortunate to receive a delivery the first week of school from Mark at Dee's Hallmark in Wooster with a bag of mask that had been donated to Green Local. For every mask purchased at Dee's Hallmark for Green Local they graciously donated a second mask in your name. We send a big thank you to those that purchased for Green Local and Dee's Hallmark for supporting all our local school districts as we head back to school.

Smithville Athletics would like to thank parents and community members for wearing their masks and socially distancing during games to help our athletes have their season. We are so proud of our athletes and appreciate the support during a difficult time.