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**Beyond barbed wire and a mountain of construction debris lies a federally-funded opportunity for greenspace and energy generation that could power hundreds of nearby Slavic Village homes. But the city of Cleveland is holding up the project.**

## Slavic Village fights to save clean energy project

Slavic Village leaders are rallying local residents to pressure the city of Cleveland to uphold a hard-fought deal with the federal government that would clean up a dangerous landfill and turn it into one of the area's largest solar energy farms. A meeting at historic Jones Road Church, less than a mile from the location, was attended by city and county officials arguing the case.

The \$20 million dollar project was negotiated over several years with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It proposes to clean up a large, landlocked dumping site along the Mill Creek waterway a few blocks south of Harvard Ave. The site is largely concealed from public view, hidden behind private property and security fences. in violation of numerous environmental regulations.

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## New location announced for Early In-Person Voting

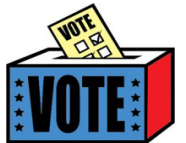
The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections wants voters to know that on Tuesday, Oct. 7, Early In-Person Voting and Vote-by-Mail opened for the November 4, 2025 General Election.

The Board of Elections has moved its new Early In-Person Voting location to 1803 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. The new location offers free parking and easy access to public transportation.

### Vote-by-Mail

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications are available online at [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov) or by calling 216-443-VOTE (8683), and at all public libraries. Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications must be received by the Board of Elections on or before 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025.

## Local November 4th Primary Election candidates, ballot issues outlined



Early voting has begun in Cuyahoga County for the candidates and issues on the ballot for the Tuesday, Nov. 4th Primary Election.

In cities and villages covered in The Neighborhood News readership area voters will decide on the winners in mayoral races, council seats, Board of Education members, Charter Review Commission members in Bedford Heights and the renewal of a proposed tax levy for the Garfield Heights City School District.

The following is a list of candidates for various offices in our local municipalities:

### BEDFORD

#### Council candidates

**For Member of Council at Large (Mayor):** Stan Koci, Felicia Washington Ross

**Ward 1:** Sandy Spinks, Denise Zingale

**Ward 3:** Frank J. Spiker

**Ward 5:** Jeff A. Asbury, Cory Berry

#### Bedford Board of Education Members (Elect 3)

Anthony A. Akins Sr., Chris Callender, Sharyn Macklin, Montez Morton Sr., Danielle M. Turner Birch

### BEDFORD HEIGHTS

#### For Member of Council at Large (Elect 3)

Paul Bounds, Derek Funderburk, Ed Keglovich, Jennifer Lastery, Enid L. Thomas, Alton A. Tinker

#### Charter Review Commission (Elect 9)

Janet Anselmo, Yohlaunda Battle, Eva M. Boyington, Annette Brown, Terri Honer, Janice Hudson, Doris J. Kennedy, Joseph R. Lastery Sr., Rochelle L. May, Linda L. Mazey-Undicelli, Lynnette C. Tinker, Richard P. Undicelli

### CLEVELAND

#### Mayor

Justin Bibb, Laverne Gore, Ricky L. Pittman (Write-in)

#### Slavic Village Council Candidates

**Ward 2:** Kevin L. Bishop

**Ward 3:** Deborah A. Gray, LaShorn K. Caldwell (write-in), Ras Olugbenga (write-in), Erich V. Stubbs, Dontez L. Taylor (write-in)

**Ward 5:** Myras Holmes (write-in), Rebecca Maurer, Richard A. Starr

### CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS

#### Mayor

Jack M. Bacci

#### Council Candidates (Elect 3)

Todd D. Bloam, Ken Bozikis, Robert W. Unger, David Volek

#### Cuyahoga Heights Board of Education (Elect 3)

Carolyn Pajestka, Peter Rossi, Matt Rusch

### GARFIELD HEIGHTS

#### Mayor

Matt Burke, James S. Feeney

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## Maple Heights Council to be available on YouTube

By Ellen Psenicka

Maple Heights City Council met last Wednesday, Oct. 1, and heard a motion authorizing it to retain the services of Latif Hughes, at a rate of \$75 per hour, to establish a YouTube channel for council meetings, including caucuses.

Also included in the hourly rate will be set up and take down of equipment needed for the livestreaming of council meetings, attending and monitoring the livestreaming of council meetings, posting and saving video of the YouTube council meetings for future viewing.

Council meetings are currently available live via Zoom to the public by utilizing computer, tablet or smartphone devices or by telephone.

The following resolutions were passed by council at its meeting last week:

- Proclaiming Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m., as the Halloween observance in the city.

- Entering into a contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide health services for the city for the years 2026 and 2027.

- Entering into a contract with LPA Federal ODOT Let Project for citywide traffic signal upgrades in the city, including removal of unwarranted signals and the replacement of controllers, signals and poles.

- Entering into a contract with LPA Federal ODOT to reconstruct Southgate Park Boulevard from Warrensville Center Rd. to Northfield Rd., installing crosswalks, signing, striping, mid-block RRFB crossings, curb ramps and sidewalk repairs.

# Trinity High School to dedicate one-of-a-kind certification centers honoring Howley Foundation

William Svoboda, president/principal of Trinity High School in Garfield Heights, has announced the dedication of two new, state-of-the-art certification centers: the Howley Foundation Medical Certification Center and the Howley Foundation Information Technology Certification Center.

Made possible through an extraordinary \$750,000 grant from the Howley Foundation, these centers provide Trinity students with advanced training and industry-recognized certifications in two of today's most in-demand career fields.

The dedication ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Trinity High School following a special breakfast honoring Howley Scholars at 8:30 a.m. The official dedication will begin at 9:30 a.m., with Trinity's Board of Directors, administration, faculty, students and representatives from the Howley Foundation, including Mrs. Lorie Howley, in attendance.

This groundbreaking initiative represents a one-of-a-kind program in Northeast Ohio, offering students unparalleled opportunities to prepare for success in both college and career pathways, Svoboda noted. By integrating hands-on training with real-world certifications, Trinity is ensuring its graduates are uniquely positioned to thrive in today's competitive workforce.

"The Howley Foundation's commitment to education is transforming what is possible for our students," said Svoboda. "These centers are not just classrooms — they are gateways to the future, equipping young people with skills and confidence that will serve them for a lifetime."

# Community Luncheon for breast cancer patients, survivors in Maple Heights

The Alliance for Family Hope Breast Cancer Patients' and Survivors' Community Luncheon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 5050 Stanley Ave., Maple Heights, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for residents of Maple Heights and surrounding communities.

Come nourish your body and spirit at this free luncheon of remembrance, hope, life, strength and community support. Guest speaker will be Dr. Alicia Jones, DO, of University Hospitals. There will be breast cancer informational resources, a make-it, take-it home craft and gift basket giveaway. Please RSVP by Oct. 13, by calling 216-213-9326 or email to: srpioneer4910@gmail.com

# Sweetest Day Dinner-Dance

Garfield Heights United's 2nd annual Sweetest Day Dinner-Dance Celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall (small hall on left side), 10806 Granger Rd., Garfield Heights.

The event is for Garfield Heights residents age 60 and over and their guest must be age 50-plus. Included in the evening will be a complimentary dinner, music and dancing, giveaways throughout the evening. Limited seating available to the first 50 people and guests. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 13, by phoning 216-856-4036, or email to: Ghu44125@gmail.com

# CityMusic Concert Oct. 18

The CityMusic Cleveland Orchestra will hold a free concert entitled "America @250: Sounds of Home" on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m., at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65 St., Cleveland. All are invited to enjoy the concert and its beautiful venue.

# St. John Nep. Homecoming

St. John Nepomucene Church, 3785 Independence Rd., in Cleveland's Slavic Village, will hold its Parish Homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 11, with a Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

The event will also celebrate Fr. Robert Jasany's 25 years as pastor, the church's history and the alumni who attended St. John Nepomucene School. All are invited to take part in the festivities.

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# November 4th Primary Slavic Village fights to save clean energy project

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## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Council Candidates

**Ward 1:** Stacey Collier**Ward 2:** Tenisha Mack**Ward 3:** Mark Smith**Ward 4:** Avery Johnson, John L. Jones**Ward 5:** Rachelle A. Tonsing**Ward 6:** Clifford Kelley Jr, Joe Randazzo**Ward 7:** Jennifer Newrones

### Garfield Heights Board of Education (Elect 3)

Mitchell Dudley, Chloe' Ervin-Dozier, Millette L. King, Heather Morrison

### Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

### Garfield Heights City School District

(A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage)

Shall a levy renewing an existing levy be imposed by the Garfield Heights City School District for the purpose of providing for emergency requirements of the school district in the sum of \$5,350,000 and a levy of taxes to be made outside of the ten-mill limitation estimated by the County Fiscal Officer to average 9.63 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$337 for each \$100,000 of the County Fiscal Officer's appraised value for a period of ten years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026?

## INDEPENDENCE

### For Member of Council at Large (Elect 7)

Matthew Benkner, Cheryl Chase, Kevin Day, Stephanie Rodriguez, Rebecca G. Somnitz, Sarah Szveda, Anthony L. Togliatti, Dale A. Veverka, Chris Walchanowicz

### Independence Board of Education (Elect 3)

Joseph Moeller, Scott T. Peters, Jennifer Rega Shedron, Carrie Sears, Kathleen M. Vijaywergiya

## MAPLE HEIGHTS

### President of Council

Dana D. Anderson, Lawrence Lane

### Council Candidates

**District 1:** Devin Nelson, Stafford L. Shenett**District 3:** Timothy F. Tatum**District 5:** Shirley Merritt, Frank M. Rives**District 7:** Edwina K. Agee, Travian Atkins

### Maple Heights Board of Education (Elect 3)

Alonzo Blackwell, Sherria S. Granger, Carla Hunter, Rosalind Moore

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For decades it was used by a succession of corporate owners who contaminated it with industrial products in violation of numerous environmental regulations. Leaching waterborn contaminants threaten the nearby stream; a stone crushing operation currently sprays particulates into the air.

The latest plan is for the city and county to clean up the brownfield, then lease the land to a private developer who has the expertise to build and maintain a large solar energy field that could potentially power over 200 homes. Energy could also be sold to local energy providers.

Monies to finance the project were secured over multiple years through negotiations between Cuyahoga County and the federal government. The area's current Ward 12 councilperson, Rebecca Maurer, and its future Ward 2 councilman, Kevin Bishop, both strongly support the project. But the significant holdout is the administration of Mayor Justin Bibb, which has objected for several technical reasons.

On Monday night, Krystal Sierra, planning director of Slavic Village Development, spoke before Cleveland City Council. She made it clear that the city administration, not city council, was holding up the project. She said it was ironic that Mayor Justin Bibb recently travelled to Climate Week in New York City to advocate for solar energy funding, while Cleveland Public Power was rejecting it back home.

Time is of the essence. The funding clock is ticking and the promised federal money could be withdrawn early next year if Cleveland backs down.

Ward 12 Councilwoman Rebecca Maurer and Ward 2 Councilman Kevin Bishop are continuing the fight in city hall, in anticipation of a council Utilities Committee hearing in the coming weeks.

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# Community police reports

(All information is preliminary and subject to change pending investigation.)

## Garfield Heights

### Burglary

• On Sept. 23, at approximately 12:50 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence in the 13500 block of Mapleleaf Dr. for a report of a burglary. Upon arrival officers spoke with the resident who stated she had left home around 11:30 a.m., and upon returning, discovered a back window in her son's bedroom was open and that the room had been ransacked. It was reported that an Xbox Series X (\$599.99) was missing from the bedroom. The resident also reported that the basement had been ransacked. Additional items reported missing included a Playstation 5 (\$500), Jordan shoes (\$650), miscellaneous clothing, and a damaged television. The case was forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

• On Sept. 25, an officer responded to a burglary call in the 5200 block of Turney Rd., and arrived to the scene at 9:19 p.m. The resident stated that she had not been home since Saturday, Sept. 20. She returned around 4 p.m., and realized that her daughter's TV and TV router were missing. She told officers that the only person that had been around her apartment with access would be her landlord who changed the bolt lock to her front door. The officer did not notice any signs of forced entry.

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# Thousands on hand for Polish Festival



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# Letters to the Editor

## Facts on Issue 48, GHCS's Renewal Issue

The Garfield Heights City Schools has placed Issue 48 on the November 4th ballot, a renewal issue that will not increase taxes. The community's consideration of Issue 48 will renew funding which has been continuously approved by voters since 1986 and 1992 respectively, and helps keep the educational programming, access to resources and dedicated staff all intact for our students.

Already, massive cuts have been made to the district. If Issue 48 does not pass, the district will likely need to close the Middle School and Elmwood Elementary School. GHCS levies are subject to the Rollback and Homestead Credit programs through the State of Ohio, meaning taxpayers only pay 87.5% of the total levy collection cost. Any new levy will be taxed at the full 100% collection rate, meaning an increased cost just to collect the same amount citizens currently pay. 12.5% of your current cost subsidized by the state will be lost permanently if this issue is not renewed.

The GHCS has placed a Levy Information page on our website, and we encourage you to become informed about Issue 48, the district's renewal issue that will not raise taxes.

Phillip J. Oko

Treasurer/CFO, Garfield Heights City School District

# Neighbors on Duty meets at Civic Center

Join your neighbors looking out for neighbors! The next Neighbors On Duty meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 8, at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Rd., at 6:30 p.m., and is open to all Garfield Heights residents.

Guest speakers will include GHPD Chief Mark Kaye, Deputy Chief Dale Merchant, the Cuyahoga County Scam Squad and more. Food and drinks by Flava Catering and Mr. Hero, sponsored by Huntington Bank, Lightcomm Designs, Weldon PC and Mayor Matt Burke.

RSVP online to: [WWW.NEIGHBORSONDUTY.ORG](http://WWW.NEIGHBORSONDUTY.ORG) or call Council President Avery Johnson (Ward 4): 216-365-3009, or Councilman Clifford Kelley Jr. (Ward 6): 216-253-0142.

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS ZONING CODE UPDATE



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Should you have any inquiries regarding the zoning code update during the final adoption phase of the project, please note that there are still several opportunities for input during the upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Be advised that only these two entities will be authorized to submit revisions to the zoning code draft from this point forward.

### MEETING DETAILS!

#### DATE:

City Council Meetings: 7:00 PM

October 14, 2025

November 10, 2025

October 27, 2025

November 24, 2025

Planning Commission Meetings: 6:00 PM\*\*

October 15, 2025 – (7PM)

November 5, 2025 – (6PM)

November 19, 2025 – (6PM)

\*\* Note all Planning Commission meeting beginning on November 5th with be held at 6PM

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# HUNDREDS ENJOY LOCAL FALL FESTS IN BEDFORD, GARFIELD



It felt more like summer last weekend than fall, but it was perfect weather for the Children's Fall Festival in Bedford (top row of pictures) and the Fall Festival in Garfield Heights (bottom row). Hundreds of kids and adults at the Bedford Square and Garfield Heights Civic Center enjoyed pumpkin hunting and decorating, music, dancing, crafts, goodies and lots of fall fun! *Photos by Elena Psenicka & Wendy Walters*

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Community Police Reports

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There were other valuables including laptops and cash in the apartment which had not been taken. Forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Animal complaint

On Sept. 24, at approximately 9:10 p.m., officers responded to a 911 call on David Rd. with multiple individuals heard arguing in the background. Upon arriving officers spoke to the caller, who said her Yorkie dog had been attacked by a pitbull. She said she was letting her dog outside when the pitbull charged at her dog, grabbed it by the neck and dragged it out of the house. She explained she grabbed an umbrella and started to hit the pitbull to free her dog, causing her to fall in the process. Officers spoke with the owner of the pitbull who said he wasn't sure how his dog had escaped. Parties will follow-up with the animal warden.

Disorderly Conduct

On Sept. 29, at about 2:30 p.m., an officer went to the area of Garfield Heights High School for dismissal after getting information from security that a fight was to take place. While in the area of Turneytown, the officer began monitoring a group of 20-30 juveniles and observed two female juveniles fighting. As the officer pulled up to the fight, it began spilling into the street. Given the size of the group and the potential of danger to the public they caused, the officer deployed multiple pepperballs into the area of the group, and the crowd dispersed. Another officer got the two females who were fighting into handcuffs, placed them under arrest for disorderly conduct and took them to the city jail for booking. They were released to their parents, who were advised the report would be forwarded to the Juvenile Detective Bureau for charges.

Assault

On Sept. 29, at about 3:13 p.m., police responded to the Marathon gas station, 5571 Turney Rd., for a call that someone was assaulted there by a group of juveniles. The officer talked to an employee and a man and his wife who were Marathon customers. The employee said he saw about 4-6 juveniles surround the male customer who was involved in a physical altercation with them near one of the gas pumps. When the employee attempted to shield the customer from the juveniles, one of them pushed him in the chest with both hands and he nearly fell. The juveniles fled north on Turney Rd. before police arrived. An officer interviewed the male and female customers and was told by the husband that he was in the driver's seat of his car at a gas pump while his wife walked into the store. He said a juvenile asked the woman to buy an item for him and when she refused, he allegedly threw an object at her. Her husband told him to stop, which resulted in the group of juveniles surrounding him. He said one of them punched him above the right eyebrow with a closed fist. The victim had visible swelling around his eye consistent with his account. For their safety, the couple retreated to their vehicle. The juveniles then surrounded the car and began shaking it in an apparent attempt to force them out of the vehicle. The victim declined medical attention. The employee said there may be surveillance footage of the incident which he would provide to police.

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**Engineering Hour - Grades 1-5. Thursdays, Oct. 9, 23, 3 p.m.** Bring your creativity and dexterity for an hour of building!

**How to Make Lofi Beats (Teen). Thursday, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.** Learn how to use GarageBand and electronic instruments to make lofi hip hop beats. Basic computer skills required. Each attendee will leave with a USB of their creation(s). **MUST REGISTER**

**Google Docs and Slides - Adults. Friday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.** Learn how to use Google Docs and Slides. This class will discuss tools and features to create and format documents and presentations. (Note: A Google account is needed to participate in the class). **MUST REGISTER**

**Self-Care Saturday (Teen). Saturday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m.** Ease your mind with calming activities. Art, yoga, writing, meditation and more! Comfy clothes recommended. A release form must be completed by a parent/guardian before the program to participate. Yoga mats are provided. This is for grades 6-12. **MUST REGISTER**

**Family History: Intergenerational Genealogy Exploration - Adults. Saturday, Oct. 11, 3 p.m.** How do you get started with family history? Learn about your family history using FamilySearch and Ancestry. Over the course

of three months, children and adults will work together to learn about their family history. We will be focusing on gathering information to build your family tree online. A valid email address is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult (over the age of 18). **MUST REGISTER**

### Cleveland Public Library: Fleet

Fleet Campus, 7224 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, is hosting some wonderful **FREE** programs this month for youth, adults and families. For more information or to register for any programs, please call 216-623-6962.

**Kids Café**—Ages 1-18: Every Monday-Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cleveland Foodbank's afternoon lunch program for the school year.

**Microsoft Word Workshop**—Adults: Thursdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Become proficient in the everyday, academic and work-related use of Microsoft Word in this monthly series of workshops.

**Nature As Art**—All ages: Thursday, Oct. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy rock painting and make some neat creations.

**Banned Book Coffee Chats**—Adults: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 12-1 p.m. This month's title will be "Go Ask Alice." Limited copies of the book will be available to check out.

**The Drawing Hour**—School age/Teens: Wednesday, Oct. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Draw with peers for an hour. If you are stuck on what to draw, prompts will be provided.

### Garfield Heights Branch Library

Here are some of the **FREE** programs available at the Garfield Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 5409 Turney Rd. Call 216-475-8178 to register or for more information.

#### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Innovation Center Orientation** Learn about the equipment and policies of the Innovation Centers throughout Cuyahoga County Public Library. Attending this orienta-

tion allows users to utilize the Innovation Centers throughout the library system. For adults 18 years and older. Upcoming sessions: Thursday, Oct. 9, 6-7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration required.

**3D Design + Printing Basics** Learn the basics of creating 3D designs and submitting a 3D print. Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration required.

#### TEENS

**Teens Innovate** Teens can come explore STEAM activities, new technologies and make cool things in the library's Innovation Center. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Nutrition for Tweens** Come and learn about the food groups with Central State Nutrition Extension and make a recipe from a different food group each week. Monday, Oct. 20, 4-5 p.m.

**Teen Tuesday** Meet up with friends and enjoy trying a new activity each month! Tuesday, Oct. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**I Have Something to Say** Join us for an afternoon of learning expression through drama, movement, writing and visual arts. Thursday, Oct. 30, 3:30-5 p.m.

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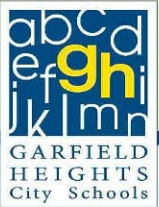
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# Garfield Heights City Schools



## Due to Non-Passage of Renewal Issue

Over the past two years, the Garfield Heights City Schools has had to make MAJOR CUTS due to non-passage of our renewal issue. At the Board Meeting on Monday, September 15th, the Garfield Heights City Schools announced a new round of cuts that would take place in the district if Issue 48 is NOT PASSED. Please read below to learn more!

### REDUCTIONS, CUTS, and ALTERNATIVE MEASURES MADE TO-DATE

- ✗ Nearly \$8 million in budget reductions to right-size our workforce, control costs, and to address enrollment trends.
  - ✗ In the last 3 years, the district has reduced teaching positions by 20%—the equivalent of closing an entire elementary school—without closing a single building.
  - ✗ We have reduced our administrative staff by 30%. 6 administrative positions (building-level and central office)
  - ✗ 2 exempt central office positions
  - ✗ 35 teacher positions (11 through buyouts)
- ✗ Security associate positions
  - ✗ Building substitutes
  - ✗ Student school supply funding
  - ✗ Arts programming funds
  - ✗ Social-emotional learning curriculum (Satchel Pulse)
  - ✗ Introduced pay-to-participate for sports and other activities

We have also aggressively pursued outside funding to limit the burden on local taxpayers, including:

- Stadium replacement completed without using general fund dollars.
- Middle School window replacements supported through grant funding.
- Elementary playground and outdoor classroom created through additional grants.

### MORE REDUCTIONS ARE NEEDED:

**Below is what will be cut without passage of Issue 48.**

- ✗ Reduction in force of 20 teaching positions.
- ✗ Reduction in force of 10 operations positions (maintenance, custodial, transportation, and cleaners).
- ✗ Potential cuts to the school day.
- ✗ **Closure of the Middle School and Elmwood Elementary school buildings.**

**Please Become Informed on the FACTS of Issue 48!**