

Supporting Our Business

Have you ever thought about how important it is to everyone to support our local businesses? Every time we utilize the service of a local business, and we support the individuals who work at that business, we support the school district with the taxes generated from that business. These taxes provide a significant revenue to the school district and city that would otherwise be provided by citizens like you and me.

Look at the four auto dealers in Lebanon for example: Think about how many people are employed in the many different departments of each dealership. Each person earns an income, the school district, city, police, fire and other agencies benefit from the taxes of each employee. The dealerships pay taxes on their property, the buildings and all the tangible items on the property. This also contributes to the services we receive from the many agencies listed. Each person who is employed has a source of income to go to another local business and continue to drive the economy of this community. This may be through eating out, shopping at a local store or banking locally in Lebanon.

Take a moment to think about the impact each one of us has on maintaining the services we receive as a community as well as the ability we have to maintain the cost of receiving these services.

Strong business communities provide much greater tax support, and we all benefit when our local business are successful.



Thank You to Outback Steakhouse and City Barbeque

Once again, two of our local residents, Sam Bonasso and Toby Stoller, have offered assistance to our school district by providing great food to support programming at no cost. Sam is the proprietor of the Outback Steakhouse at Kings Mills, and Toby is the general manager of City Barbeque at Eastgate Mall. Both gentlemen have sponsored numerous school programs, and we are appreciative of their support.

Back Pack Program Starts this Fall

There are 1,116 students who qualify for free or reduced breakfast and lunch in the Lebanon City Schools, approximately 22% of the total student population. With your help and through a partnership with Shared Harvest Food Bank Manna Worldwide and Heritage Baptist Church, we have an opportunity to ensure students that are in greatest need receive six nutritious meals each weekend. The cost of the program is fully funded by donations from various sources including local businesses, churches, organizations and citizens.

This school year, volunteers will be needed on Friday mornings to help fill the backpacks at Shared Harvest; transportation is provided by Heritage Baptist Church. Donations will also be accepted, and 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go toward the purchase of food. Checks can be made out to Manna Worldwide. Please indicate "Lebanon Back Packs" on the check, and send them to Lee Pennekamp, Huntington National Bank, 1300 Columbus Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036.

Hunger has an impact on children's ability to learn, their behavior and attendance. Hunger causes physical and mental impairment that might never be reversed. Your assistance can provide the necessary support to children in this community who are unable to consistently get enough nutritious food to lead a healthy life.

Dear Community Members

Many of you may have heard that I accepted the superintendent position at Beavercreek and you may have also heard that a few days later I then requested the Beavercreek Board to accept my resignation. This information is accurate.

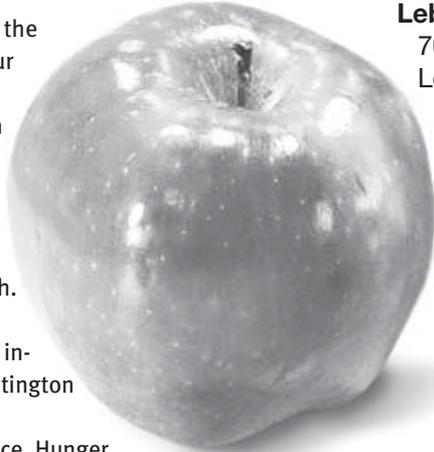
I thought that a goal that I had set a long time ago to become a superintendent in a large suburban school district was a priority. What my family and I have experienced over the past 3 1/2 years has changed my thinking on what is a priority. We

have been supported and befriended in Lebanon. I did not have an understanding or an appreciation of the value of living in this community until we faced the reality of leaving. I am thankful that I did not find this out too late.

I am grateful for being afforded the opportunity to continue to be the superintendent of Lebanon City Schools.

Respectfully,

Mark North



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