

# NORTHWEST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### NWLSD Board Moves In Support of a New Homestead Exemption Enhancement

CINCINNATI, OH - Northwest Local School District's Board of Education moved in support of a new Homestead Exemption Enhancement, which acknowledges the need for partial tax relief for senior citizens. The Board's support comes as a nod to the Ohio General Assembly to address two issues: HB 59 enacted in 2013, which eliminated the 12.5% property tax credits on new school district levies and the 2014 modification of the Homestead Exemption Program, which limited eligibility of senior citizens who qualify for the tax exemption. The modifications to these two programs resulted in creating a financial burden that impacted many senior citizens living in their homes on a fixed income.

After deliberating on the topic at the February 7, 2022 Board meeting, the Board made a recommendation to the Ohio General Assembly through the enactment of a resolution to enhance the Homestead Exemption Program to provide additional financial assistance for senior citizens. The Board made a motion to have Amy M. Wells, CFO and Treasurer of NWLSD, share the resolution with locally elected members of the State House of Representatives, State Senate, leaders within the General Assembly and the Governor.

"We know that our senior community supports our school district and that they understand the importance of advocating for the work that is being done to provide our K-12 students with the type of education they need to be tomorrow's leaders and to be productive members within our community," said Mark Gilbert, NWLSD Board President. "We appreciate their support and stand with them, understanding how these program modifications impact our seniors. "

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Northwest Local School District is the 2nd largest school district in Hamilton County and is located north of the City of Cincinnati, encompassing 56 square miles, including Colerain Township, Green Township and Springfield Township in Hamilton County, Ohio. The district educates approximately 9,400 students within one pre-school, five elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools.

#### NWLSD Mission

The Northwest Local School District will create a responsive learning community where all students are valued, challenged and guided along a pathway to success.

#### NWLSD Core Beliefs:

- We believe students and staff excel best when they feel welcomed in the building, safe in their classrooms and trustful of each other
- We believe all students and staff can learn and deserve opportunities to show and achieve success
- We believe valuing diversity and working to understand one another is vital and important
- We believe a high priority should be placed on providing holistic support to ensure success for all
- We believe building and maintaining collaborative relationships with community member is foundational to teaching and learning in NWLSD