



Northeastern Local Schools

District Newsletter

Fall 2023



Message from the Superintendent:

The 2023-2024 school year is underway. Staff and students have settled into a routine, and we are excited for the year ahead. We welcomed numerous new staff members spanning various departments within the district. The electric atmosphere is apparent across the district as we have navigated the first several weeks of the new school year.

Our TINORA TOUCH PRO (<https://tinora.touchpros.com>) allows the community to access our Tinora yearbooks, class photos, academic awards, activities, fine arts department, military recognition, booster organizations, FFA, Hall of Fame and the list goes on and on, all from the convenience of your home. Community members are able to access this link wherever the internet is available. The Tinora Touch Pro is available on the monitor in the High School gym lobby when attending events at the High School. This is a great program that allows families past and present the opportunity to take a look at the history of Tinora. If you go to our website, click on the menu icon, and click on Tinora Historical Archive (Touch Pro) to access a piece of history.

Finally, you will find a question/answer section in regards to our November 7, 2023 general election renewal request. If you have any questions after reviewing this material, please contact me at 419-497-3461, by email at nwells@tinora.org, or stop in the Tinora Central Office. Or you can contact Sara Buchhop at 419-497-3461 or by email at sbuchhop@tinora.org.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff of the Northeastern Local School District, we appreciate everyone's continued support.

Go Rams!

Mrs. Nicole Wells
Superintendent

Tinora Welcomes Our New Staff!

Picture on the left - Left to right:

Crystal Harmon – Bus Driver
Brooklynn Grant – TES Intervention
Specialist

Alicia Franks – TES Intervention Specialist
Stephanie Eckert – TES
Aide/Paraprofessional

Picture on the right- Back row left to right:

Carey Phillips – MS Aide/ Paraprofessional
Myra Frazer – HS Social Studies
Jake Essig – Athletic Director

Front row left to right:

Nancy Yambor MS Aide/ Paraprofessional
Olivia Herko – HS English
Taylor Harris – HS Math Business



Northeastern Local School District

Renewal of Operating Levy

Questions & Answers

What are we voting on November 7, 2023? In relation to school funding, Northeastern Local School residents will vote November 7, 2023 on a 5 year 2.95 mill general operating levy.

Will this result in a tax increase? No – This renewal levy will not result in an increase in taxes to our community.

When did this general operating tax first get approved? This 2.95 mill operating tax was approved by our community on November 5, 2013. It was approved for renewal during the general election of 2018.

How will the funds from this levy be used? Plans are to spend these funds on textbooks, technology advancements, campus security, general operations, facility maintenance, primarily of the elementary building, buses and additional student transportation vehicles and expenses, etc.

On November 7, 2023, what is the millage amount that will be voted on? This general operating levy renewal will appear on the November 7th ballot is for the collection of 2.95 mill annually for the next five (5) years. For the 2022 tax year collection, the *effective rate*, which is the actual rate to be collected, is 2.52 mills. The effective rate applies to Class A real estate taxes which are Agricultural and Residential.

How much revenue does this general operating levy generate annually? This renewal levy is anticipated to collect approximately \$1,185,000.00 annually over the next five (5) years.

How much does this general operating levy renewal cost a homeowner in our community?

The following charts reflect homeowner costs that again are not a tax increase.

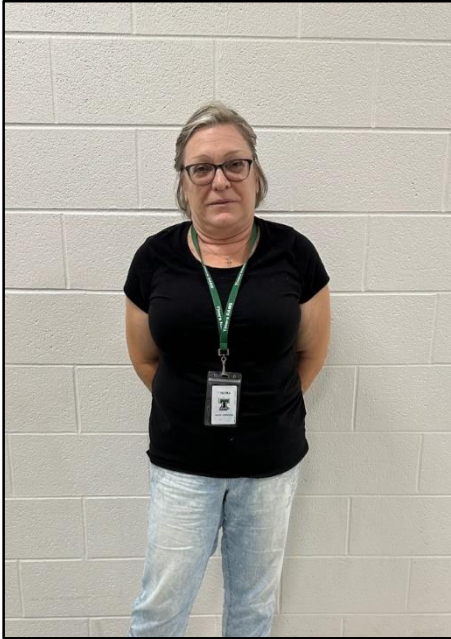
Cost Per Homeowner					
Tax Cost in Dollars for a Standard Home Ranging from \$70,000 - \$200,000					
Home Price	Daily Cost	Weekly Cost	Monthly Cost	Semi-Annual Cost	Annual Cost
\$70,000	\$0.169	\$1.18	\$5.13	\$30.81	\$61.62
\$100,000	\$0.241	\$1.69	\$7.34	\$44.01	\$88.03
\$150,000	\$0.362	\$2.54	\$11.00	\$66.02	\$132.04
\$200,000	\$0.482	\$3.39	\$14.67	\$88.03	\$176.05
For qualifying homeowners 65 or older and an income less than \$36,100 annually. The following chart applies.					
Home Price	Daily Cost	Weekly Cost	Monthly Cost	Semi-Annual Cost	Annual Cost
\$70,000	\$0.109	\$0.76	\$3.30	\$19.81	\$39.61
\$100,000	\$0.181	\$1.27	\$5.50	\$33.01	\$66.02
\$150,000	\$0.301	\$2.12	\$9.17	\$55.02	\$110.03
\$200,000	\$0.422	\$2.96	\$12.84	\$77.02	\$154.04

Does the facility bond issue passed in November of 2017 have any effect on this general operating levy renewal? No, the facility bond issue approved by voters in 2017 was used for the design, construction and furnishing of the new Tinora High School and Middle School building.

Is the effective millage rate of 2.52 mills likely decrease over the next five years? We are very fortunate to live in a community that continues to grow in terms of both our commercial and residential tax base. Consequently, with a positive forecasted economy moving forward, yes, we anticipate this 2.52 effective rate will continue to be reduced.



Tinora Welcomes Our New Staff!



Sheri Cereghin - Cafeteria



Michala Reiser – Speech Language Pathologist



Amber Delgado – HS Aide/Paraprofessional

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Northeastern Local Schools will once again celebrate Veterans Day with a program that will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023. Area Veterans and their guests are invited to attend. Breakfast will be available for Veterans and their guests starting at 8:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center with the program beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Performing Arts Center. Students in grades 5-12 will be in attendance for the program.



TINORA ELEMENTARY PTO NEWS

The TES PTO is currently wrapping up their yearly fundraiser, "The Rowdy Ram Raffle". Tickets are \$50 each with drawings occurring every Friday beginning on September 29th and ending on May 24th. There will be 33 \$100 winners and 2 \$875 winners. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact a PTO member. Tickets are limited (300) and are selling quickly!

The PTO benefits our students and staff in ways such as covering field trip costs, providing classroom materials for special occasions, and providing financial support for large district initiatives such as the refurbishment of the soft green playground surface at TES and the planetarium project at the Performing Arts Center. If you are interested in joining the Tinora Elementary PTO, meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the TES cafeteria. We would love to see you there!



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Tinora Middle School Student Council is again collecting hats, scarves, and mittens to be donated to the Annual Coat Give-Away held in Defiance. The Student Council will be happily accepting any new or nearly new winter accessories to compliment the new winter coats chosen at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Washington Avenue, Defiance. Items need to be turned in by November 10, 2023. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Runk (krunk@tinora.org) or Ms. Fuller (cfuller@tinora.org) at the school, 419-497-2361. Our Tinora donations are a highlight of the whole giveaway, and always scooped up first!! We hope you can help us ready those in need for the cold winter season that is ahead of us.



HOMECOMING COURT 2023

Freshmen Attendants:

Pal Patel & Logan Stein

Sophomore Attendants:

Jayden Sines & Abram Jimenez

Junior Attendants:

Madie Franz & Jacob Bishop

Senior Attendants:

Gavin Bowers, Jason DeWyse,
Joey Guisinger, Dakota Sines,
Evelyn Crone,
and Camryn Wonderly

Crown Bearers:

Wyatt Smith & Allie Runk (Not
pictured)

2022 King & Queen:

Eli Plassman and Logan McQuillin



GERMAN CLUB NEWS

Guten Tag! The German Club has kicked off the new school year. The Advent Calendar sale is scheduled to start in October. Advent Calendars will again cost \$4. Be sure to secure yours before they're gone! The German department will hold an Oktoberfest in conjunction with the Spanish department's Dia de los Muertos on November 7th at 7pm in the PAC. At Oktoberfest, German students will perform dances and skits and hold fundraisers for students who are traveling to Germany in the spring. In December, German Club will visit the Christkindlmarket in Bryan and sell traditional German baked goods.

2023 TINORA HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a 2023 Yearbook. WE ARE OFFICIALLY SOLD OUT!

If you don't want to miss out for this year, sales have already started for the 2024 yearbook.

Visit jostens.com/yearbooks to order online or email tprofera@tinora.org for further information. Books are on sale for an early bird price of \$60. The cost will increase in January, so get yours now!

TINORA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will be releasing our next scholarship application at the end of the calendar year for seniors graduating in the 2023-2024 school year. The requirements for this scholarship will be outlined in the application when it gets dispersed at the start of 2024. The Athletic boosters will be hosting its annual Reverse Raffle on April 20th 2024.

The current officers are:

President – AJ Fairchild

Vice President – Shawn Zolman

Treasurer – Andy Helmke

Secretary – Kayla Fairchild



FFA NEWS

Thursday, October 5, 2023 the Tinora FFA started selling fresh fruit from Ohio, Florida, California, and Texas. The sale will last through November 3, 2023 with the fruit arriving December 10th, 2023. We will have fruit apples, nuts, meat snacks, canned meats, and bbq sauce again this year. See an FFA member or contact Mr. Etzler at 419-497-2621 or betzler@tinora.org.

At the 95th annual National FFA Convention Tinora will have three members rise to the American FFA Degree. Megan Hancock graduated in 2022 and is currently attending Wilmington University. Emily Miller graduated in 2022 and is currently at Northwest State Community College. Tyler Wiemken graduated in 2022 and is currently at Northwest State Community College. They will walk across the stage on Saturday, November 4th, 2023.

Results from the State Forestry held on September 30th. Tinora placed 18th in the state with Stone McCann being our top individual on our team. Other members were: Josh Bishop, Grayson Delarber, Jason DeWyse, and Summer Moser.

Results from the District Urban contest held on September 26th. Tinora had 8 individuals compete in the Urban soils team placed 6th in the district. Cash McCann was our top individual who placed 17th overall. Other members on the team include: Joe Barnes, Madison Egler, Grady Hampton, Colton Helmke, Connor Hornish, Cale Johnson, and Karter Keber.

FFA Events:

Farm Science Review - September 19-21st
District Ag Soils and Urban Soils contests- September 26th
State Forestry contest - September 30th
Fruit Sales Starts - October 5th
District Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products contests - October 12th
National FFA Convention - November 1-4th
District Food Science and Job Interview - November 8th
Fruit Sales Orders arrive - December 10th

TINORA FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

The Tinora Fine Arts Boosters provide financial support for the Drama, Visual Arts, Band, Choir and Music programs at Tinora Elementary, Tinora Middle School and Tinora High School. We have purchased many items over the years including instruments, uniforms/robes, choir risers, keyboards, sound & video equipment, and the band trailer. We also pay for students' fees for contests, music awards, and help defray the cost of trips. We also offer scholarships available to fine arts students in their senior year.



Membership

We encourage you to support our fine arts students and become a member of our organization. Find our membership form on our new website sites.google.com/view/tinorafab/home. You can now pay membership fees on Paypal (checks and cash still accepted as well). Steps: Login to PayPal, pay @TinoraFab, pick friends and family to avoid fees, and write "membership" along with your info (name and phone number) in the message box. We welcome anyone who has an interest in supporting the fine arts programs at Tinora!

Meetings

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Band room. Our next meetings are Monday, October 9th and November 13th.

Upcoming Events (all at the Performing Arts Center)

High School Fall Choir Concert- 10/19 at 7:00pm
Play "You Can't Take it With You"- 11/2-11/5
5th and 6th grade Band and Choir Concert- 12/12 at 6:00pm
7th and 8th grade Band and Choir Concert- 12/12 at 7:00pm
Holiday Arts Festival (Band, Choir, Art)- 12/14 at 7:00pm

Shoutout! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered at the concession stand during this football season. This is one of our biggest ways to support our students financially, and we couldn't do without so much help from our Ram Families!

Check out our Facebook page at Tinora Fine Arts Boosters and website:
sites.google.com/view/tinorafab/home! Contact us at tinorafineartsboosters@gmail.com

FROM THE HS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Seniors: If your senior plans to go to college, remind them to be working on their college applications, essays, and selecting teachers who would be willing to write them supporting letters of recommendation. Some Early Decision applications are due November 1!!! Graduation requirements can be viewed on our THS Guidance website or on the ODE website. If concerned please call the office or visit: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/Ohio%E2%80%99s-GraduationRequirements> . Also, we are allowing college representatives/admission counselors to visit our students on campus. Please encourage your seniors to attend as many of these sessions as possible.



FAFSA: For a student to qualify and be determined to receive financial aid, many colleges require an application for both admission AND for financial aid. Students are advised to apply for both as early as possible. Students and parents are encouraged to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). With the revamping of the online FAFSA for this year, **the window to file will NOT open Dec. 1** or later rather than Oct. 1 as it had been in the past. Many scholarship opportunities will not be considered if a FAFSA is not submitted. So, even if you foresee no chance of receiving aid, it is still highly recommended that a FAFSA be completed and submitted. Updated FAFSA information will be shared once we receive the resources in our offices. Students are also encouraged to inquire about state scholarships, grants, and work study programs to help with the financial burden of college expenses. Local scholarships are sent from the high school counseling office directly to the student's email and Google Classroom. These notifications usually begin after Christmas break. Students need to be checking their school Google Classroom Class of 2024 account often as deadlines will be communicated. For further financial aid information and other resources about scholarships and college in general, please contact your child's assigned counselor: Mrs. Rinkel: students A-K; Mr. Siewert: students L-Z; or refer to our website links when they become available.

Juniors: The state-funded ACT test that takes place in late February-early March is still scheduled. ALL juniors are required to take part in this session. We are planning to give this test on our campus at a date yet to be determined near the month of March. **Students are NOT to register to take the state-funded test as we as a school enroll them.** The National ACT dates are as follows: Oct 28, Dec 9, Feb 10, April 13, June 8, and July 13. For the National ACT tests, students will need to go online to **www.act.org** to register to take these specific /tests and set up an account. It is recommended that they sign up soon as testing locations and number of students at each location have been limited and there are registration deadlines at least a month prior to the test dates.

Sophomores: A visit to the Four County Career Center will take place again this year either in late November or early December. We will also look forward to inviting the FCCC counselor to visit our building to inform sophomores of the many skilled-trade programs that they have to offer as well as the requirements necessary to qualify for each program. The application window to apply to FCCC for next school year (2024-2025) opens December 1st. <https://www.fourcounty.net/studentservices.aspx>

Freshmen: The Class of 2027 is off to a great start! We hope they continue to always put their best foot forward in all that they do. If you have any concerns regarding your freshman and the adjustment to high school, please make contact by phone or email to their assigned counselor. It is important to encourage your freshman to get involved with our school related activities and clubs. We have over 20 clubs for them to take part in and truly experience the feeling of belonging and RAM pride serving our community. If you notice your child struggling academically, we also offer **FREE tutoring services from our NHS Club**. Please notify the guidance office if you would like your freshman to receive tutoring assistance.

Transcript Request Information: Any Tinora student (current or previous grads) wishing to request a high school transcript must fill out a "Transcript Request Form" located on our school website. Navigate to the website and click "Menu", then click "Buildings", then Tinora High School Building. Click on "Guidance" on the left, and then scroll down to the "Transcript Request Form" link. Please fill it out entirely and be certain the address of where to send the transcript is accurate. Contact the high school office if you have questions or concerns. Transcripts are typically processed within two days (excluding weekends/holidays) from the day requested.

Graduation Tests: Retakes for end-of-course (EOC) state testing: The testing window will open the week of Nov. 27 and will be administered prior to Christmas break. THS testing window will be Dec. 5-Dec 15. Parents of students needing retakes will be receiving a letter in the mail in October informing them of the subject test(s)

their child will need to retake and the dates of each test. For the Class of 2023 and beyond, students will be required to earn a competency score of 684 or higher in the subjects of Algebra I and ELA II. Other tests such as the Biology and American History and American Government tests need a score of 700 or higher to earn necessary SEALS for graduation. Every student must earn 2 SEALS to graduate and one MUST be recognized as a STATE SEAL.

CCP Information: The spring registration window will be opening SOON. You must have your forms into the high school counselors by December 15 to take spring (Jan-May) classes at NSCC. The NSCC admission counselors will be available by appointment only here on the THS campus sometime in October. A sign-up form will be available soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office or the NSCC admissions office.

College Visits: Juniors and Seniors are allowed (2) college visits each year (4 total). When planning a visit, always inform our office as well as each of your teachers prior to the day you will be absent. Provide a permission slip to the office signed by a parent or guardian. When you return from the college visit, request from your college tour guide a signed letter or a business card to provide to our office as proof of your visit so your absence can be excused.

College Admission Reps: They request to visit our building at least once in the fall or winter. Students have been provided with a shared Google Doc to sign-up and attend these sessions during their lunch/activity period times in the school day.

Parent Class Meetings: During Parent/Teacher Conference evenings this fall, parents and teachers are invited to attend informational class meetings for each grade level. It is our hope to update and better inform parents of the newer Ohio graduation requirements along with other pertinent grade-level information, and a Q&A session. We may also invite other local guest speakers in for the session to share supportive, informative, and pertinent information.

THS STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council worked hard over the summer to prepare a fun and informative Freshman Welcome. We were so excited to help students with their transition to high school. Currently, we are planning the 2023 Homecoming Ceremony and Dance. On October 6th, we will hold our Homecoming Ceremony, where class attendants are introduced and honored. We will also be crowning our new Homecoming King and Queen before the football game. On October 7th, we will have the Hollywood Homecoming in the Middle School Gym. Student council has been working hard planning these events, plus a spirit week, battle of the class competition, posters/decorations for the hallways, and new battle of the class t-shirts.



HELP KEEP TINORA CAMPUS CLEAN

To help keep our campus looking nice, we would appreciate your help in making sure trash is picked up and put into trash cans. Thank you!!



SUBS ARE NEEDED!!!! – Teachers, Paraprofessionals (Aides) & Custodians

The Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, along with Northeastern Local Schools, are accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals (Aides). The link to the AppliTrack online application and detailed job descriptions can be found on the NwOESC website: www.nwoesc.org/Substitutes.aspx **Custodians – Apply at Tinora's Central Office** 5855 Domersville Road, Defiance, OH 43512

****Upcoming Stroede Events at the Tinora Performing Arts Center****

"Lee Rocker Stray Cats" - Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 7 PM

"Diamond Rio" - Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 7 PM



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