

StopTSD

Stop Talawanda School District



Dear Talawanda School District Voter,

We are asking for your help to repeal the November 4, 2008 property tax levy by the Talawanda School District.

We feel that the use of property taxes to fund our schools places an undue burden on the homeowners, farmers and businesses of our district. Other sources of funding are available, or should be developed. We feel that the increase in property taxes now, in light of our economy, is also inappropriate.

We feel that the School Board should **NOT** be involved in the assessed value of properties. After the property reassessments in 2008 by the Butler County Auditor, many properties in the school district increased dramatically in value. The increases were as much as 182% above the previous year. Many property owners asked for and received a Board of Revision from the Butler County Auditor, and received a lowered value as a result of that board. **The Talawanda School Board contested some of those revisions**, asking to reinstate the original, inflated values. The School Board has specifically targeted rental and commercial properties in these counter complaints, saying they only want fair values. While it is legal for the school board to be involved, we feel it is inappropriate, and that it is hypocritical for them to target certain types of properties.

We feel that the impact of the Miami student votes distort the outcome of some elections and therefore do not reflect the attitude of the permanent residents of the district. A similar proposal placed on the November 2007 ballot for a new high school was defeated by almost 2500 votes. The November 2008 proposal for a new high school passed, largely on the 1810 votes cast for the proposal in just 4 student precincts. If the students in those precincts voted at the same turnout as they did in 2007, the 2008 proposal would have been defeated.

Help us return the control of our school district to the permanent residents of the district by signing our petition to place the repeal on the November 3, 2009 ballot.

You may also help us by circulating petitions, donating to our PAC and then by helping us campaign prior to the November election.

**You may get more information at our web site,
<http://www.stoptsd.com/>**

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