

Community Update

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It is with a solemn and heavy heart that I write to you this week. While I know it seems this time of year always brings saddening news of people passing around the holidays, the Cory-Rawson school and greater community have been particularly hard hit by the loss of parents, CR alumni, and longtime supporters. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected. My hope is that family and friends can draw strength and support from our community.

Mark Your Calendars

Please note that we do not have school on Monday (January 15th) in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Additionally, on Tuesday, January 16th we have a scheduled 2-hour delay for teacher in-service.

Levy Renewal

At yesterday evening's Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution to place a renewal of our current income tax on the ballot in May. The renewal of our current income tax will raise \$695,223 annually according to the Ohio Department of Taxation. The term of this renewal levy will remain at 5 years. The levy will not change your income tax; rather, since it is a replacement levy it will maintain what is already in place. While I hope we have proven to be good stewards of your tax dollars, it is imperative that we maintain our current funding. As you may know from reading some of my updates, most of our state funding remains flat-lined so we have to meet our ever-increasing expenses with little or no increase at the state level. We have continued to meet this challenge while managing to increase our carryover through prudent budgeting. This, in turn, has allowed us to continue to provide necessary resources for our students and staff. Just as significantly, we have only had to seek renewals of levies rather than asking for new or replacement levies which would increase the burden on our taxpayers. We appreciate your support of this levy and our school!

Good Luck!

Due to hazardous road conditions, tonight's boys' basketball game with Van Buren has been postponed to February 3rd. All practices for today are also canceled. Good luck to our wrestlers as they travel to the Spartan Invite on Saturday. On Sunday Madison Wellington will be representing our school in the District Honor's Band Concert in Van Wert. Congrats!