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Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center | Serving Ashland County & West Holmes School Districts since 1973

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

The Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center School Board unanimously approved and are in support of the November 2021 levy ballot issue for the future of the Career Center. The levy is needed for upgrades to the current building, additions to provide adequate academic and lab spaces, and for a stand alone Adult Education Training facility. Passage of this 1.1 mill levy will cost the \$100,000 homeowner a total of \$38.50 annually. These improvements will allow the district to break through the current barriers students and staff are facing to best educate, train and serve our students for their future.

WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

The Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center, JVSD building was built in 1973 to house career training classes, with students remaining at their local schools for academic courses. Since the school's opening, the overall size of the building has not changed, even when academic classes were brought into the building in 1993. The building currently houses over 400 high school students, 72 teachers/staff members, 13 career-technical education programs, academic courses required by the state for graduation, as well as, nine adult education training programs. Several of the high school programs reached capacity for the 2021-2022 school year, due to the lack of adequate functional space for additional students. Additionally, while the Career Center offers Adult Education programs, most all are offered in the evening due to space limitations during the daytime. By acquiring the current Ashland County Service Center, the Adult Education community will be better served by providing additional space for daytime classes, as well as expanding and offering new adult education programs.

WHY NOW?

The Career Center was chosen by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) as the only JVSD in the state to receive funding for the 2021 year. This \$10.9 million grant funding will co-fund building renovations to bring the facility up to code and rework existing educational spaces. However, to receive the grant funding provided by the OFCC, the taxpayers support is necessary to complete the local share of this project. The district has one year to obtain the local taxpayer support, should the levy not be approved by the taxpayers within this timeframe, the OFCC grant funding for the renovations would be offered to another JVSD, resulting in the this much needed project being wait-listed for several years.

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

There are four key areas of the Career Center services that would be addressed should the levy be approved.

- **REPLACE & REPAIR:** The levy funds would address the required replacement and repair of building systems revealed by OFCC assessment.
- **RENOVATE:** The renovations to the main building would improve the student learning environment with more functional classroom space (increasing from 500sq/ft to the state recommended size of 900 sq/ft). It focuses on improving building accessibility, safety, security and flow by creating a dedicated secure entrance.
- **ADDITIONAL SPACE:** The levy encompasses building additions designed to create secure access to our public service programs (preschool, restaurant and cosmetology). This includes creating a dedicated space for the adult education training programs in an effort to accommodate preferred daytime classes and offers expanded program options.

The objective of the design is to create a facility that safely and effectively meet the educational requirements for the 21st Century.

- **NEW PROGRAMS:** At the secondary, four career tech programs would be added including LPN/STNA Electrical, HVAC and Dental Assisting. Expansion of the current CBI Program to a Sophomore Academy would allow additional students to be directly engaged in quality academics and experience programs offered for their junior year. Adult Education sees a value in adding several programs, including Practical Nursing, Practical Nursing to Registered Nursing, Patient Care Technician, Direct Support Professional, Barber, Nail Technician, Hospitality, Paralegal, Power Lineman, Truck Driving, Drone Pilot, Police Academy, Corrections Officer, Private Security and Cyber Security.



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