

Great news for the Three Rivers Community!

The Three Rivers Community now has an opportunity to build one new school with the Ohio School Facilities Commission paying for 50 percent of the cost. This huge change in the State share was awarded to Three Rivers due to the fact that one of our schools closed because of extreme environmental contamination. We applied and were accepted into the State's grant for environmental contamination and, then with the help and support of our legislators, they were able to change the amount of the State share for Three Rivers. This was a bipartisan and collaborative effort on the part of Senators Seitz and Kearney, Representatives Driehaus and Mecklenborg, and Congressman Driehaus.

The community must decide now if a Pre Kindergarten through Grade 6, a Pre Kindergarten through Grade 8, or a Pre Kindergarten through Grade 12 would be the best option for the community, if and when the community should decide to proceed with building new schools. It doesn't matter how many grade levels the one school encompasses, but the 50 percent share is for one and one school only. The school administrators are working with the architect, Ohio School Facilities Commission, and a construction management company to determine the approximate costs associated with each of the three options. In order to build a new school, the community would still need to support a bond issue to pay for the remaining 50 percent.

To thank our legislators, we have invited them to ride as 'Friends of Three Rivers' in the Homecoming Parade on Friday, attend a reception in their honor, and then join us for our Homecoming Game. This wonderful opportunity for our community is only possible because our legislators worked together for Three Rivers Local School District.

Within the next few weeks you will be hearing about the three options, i.e. Pre Kindergarten through Grade 6, Pre Kindergarten through Grade 8, and Pre Kindergarten through Grade 12 in terms of cost, space, and possibilities. If you have an opinion on which option is presented or have a different option in terms of what is the best for the Three Rivers Community, please contact one of your board members or any school administrator or staff member. Names, numbers, and e-mails are located on our website www.threeriversschools.org

Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.
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