



TOM Talks

A Message from Superintendent Tom Evans



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Dear Community,

The purpose of this note is to set the record straight with regard to an ongoing discussion that is currently taking place in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools' community right now regarding enrollment in our district. A "sub-committee on enrollment" was recently created at the Board's finance meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016, to formally examine the topic in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools. As many of you know, enrollment numbers have trended downward in our district, just as they have in districts all over the county, state and nation. Fortunately, our school district has created innovative programs and initiatives in the past that have helped to attract students. The time has come to potentially do the same thing once again.

This sub-committee was created specifically with the intent to address the very issue of current programs in the district designed to impact enrollment, revise them if necessary, or expand our horizons and create new approaches to curb this decline. Its composition will be citizens-based, comprised of a mix of board members, citizens, tuition program parents and other community stakeholders. This group will thoroughly perform its due diligence on the effectiveness of the current Tuition Program and research the costs or benefits of additional programs in use throughout the state of Ohio. Other school districts' approaches will be examined, and even invited to present, at these committee meetings. Regular communications with the community will be a top priority for this committee as well, so please keep on the lookout for updates in the coming weeks and months.

Despite what you may or may not have heard on the topic of enrollment in the Cuyahoga Heights Schools, NO DECISIONS about current or future programs regarding our students have been made and any information or statements to the contrary are totally and completely unsubstantiated. I make myself available to the community to answer any questions on the topic.

Until then, this sub-committee will be taking the first steps to addressing the present and future issues of enrollment in our district. Please stay tuned for more information, as we collectively work to take our school district to New Heights.

Sincerely,

Tom Evans
Superintendent
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