

ALLEN EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS

Winter 2015-2016 Newsletter

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND TEACHERS UNION

After 18 months of extended negotiations, the Board of Education with a 5-0 vote and the teachers union with a 47-2 vote agreed upon a contract. In December of 2014, the Board unilaterally implemented the following raises for teachers:

2014-2015 – 1% base salary increase for teachers and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers not receiving a step raise.

2015-2016 – 1% base salary increase for teachers and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers not receiving a step raise.

2016-2017 – 1% base salary increase for teachers and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers not receiving a step raise.

The union position through the entire scope of negotiations was a 2% base salary increase per each year of the contract.

The Board and teachers union agreed in December of 2015 to have the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) try to resolve the financial stalemate. The SERB fact-finder on January 4, 2016 recommended the following solution:

2014-2015 – 1% base salary increase for teachers and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers not receiving a step raise.

2015-2016 – (July to mid-January) 1% base salary increase and (mid-January to June) an additional 0.5% base salary increase with the 0.5% not being retroactive to the start of the year. Teachers who do not receive a step raise will also receive a \$1,000 stipend.

2016-2017 – 1.5% base salary increase for teachers and a \$1,000 stipend for teachers not receiving a step raise.

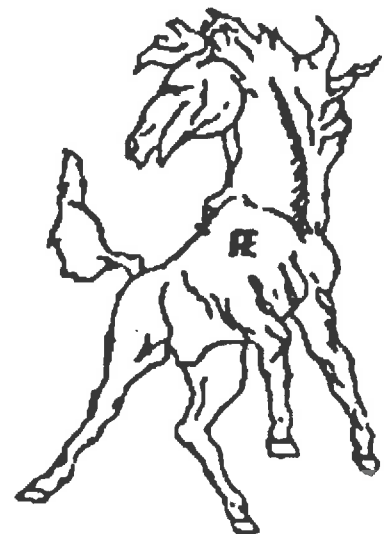
The Board with a unanimous vote agreed with the fact-finder recommendation. The Board and Administration would like to thank the teachers for their approval of the contract and most importantly would like to thank the community of Allen East for being patient and understanding throughout the entire 18 months of negotiations.

ATHLETIC SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

The Board has made the decision to replace the damaged football field with a synthetic turf field that can be used by multiple school and community groups. The decision was made after several community meetings and much research completed by the Board and Administration.

There are two main reasons for the decision. First, to adequately repair the damaged football field would cost in excess of \$100,000. The Board believes spending \$100,000 on a field that is predominantly used by one sport is ineffectual. Additionally, the girls' soccer program at Allen East is thriving along with boys' soccer becoming an official sport at Allen East next year. To upgrade the soccer complex to stay in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Title IX regulations would cost more over the next ten years than the synthetic turf project. With a synthetic turf being installed, the stadium will become a multi-use stadium with all groups having access to lights, restrooms, concessions, press box, parking, handicap accommodations, and adequate seating.

The synthetic turf project will be paid for using money remaining from the building project in 2007. The remaining money has gained enough interest to pay for the project with no money coming from the general fund.



NEW KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

At the January 2016 Board of Education meeting, the Allen East Board of Education established new age requirements for students entering kindergarten. Under the previous policy, a child had to be 5 years old before August 1 to be admitted to kindergarten. The newly adopted policy has changed the age requirement to state a child must be 5 years old before October 1. Students who turn 5 between August 1 and September 30 will be admitted to the 2-year transitional kindergarten program.

The new policy is advantageous to both parents and the school district. Students will be able to attend kindergarten for two years instead of being placed in day care and/or preschool for an additional year. The teachers at Allen East will also have an opportunity to work with those students for an additional year that was not possible under the previous board policy. If any parent/guardian has any questions regarding the new kindergarten admissions policy, please contact Mr. Larry Altenburger, Elementary Principal.

Kindergarten Registration and Dates

During the month of February 2016, registration will take place daily from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.. If a parent cannot make it during the day in February, parents can enroll their child from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm on the following dates:

Thursday, February 4	Wednesday, February 10
Tuesday, February 16	Monday, February 22

Required Documents for Student Registration:

- Birth Certificate
 - Health Records (vaccinations)
 - Official Custody Papers (if applicable)
 - Social Security Card
 - Two Verification of Residency which must have your full name attached and address.
- Proof of residency could include the following:
- Most recent Utility Bill
 - Deed to home, escrow papers, and/or lease agreement
 - Receipt from moving company
 - Receipt from delivery or newly purchased appliances or furniture

Any questions, please call the Allen East Elementary Office at (419) 648-3333 extension 1004 or 1005.

SAFE ARRIVAL—NEW ABSENCE REPORTING SYSTEM EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Beginning Monday, February 22, Allen East will use a new automated absence or late arrival reporting system – Safe Arrival. The new system will reduce the time it takes to verify a student's attendance. The new system will make it easier for parents to report a child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unaccounted student absences.

Parents will be able to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-866-606-5567) through which absences can be reported. Parents will also still be able to use the current number of 419-648-3333 (option one) to report a student's absence.
2. Parents can log into a website, <http://ae.schoolconnects.com> to authenticate their Portal account to report absences and update contact information.
3. Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download an app that can be used to report absences. Directions to download the app will be available on the school website.

The system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, Allen East will also be introducing an automated notification system to contact parents who have not reported their child absent. The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will follow up.

By reporting your child absent in advance using the Safe Arrival toll free number, you will NOT receive a call.

As of February 22, all absence and late arrival reporting must go through the toll free number or current district number currently used for attendance. Please do not contact or send notes to the school or classroom teacher to report an absence or late arrival. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this transition period to better ensure the safety of all our children.

Allen East Local School District

Tax Year 2012-Pay 2013

Triennial Update

	AGR	RES	TOTAL AGR & RES	IND	COM	TOTAL IND & COMM
I28-Allen East LSD	14,576,950	39,244,350	53,821,300	9,600	1,475,400	1,485,000
I29-Lafayette village	5,800	3,836,320	3,842,120	-	238,570	238,570
J30-Allen East LSD	13,627,910	28,143,520	41,771,430	719,080	1,155,680	1,874,760
J31-Harrod Village	4,190	3,499,760	3,503,950	58,220	160,140	218,360
K34-Allen East LSD	373,150	519,680	892,830	-	-	-
Totals	28,588,000	75,243,630	103,831,630	786,900	3,029,790	3,816,690
% Per Class	28%	72%				
Total Value	112,848,770					

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Tax Year 2013-Pay 2014

	AGR	RES	TOTAL AGR & RES	IND	COM	TOTAL IND & COMM
I28-Allen East LSD	14,531,180	39,686,120	54,217,300	9,600	1,467,480	1,477,080
I29-Lafayette village	5,800	3,837,850	3,843,650	-	238,040	238,040
J30-Allen East LSD	13,788,040	28,300,970	42,089,010	722,820	1,145,350	1,868,170
J31-Harrod Village	6,450	3,491,340	3,497,790	58,220	159,610	217,830
K34-Allen East LSD	373,150	519,680	892,830	-	-	-
Totals	28,704,620	75,835,960	104,540,580	790,640	3,010,480	3,801,120
% Per Class	27%	73%				
Total Value	113,574,260					

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Tax Year 2014-Pay 2015

	AGR	RES	TOTAL AGR & RES	IND	COM	TOTAL IND & COMM
I28-Allen East LSD	14,212,801	40,457,790	54,670,591	9,600	1,467,480	1,477,080
I29-Lafayette village	5,800	3,870,710	3,876,510	-	237,440	237,440
J30-Allen East LSD	13,882,350	28,569,920	42,452,270	722,820	1,145,350	1,868,170
J31-Harrod Village	6,450	3,548,340	3,554,790	58,220	178,470	236,690
K34-Allen East LSD	373,150	520,550	893,700	-	-	-
Totals	28,480,551	76,967,310	105,447,861	790,640	3,028,740	3,819,380
% Per Class	27%	73%				
Total Value	114,529,681					

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Tax Year 2015-Pay 2016

Revaluation

	AGR	RES	TOTAL AGR & RES	IND	COM	TOTAL IND & COMM
I28-Allen East LSD	22,400,920	40,338,140	62,739,060	9,600	1,296,260	1,305,860
I29-Lafayette village	11,850	3,810,730	3,822,580	-	173,690	173,690
J30-Allen East LSD	22,168,180	27,966,360	50,134,540	619,010	916,420	1,535,430
J31-Harrod Village	15,540	3,836,170	3,851,710	57,620	1,153,000	1,210,620
K34-Allen East LSD	658,150	484,480	1,142,630	-	-	-
Totals	45,254,640	76,435,880	121,690,520	686,230	3,539,370	4,225,600
% Per Class	37%	63%				
Total Value	132,576,520					

HIGH SCHOOL END OF COURSE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Below is information on state mandated testing and graduation requirements for end of course tests for the Classes of 2018 and beyond (Algebra I, Geometry, or Integrated Math I and II, ELA I, ELA II, Biology, American History, and American Government). Current graduation requirements include a student acquiring a total of eighteen points on seven end of course exams. While there are nine listed above, if a student were to take the three exams in math, the top two test scores will be taken for graduation points. A minimum of four points must come from math, a minimum of four points must come from ELA and a minimum of six points must come from science and social studies. Tests are scored on a five-point scale. Allen East agrees this may a little more confusing compared to past tests but it allows for greater flexibility for a student to attain graduation.

Any student receiving a score of one or two on any end of course exam is highly encouraged to retake that specific test. Students have already received their 2014-2015 assessment reports and hopefully have shared their test scores with their parents. A student receiving a score of three or four can retake if they choose. The highest score of any original or retake is what will count for the student. Students that took any part of the seven end-of-course exams have received their scores.

Please note any of the information above can change with legislative action or adjustment from the Ohio Department of Education. Parents can also reference the ODE website: <http://education.ohio.gov/>.

If you have any questions about testing, please contact Mr. Keith Baumgartner at your earliest convenience.

TAXES

Current Agriculture Use Value (CAUV) tax values are administered at the state level by the Division of Tax Equalization within the Ohio Department of Taxation. The previous page lists how the percentage is distributed between Agriculture (AGR) and Residential (RES). There is a shift in the distribution of 10% from Residential to Agriculture in tax year 2015. This does not mean new money to the school district, it only means a shift in the taxation. For an expanded tax rate report you can refer to the Allen County Auditor's website at www.allencountyohauditor.com, or contact the county auditor at allenauditor@allencountyohio.com.