

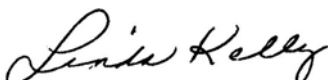
A Letter to the Mona Shores Community:

Your Board of Education supports open communications with the Mona Shores community. In this time of State of Michigan per pupil funding cuts, declining enrollment, and budget reductions, we believe it is especially important to share financial facts with you. Maintaining student programs and lowest possible class sizes are our highest priorities as we deal with these difficult financial times.

Did you know?

- Our budget for this year is \$32.5 million.
- The district ended last year with just over \$6 million in fund equity (savings).
- Our state operating funding is almost exclusively based on the number of pupils in our schools.
- We receive the state minimum of \$6,700 per pupil (the highest per pupil funding in our county is \$7,356).
- We are refunding (refinancing) the final installment of the 1995 bonds, saving the taxpayers approximately \$320,000. The cumulative savings to taxpayers for all three refundings (1998, 2002, 2003) is over \$1.5 million dollars!
- Last year, over \$288,000 was cut by the State from our per pupil funding.
- We have made \$1.2 million in cuts from our budget already this year.
- We have maintained an average K-5 class size of 22.2 students.
- We will spend approximately \$1 million from our fund equity this year to maintain programming.
- We expect a State aid reduction of \$196 per pupil to our funding this year, which will require taking an additional \$827,000 from our fund equity.
- We expect to end this year with a fund equity balance of just over \$4 million.
- Schools of Choice students have added revenue of \$11.3 million since 1997.
- Replacing K-6 Language Arts textbooks will cost approximately \$210,000
- Replacing/repairing the Middle School roof will cost approximately \$850,000

As always, if you have questions or ideas to share, we invite you to contact a Board member and/or attend a school board meeting. For information on phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or times and place of meetings please see the reverse side or visit the district web site at www.monashores.net. You may also call the Board of Education/Superintendent at 780-4751, extension 8205.



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Board of Education 2003/2004 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Education generally meets on the first and second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Exceptions are noted below. The following are the remaining meetings of the 2003/2004 schedule.

- December 1, 2003 – Work Session – Ross Park Elementary
- December 8, 2003 – Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- January 12, 2004 – Combined Work/Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- February 2, 2004 – Work Session – Lincoln Park Elementary
- February 9, 2004 – Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- March 1, 2004 – Work Session – Churchill Elementary
- March 8, 2004 – Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- April 19, 2004 – Combined Work/Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- May 3, 2004 – Work Session – Campbell Elementary
- May 10, 2004 – Regular Meeting – Administration Building
- June 1, 2004 – Work Session – Administration Building (Tuesday)
- June 8, 2004 – Regular Meeting – Administration Building (Tuesday)



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