

**Jefferson Township Local Schools**  
**SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL FORECAST ASSUMPTIONS**  
**May 2018**

**INTRODUCTION – DISTRICT SUMMARY**

Jefferson Township Local Schools is a rural school district located in Montgomery County. The district consists of two school buildings: Blairwood Elementary and Jefferson High School, one Administrative Office, and one transportation building. The schools educate approximately 535 students in grades K-12.

**INTRODUCTION – FORECAST SUMMARY**

This financial forecast includes three years of historical data and five years of projected data in the district's General Fund. The current fiscal year is the first year of projected data. Budgets in each expense line of the forecast change frequently based on needs within the schools. It is recommended that interested parties contact the treasurer's office for more detailed information about the district's finances.

**REVENUES**

**1.010 General Property Tax (Real Estate).**

General Property Tax revenue is money collected from taxes assessed on property within the district. All levies are continuing levies and there is no current plan to request additional operating revenue from voters. Montgomery County is currently going through reappraisal and the value for Jefferson Township will drop slightly because of adjustments to CAUV. Valuation in Jefferson Township is anticipated to remain stable moving forward and only modest increases for new growth have been projected.

**1.020 Tangible Personal Property Tax.**

Tangible Personal Property Revenue is money paid to the district in form of taxation on public utility personal property valuation.

**1.035 Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid (State Foundation).**

State funding has made significant changes from biennial budget to biennial budget. The district will experience a slight decrease in FY18 according to the new budget. The current forecast includes flat funding for the duration of the forecast.

**1.040 Restricted Grants-in-Aid**

The majority of revenue in this category is for economically disadvantaged students.

**1.050 Property Tax Allocation (Rollback and Homestead Reimbursement).**

The rollback and homestead reimbursements are tax credits by the State of Ohio granted to owners of real estate property. A 10% reduction in the property taxes paid by the owner is paid by the State to the school district. If the property owner occupies the property, then an

additional 2.5% reduction in the property taxes is paid by the State to the school district instead of the property owner.

**1.060 All Other Revenues.**

Other local revenue include investment earnings and tuition received from other districts for special education students. These revenue items can fluctuate greatly from year-to-year.

**EXPENDITURES**

**3.010 Personal Services (Salaries).**

This line accounts for all salaries. Step increases and a modest increase in base salary has been included for future years. The current negotiated agreement is in effect through June 30, 2019.

**3.020 Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits.**

This line accounts for the fringe benefits (board paid contributions to employee retirement systems, medical, dental and life insurance premiums, Medicare, and workers compensation) of the entire staff. Retirement increases are in direct, positive correlation to salary and wage increases or decreases. The District is assuming a 5% increase to employee insurance premiums throughout the life of the forecast.

**3.030 Purchased Services.**

The main budget items in this area include student transportation, all utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer, garbage), equipment repairs, postage, college credit plus, and tuition deductions. These budget items are generally considered the fixed cost items to operating the district.

**3.040 Supplies and Materials.**

All supplies purchased to operate the district are included here. This includes instructional supplies and textbooks, office supplies, and custodial supplies.

**3.050 Capital Outlay.**

Capital outlay includes all new and replacement equipment and renovations for the district. Historical years include large expenses for boiler replacements, roof replacements, and building renovations. A small projection has been allocated for future years and will be evaluated by district administration.

**4.300 Other Objects.**

The main budget items in this area include Montgomery County Auditor and Treasurer fees, bank charges, and the annual financial audit.

**CONCLUSION**

Finally, this financial forecast represents the information available and known at this time. The estimates in this forecast will change as the year progresses and the document will change accordingly.