



# *Massillon City Schools*

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**Board of Education  
Five Year Forecast Notes  
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018  
May Submission  
Fiscal Year 2015**

The Massillon City Schools serves 3,997 students within an approximate area of 13 square miles.

**1.01, 1.02, 1.05** – Tax revenue data is entered from information that is certified by the Stark County Auditor’s Office as well as taking into consideration historical data. The valuation has dropped from \$435,265,560 in Tax Year 2010 to \$375,287,210 in Tax Year 2013; thus I have flat-lined taxes from 2016-2019 in an anticipation of the valuation leveling out. The Stark County Auditor’s Office is projecting a 3% increase in residential valuation for Massillon City in the 2015 Triennial Update; however, we will not have a definite percentage until spring. Massillon City Schools has approximately \$3.2 million in delinquent taxes down from \$4.3 million reported a year ago. This does not mean that the District has collected the total \$1.1 million. In the February settlement, Massillon City Schools collected \$450,000 and then another \$255,000 was collected in the August settlement.

The phase out of personal property taxes is also addressed. With the State expediting the phase out of the reimbursement of the property tax allocation (line 1.05), the District has incurred approximately a \$3 million loss in revenue. This reduction along with the estimated local tax reductions will certainly impact the total overall budgeting of the Massillon City Schools as projected on the cover of the five year forecast.

**1.03** - The income tax issue expired 12/31/01. The Massillon City Schools received again additional income tax revenue that was not expected for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$24,042.58. The Massillon City Schools has now received small amounts in income tax proceeds for numerous years that were not expected. With the varied amounts and minimal effects on the overall budget, no future estimates are being projected.

**1.035, 1.04** – State Foundation funding estimates were based on the April, 2015 Foundation Settlement Sheet which shows the District receiving \$22,426,855.02 in State Aid. EMIS (Educational Management Information System) student count data is critical to the estimates of state foundation funding as the State has went to an annualized student count with opportunities to update data in October, March and June.

**1.04** – Career-Tech, Economically Disadvantaged, Preschool Special Education, and Preschool Special Education Transportation are the dollars being reported in Restricted Grants-In-Aid.

**1.05** – Property tax assumptions are addressed in the five year forecast using the state’s spreadsheet model for estimates of the reimbursement of personal tangible tax replacement, which will be expiring, along with the estimates from the County Auditor’s Office.

**1.06** – All other revenues are estimated based on historical collections which include open enrollment, rentals, e-rate discounts and abatements to name a few. The net effect of the District’s open enrollment has shifted to a negative \$700,203; with community schools at a \$1,376,246.50 deficit as well. Thus, the District is losing well over \$2 million to other schools educating our students.

**2.05** - Any “advances in” that occur are due to dollars that have been advanced to other funds to cover deficits at the end of the previous fiscal year. The vast majority of that amount depends on the timing of the collection of state and federal grant funds that are received from the state.

**3.01** – Salaries are calculated on contract data and the staff that is employed at the time the five year is completed. Estimates are used in the areas of overtime, substitutes, etc. based on the previous years amounts. \$200,000 has been included in 2015’s figure to cover the expenses of the MEA Lawsuit which was settled earlier this year. The contracts for the Massillon City Schools bargaining units expire as follows:

Massillon Education Association –

- Expires June 30, 2017
- 2% increase on the base FY15; FY16; FY17
- Resume Steps

Small Group Teachers –

- Expires June 30, 2015
- 1% Increase on the base beginning January 1, 2015
- Resume Steps

OAPSE 114 (custodians, bus drivers, aides, cafeteria) –

- Expires June 30, 2016
- No base increase
- Placed on step according to experience.

OAPSE 148 (secretaries) –

- Expires June 30, 2017.

**3.02** – Medical costs have been set with a 5% increase for FY15 as per the Council of Governments, insurance consortium of the Stark County ESC. The insurance estimate is for a 10% increase for each fiscal year thereafter. Retirement, workers compensation and medicare are estimated for the staff employed at the time the five year is completed. Employee contributions to the medical premium will help offset some of the medical costs. Currently all staff contribute 10% of the hospitalization premium. It is estimated that the staff contribution will exceed \$500,000.

**3.03, 3.04, and 3.05** – Purchased Services, Supplies and Materials and Capital Outlay are estimated again on historical costs with percentage increases to cover inflationary growth if needed. The District is estimated to realize an increase in the purchased service area due mainly to additional tuition/excess costs/open enrollment out expenses.

**4.30** – Other objects for expenditures include shipping charges, dues/fees, county educational service center affiliation charges and Massillon City Schools fleet insurance to name a few. This area is also increased / decreased for historical or known modifications.

**5.0** – Advances and Transfers – The \$375,000 Transfer amount is the liability for eligible retirees in FY2015. These funds will cover the Enhancement and Severance for staff able to retire through June, 2015.