

## Board President Report 4/14/2020

Good evening. Thank you for joining us during these unprecedented times. Again, I want to thank Dr Steinhauer, Dr Davis, Dr Irvin, Dr Doyle, Ms Devine, Ms Bowman, Mr Marciniak, Mr Geletko, Ms Szalinski and, of course, Mr Stengel for everything they are doing 7 days a week to help our teachers, staff and students. I'd also like to send a big thank you to our teachers who have stepped out of the physical classroom and into a digital one. I know this was not something anyone had ever planned for, and our teachers and staff's willingness to adapt and step up is immeasurable. And I cannot leave out our "Lunch Laddies" who greet each car with a smile - you are not only providing lunch, you are providing connection. Thank you.

These unprecedented times call for creative measures. Tonight my fellow board members and I will be voting on a zero millage tax increase for our community for the 2020-2021 school year. Our ability to make this a reality for our neighbors is a tribute not only to the advice and diligent work of Ms Jan Klein and Mr Rob Geletko, but to all the boards that have deliberated over budgets in years past. The Mt Lebanon School board members have - as a collective - made conscious budgeting decisions that have kept us in a strong financial position. It is that strong financial position with appropriate fund balances enables us to vote on a Zero Millage budget. This is our rainy day. We do not take this lightly. But we know that this budget is necessary for many in our community. We can't do this every year or even as often as some would like without an impact to the quality of the education that we strive to provide as a community. However, we have no doubt that our decision will not - due to the efforts of our fine teachers, administrators and support staff - result in any diminishment to the quality of a Mt. Lebanon education. Thank you.