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Tue 5/19, 5:03 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I am writing you because it has come to my attention that cutting the Springfield Spartan Marching Band is under consideration. I am requesting that you do whatever it takes to avoid this action. Education in the arts and their corresponding programs are far too important to absolve. The role they play in community engagement, social development, and fairness in educational opportunity is paramount.

I am aware of the fiscal challenges involved in maintaining such programs. It is my belief that nobody truly wants to make these sacrifices unless they truly feel that are necessary. However, I would like to make the plea for alternative resolution to overcome any budgetary obstacles.

The benefits to these programs are too many to name. A passion for music and participation in marching band can lead to confidence, leadership, purpose, and drive that will transcend the experience itself. It will carry over into other aspects of participants' lives for years to come and will benefit our society for years to come. Some may acquire crucial skills within a classroom, others on the grass of an athletic field. But many will only find them within these programs.

I hope you will consider this request as I believe it will help push contribute greatly in the growth of our future generation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Ryan Jacobs

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Tue 5/19, 6:25 PM

Comments, Board of Education

To whom this may concern,

My name is Clare Wilson and I am currently a Junior at Springfield High School. It has been brought to my attention that the fine arts program is in threat of being cut. This is alarming to me and my fellow students as these programs are of dire importance to us. I personally am very involved in every aspect of these branches of the fine arts programs and feel strongly about the mere thought about them being canceled in their intirety.

I have been in band since 5th grade. This program has had a tremendous impact on my life and who I am today. Being in band helped me to develop my leadership skill to the highest degree like no other program could have. I had the opportunity to be a student leader throughout my years. Some positions consist of sophomore representative, junior representative, and Baritone section leader. Without these opportunities I wouldn't have been able to blossom into the confident, strong willed and young leader that I am today. My band directors have also helped me by being there to help me shape my course of action in my leadership positions when I am uncertain of what to do.

Another program that has had a huge impact on me is Choir. I have been in choir since 7th grade and it has helped my love for music and singing grow and grow. I love being able to go into the choir room and have a chat with Mrs. Sabree anytime I need a friend. I also had the opportunity to have been in Spartanaires. My senior year would have been my fourth year in spartanaires due to me getting to join a year as a freshman.

The last program that I want to go over is the theatre department. I have been in the musical since my freshman year. Freshman year I was an agent in Little Shop of Horrors, Sophomore year I was Belle in Beauty and the Beast, and Junior year the musical was cancelled. This part of the year is very important to me and helps me express myself in a variety of ways that in turn help me make friends.

Without these programs I will have no outlet and I wouldn't have a safe space to express myself. Please consider keeping the arts for the further development of the children of springfields self expressions and enjoyment.

Thank you for your time,

Clare Wilson

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William Guest <princesspaige6767@icloud.com>

Wed 5/20, 12:07 PM

Comments, Board of Education

To whom it may concern,

As a Springfield alumni when I look back on high school I always reflect on my time in the arts programs. If I were able to relive 5 minutes of my high school career it'd be in the auditorium on stage singing and dancing or exploring my love for painting and drawing in Libby Crites art room. Art and theatre were always more than a class or extra curricular for me they were the programs I felt most passionate in pursuing after graduation. The fine arts for me were all about having the opportunity to express who I am in a creative way, they were a place where I felt comfortable, and they were about making memories, connections and skills that would last a lifetime. To this day I am in constant contact with my high school art teacher Libby Crites. Not only was Ms. Crites a role model for me in high school she still is an inspiration, a friend, someone who listens and someone who offers advice. Since I've graduated Ms. Crites has continued to inspire me and her art class has even led me to the major and degree I am currently pursuing. I am currently a junior graphic design major at Kent state university with a minor in photography. I am also a resident assistant on campus, and I am on the Dean's list. Without my background in theatre I would have never applied for my RA position, before theatre I was quiet and nervous speaking in front of others. In my current position on campus I manage a floor of 60 Kent state students, I am able to speak with my residents in a professional way, I am able to connect with my residents and provide my residents with resources on campus. The skills I use in my RA position I learned through my fine arts teachers at Springfield high school. Every time I find myself nervous to speak in front of my residents or to my supervisors at any of my jobs I remember the first time I performed a monologue on my own in Lindsay Ibos's classroom. I remember the first time I sang in front of a full auditorium and saw Ashely Fraley smiling up at me. I remember marching the streets of Washington D.C with Libby Crites as we stood up for what we believed in to make a change in our world. The fine arts are more than just a program and the teachers of these programs are more than just teachers. These individuals like Libby Crites, Lindsay Ibos and Ashley Fraley amongst the many I could name go above and beyond for their students. Not every student is a star athlete or a straight A scholar, many students

rely on the fine arts programs for motivation to continue their education. For some the theatre is a safe place, choir is an outlet and art provides stress relief. I spent 13 years cheering for Springfield sports yet when I look back on my experience in the district the moments I miss the most were those spent in fine arts programs. In fact one of my biggest regrets from high school was not joining the theatre community sooner, I was so grateful to be a part of the first plays Springfield had hosted in 18 years. I was even more grateful to have spent my senior year dedicating my time to spring musical and to painting or drawing in the art room. My senior year when the school shooting in Parkland Florida happened I was deeply impacted by the loss of those 17 innocent lives and without Libby Crites I wouldn't be as passionate about political issues as I am today. Libby not only taught me how to shade correctly with colored pencils she also taught me what it means to stand up for what you believe in. She taught me what it means to be there for those who need it most. She taught me how to always be true to who I am. Just as Ashley Fraley taught me to never be afraid and even if you're scared do it anyway because you never know what will happen. Fraley taught me to stand tall because she always saw my potential. And Lindsay Ibos who always taught me through her soft spoken words that anything is possible if you give it your all. Springfield wouldn't be the same without the fine arts. Our students pride themselves on their art, whether it be, singing, dancing, drawing, painting, playing an instrument or even sculpting. These skills will shape students' lives forever. It is with all of my gratitude that I ask the fine arts programs remain an essential piece of Springfield schools curriculum not only for the teachers but most importantly for the students.

Thank you, Paige Guest

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Mary Calcei <calceimary55@gmail.com>

Fri 5/22, 4:50 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Thank you very much for explaining about the need for budget cuts and what we can do to help. I will be sending emails to our congress people in Columbus.

I especially want to thank Mr. Adams and Mr. Boswell for the work that they do and the way that they are able to explain the current situation in a calming manner. Emotions run high at times and their calming nature helps to diffuse the emotions!

Sincerely,

Mary Calcei

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Robert Bonto <rbonto@neo.rr.com>

Today, 6:42 AM

Comments, Board of Education

I now see that the board has voted to jamb down our throats an asinine 7.7 mill 10 year emergency levy. In case the board has not been paying attention, the unemployment rate in Ohio has now reached 16.8%. By your own treasures admission, "we are already seeing that people are not paying their house payments". "We are expecting the default to rise". If families cannot make their house or rent payments

and are struggling to try and put food on the table, were do you expect them to come up with more money to pay for this asinine levy?

The board and the teachers union need to make some sacrifices and make more cuts to live within your budget. Now is not the time to jamb down our throats a 7.7 mill levy.

My wife and I are senior citizens on a fixed pension and social security, we cannot afford this levy and we certainly will never vote for it. If the state wants to come in and take over, that is just fine with us.

Robert Bonto

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Kristey Kisner <[kristeykisner@gmail.com](mailto:kristeykisner@gmail.com)>

Today, 1:41 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I'm not happy about mrs villers being cut she is an amazing teacher. Not only is she a great teacher she always treats everyone fair my kids have learn the most in her class we are definitely not happy to hear she was cut this year. Please reconsider my son was looking forward to having her again next year and is super upset about this as I am this isnt fair to mrs villers.

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Kern, Betty <[sp\\_kern@springfieldspartans.org](mailto:sp_kern@springfieldspartans.org)>

Today, 3:11 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Hello,

Considering the Ohio Revised Code 3313.60 Prescribed curriculum, how is it possible to cut junior high and high school physical education and health for the 2020-21 school year?

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Health-Education/Overall-Health-Education-Curriculum-Requirements.pdf.aspx>

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Betty Kern, MS, CSCS

Ohio Physical Education Teacher of the Year 2017-18

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Andrea Grafton <[agrafton4@gmail.com](mailto:agrafton4@gmail.com)>

Today, 3:45 PM

Comments, Board of Education

I need Mrs. Villers she has been the only teacher to get the process going on getting my daughter a IEP. No other teacher has ever tried to help her they have always pushed her through instead of dealing with her issues ! I think she deserves to stay and cut out gym and music. We need her and so does the school district...

Sent from my iPhone

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dale handley <[dlhandley322@yahoo.com](mailto:dlhandley322@yahoo.com)>

Today, 4:24 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Dear Springfield Board of Education

While I understand that the school's budget must be adjusted, I am wondering if all parties involved within the district are doing their part with the necessary adjustments. Are the superintendent and treasurer paying any portion of their retirement cost and/or their insurance premiums? As you are aware, teachers pay 14% of their salary and the Board matches the investment into STRS. Additionally, teachers pay 10% of the insurance premiums.

I wonder how much of a savings we could have if those two positions (Superintendent and treasurer) equaled the percentages that we teachers pay. Perhaps enough to save one job.

I appreciate what you, as a Board, do for our our schools. I am just hoping we all can come together and burden these adjustments.

Thank you for your time,

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Amy Ternosky <[ternoskya@gmail.com](mailto:ternoskya@gmail.com)>

Today, 4:30 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Hello,

I would like to say that as a parent and as a past co-worker of Ms. Lisa Villers that I was very happy with my children with her and would be devastated to see her leave. I never worried about my children being with her during the school day and was excited to send them off to school to her because I seen with my own eyes how exceptionally well she teaches and takes care of the students. As a mother I feel as though she's a perfect fit for the classroom. With me there when I was with her as a co- worker and mother of her student she was very very professional. Even though she knew me as a co- worker I could see and tell that she was always following proper teacher conduct rules and kept very professional. She takes her position very seriously. I would be very sad as a parent to see her need to not have her current position. I hope these things aren't necessary for our school.

Sincerely,

Amy Ternosky

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Dan Brasiel <[danbrasiel@yahoo.com](mailto:danbrasiel@yahoo.com)>

Today, 4:48 PM

Comments, Board of Education;  
natalie aber <[n.aber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n.aber@sbcglobal.net)>

Good evening, if the levy passes in August will the 11 teachers be called back to work and rehired?  
Thank you

Natalie Brasiel

Sent from my iPhone

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Ashley Stewart <[ashley\\_stewart22@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley_stewart22@yahoo.com)>

Today, 4:51 PM

Comments, Board of Education

Can you address the changes that are happening with open enrollment? How soon parents will be informed if children are approved or denied?

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Today, 4:52 PM

Comments, Board of Education;  
Hofer, Dave;Hess, Neal;Lance, Chad;Dodson, Mary Lou;Petry, Larry;Boswell, Dustin

Miranda Terry  
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Good evening,

I was just made aware of tonight's school board meeting. I wanted to reach out because I'm hoping that you will listen and please not take any further action on letting go any teachers or canceling any of these specials of art, music and physical education class for all of our students within the Springfield School District. I sadly have seen the agenda for tonight and can't believe my eyes as to all that is going to change for next year. What is the plan when it comes to our children's schedule for their days with no specials? What is the plan with the lower number of teachers? What is the plan for teachers in the elementary schools that now will have to be Art, Music and PE teachers... Or will there just not be anything like that?

I wish you would wait. Let our community come together and help things. Please.

Miranda Terry

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