

Putting Your Tax Dollars to Work for Our Community



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Each day, the school corporation is working to ensure tax dollars are used effectively. The strategies outlined below exhibit how we continue to “do more with less.” The Duneland School Corporation budget of approximately \$88 million serves 5,765 students enrolled in our schools throughout the Duneland community. In addition to internal controls and public oversight by the locally-elected School Board, school corporation finances are reviewed annually by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Using Your Tax Dollars Wisely...Everyday

- Constructed a new elementary school (Yost) and renovated six schools (four elementary schools and two intermediate/middle) without an increase to the school tax rate.
- Implemented security upgrades including cameras and School Resource Officers to enhance student safety.
- Recruited, retained, and rewarded outstanding teaching staff with salaries ranked in the top 10 in Indiana.
- Invested in technology equipment and software that includes iPads (K-8) and PC laptops for all students.
- Established student and employee Health Clinic to reduce healthcare costs in partnership with NorthShore Health Systems.
- Upgraded indoor and outdoor lighting throughout the district to more energy efficient and low maintenance LEDs.
- Participate in cooperative purchasing for diesel fuel and gasoline, natural gas for heating and school bus purchases.
- Established fiscal integrity by maintaining operating cash reserves and a Rainy-Day Fund.
- Partner with the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club to expand learning opportunities for students before, during, and after the school-day.
- Partner with Pop Warner, Duneland Swim Club, Trojan Basketball Club, Chesterton Lacrosse and the Duneland Soccer Club by providing access to facilities.
- Partner with the Duneland Education Foundation for additional scholarship support for students and grant support for teachers.