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New Beginnings

At the beginning of each August, students, parents, and school employees all begin to prepare for the new school year. It is an exciting time as we plan for the promise that the new school year holds. We look forward to forming new relationships and reconnecting with friends. As the new District Treasurer, I too feel the excitement in the air. In my short time here at Buckeye I have met many wonderful community members and staff; and everyone has been very friendly and welcoming.

As I get settled into my new position, I want the community to know that my work ethic is one of customer service. I have spent most of my career as an Operations Manager and a Business Manager supporting the mission of the district. I bring that same mind set to the Treasurer's office. I feel that if I can remove a few obstacles for the staff and make their jobs just a little bit easier, then I am doing my job.

I also am responsible for accurately budgeting for all the district's needs, forecasting future financial resources and expenditures, and complying with all State and Federal laws. That responsibility can be daunting. However, we have a very hardworking and dedicated staff in the Treasurer's Office that makes those responsibilities very manageable. With the support of the School Board and Administration, my "New Beginning" at Buckeye has been very smooth and I feel fortunate to be here.

As we look to the future you can see a lot happening in the district. The proposed new high school brings the promise of another "New Beginning" just a few years away. As a veteran of two major school construction projects in Warren and Strongsville, I know what this means for the community. It shows that Buckeye values education and they understand the important role that facilities play in the education and growth of our community. The community survey, the Facilities Task force, the time invested, and the commitment of many community members speak volumes about Buckeye.

My first few weeks in my new position have been great, however it is only the start of what promises to be an exciting school year. Of course, there is a lot of important work that needs to be done. I am committed to ensuring that our School District stays financially responsible and that our future remains bright. Go Bucks!

Mark Donnelly, Treasurer