

Just the Facts! ● Be an informed Voter!

FACT: Muncie Community School district has the second highest poverty rate in the State of Indiana and 75% of its students are on free or reduced lunches. MCS needs to cut costs, not further burden the poverty-stricken families with more taxes.

FACT: Muncie Community School district is 90th out of 92 counties in the State in median income. MCS needs to cut costs, not further burden the local income-challenged families with more taxes.

FACT: Muncie Community School district is 8th in the State with families on food stamps. MCS needs to cut costs. It should never come down to a choice between food or more taxes.

FACT: The Muncie Community School district has had an unemployment rate historically averaging 9%. MCS needs to cut costs. Muncie needs businesses and jobs, not more taxes.

FACT: Out of nearly 2,000 taxing units in Indiana, the Muncie Community School district has the 17th highest tax rate of \$5.122. The referendum tax will escalate us into the top 10.

FACT: The referendum tax of .3939 amounts to \$43.4 million over the term of the tax equating to a total of \$620.00 for every man woman and child in the Muncie Community School district.

FACT: The impact on our local employers will be oppressive and have an extremely negative impact on our economic development efforts to draw new businesses and jobs to our community...

Muncie employer Walmart North: \$350,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Magna Powertrain: \$280,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Walmart South: \$280,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Lowe's Home Ctrs: \$240,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Meijer's Stores: \$235,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Midwest Metal: \$203,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Progress Rail: \$200,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Muncie Power: \$112,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Keihn Aircon: \$77,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Maxon Corporation: \$75,000 in additional taxes

Muncie employer Sallie Mae: \$60,000 in additional taxes

FACT: The Muncie Community Schools Corporation already has the fourth highest total cost per student in the state of Indiana at \$17,109.00. MCS needs to cut costs, not raise taxes.

FACT: Muncie Community Schools has an administrator for every 170 students. The national average is one administrator for every 761 students. MCS needs to cut costs, not raise taxes.

FACT: At 6,700 students, the Muncie Community Schools is at 37% of its peak enrollment of 18,000. MCS needs to cut costs, not raise taxes.

FACT: Muncie Community Schools has lost 500 students or 7% of its total enrollment in the past 5 years alone. Each student loss equates to about \$6,500 in revenue loss. MCS needs to cut costs, not raise taxes.

FACT: The Muncie Community Schools have held public meetings on cost-cutting measures that would save millions of dollars. However, the Muncie Community Schools refuse to execute upon any cost cutting efforts BEFORE they ask the voters to approve over \$43 million in new taxes. MCS needs to exercise due diligence and cut costs, not raise taxes.

FACT: In the current Muncie Community Schools budget, the Transportation tax levy of 0.2429 amounts to \$3.8 million and is 40% more than necessary to pay for the current bus services.

FACT: New legislation DOES NOT change how circuit breaker credits and tax bills are calculated and it DOES NOT increase the revenue loss. Muncie Community Schools will have the same revenues next year as this and prior years where they have provided for buses.

FACT: THE BUSES WILL RUN NEXT YEAR without new taxes! Muncie Community Schools cannot execute upon its threat of ceasing the transportation of our children without holding public hearings, exhausting all other remedies and the approval of the state of Indiana.

FACT: **The Muncie Community Schools have purposefully contrived a crisis and taken our children hostage in order to extort over \$43 million from the taxpayers of Muncie!**

Don't be duped! Don't be extorted!

