



Keep Lakota's Excellent Education

Lakota IS controlling spending

- Lakota spends \$750 LESS per student than the state average; \$1,000 LESS than Mason; \$4,000 LESS than Sycamore
- \$11 million dollars cut annually from general fund
- 30% fewer administrators than state average; saves \$2.8 million each year
- Over the past 10 years, Lakota's taxes have gone up only 12% compared to Mason at 43% and Middletown at 42%
- It's been 5 years since last levy passed; one year longer than projected
- Citizen finance committee reviews budget and spending and assists with financial forecasting

Sources: OH Dept. of Taxation, ODE District Profile Report

A SMALL INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Median home value in Lakota is \$192,600. Cost in first two years is \$426. Cost starting in 2013 is \$695. Half of Lakota homeowners will pay less than \$1.90 a day to keep Lakota excellent.

Average home value in Lakota is \$213,339. Cost in first two years is \$471. Cost starting in 2013 is \$770. Average homeowner will pay just \$2.10 a day to keep Lakota excellent.

Source: Butler County Auditor



THE COST OF FAILURE IS TOO HIGH

- Loss of programs, services and jobs as Lakota moves toward state minimum education
- Loss of Lakota's reputation as a great place to live or do business, further eroding tax base and property values

Columbus will not save Lakota

- State educational funding per student to Lakota decreased every year while average funding has increased to other districts
- Growth and flat funding from state results in 1,510 unfunded students causing \$15.1 million loss to Lakota
- Unfunded and expensive state mandates, such as all-day kindergarten, are forced on districts
- HB920 doesn't allow funding to grow property values or Inflation. Lakota collects about half of the millage that voters approved
- The funding formula changes every two years making it difficult to plan

Source: ODE 2009 District Profile Report



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