

## OPTION #2

Impacts a significant number of instructional programs and services, and does not factor in salary or health insurance concessions from the WCEA and WCESPA

### What Option #2 impacts:

1. 4 administrative positions will be eliminated, which will leave the remaining administrators to assume the responsibilities of the eliminated positions because the administrative duties do not diminish with reduction in staff.
2. Non-union employees, (i.e., administrators and central office confidential support personnel) will freeze their salaries.
3. 60 teaching positions will be eliminated, which will increase class sizes to levels up to 30 at the elementary and middle school levels. Electives will be curtailed, and class sizes at the high schools will be increased. There will likely be an economic impact to the businesses in Warren County.
4. 8 paraprofessional aides will be eliminated which will decrease the amount of individual attention that can be provided to at-risk children.
5. 9.5 custodian, food service, and/or secretarial positions will be eliminated, which will impact the quality of building cleanliness, and food service efficiencies. The remaining secretarial employees must assume the responsibilities of the eliminated positions. In all cases, some work will not be done.
6. After school late bus runs will be eliminated, this had been provided in prior years to the three rural high school attendance areas. This accommodation provided transportation to students who participated in extra-curricular activities and who stayed after school to receive help from teachers.
7. Eliminates dual enrollment reimbursement, which attracts professionals and new businesses to Warren County. Enrollment in this successful program may decline when parents must pay a higher tuition.
8. Maintenance project funding will be reduced by a quarter of a million dollars. Over twenty million dollars in capital improvements have been identified as needing attention. The annual investment of \$1,250,000 is being reduced by \$250,000.
9. Textbook purchases will be reduced by \$400,000, which results in delaying scheduled curriculum revisions and purchase of instructional materials.
10. Instructional supply purchases will be reduced. Reduces instructional supplies, which principals had identified as being limited in past years.
11. Extra-curricular funding will be reduced by 10%, necessitating fundraising by booster clubs and other sources.
12. Students will be charged \$25 to participate in athletic and co-curricular activities. The additional fees may affect the number of participants.

13. Elementary and Middle School Spanish will be eliminated, which eliminates two very successful world language programs.
14. Eliminates French and German as world languages, which leaves only Spanish instruction available to our high school students.
15. In-school suspension will be eliminated requiring all suspensions to be out of school.
16. Middle School Athletics will be eliminated. The elimination of middle school athletics would need to be replaced by community recreation programs.
17. Marching band and cheerleading transportation to away athletic events will be eliminated.
18. Schools will be closed in January and February, which will necessitate starting the school year earlier in August and ending in late June. Preparation for the PSSA will be limited and will affect overall student performance since the test is slated for March.
19. The elimination of the in-house Alternative Education Program at Warren Area High School will result in diminished services and opportunities for at-risk children.
20. The school district will no longer reimburse parents for the dual enrollment tuition for St. Bonaventure University and moreover, students will be required to furnish their own transportation.
21. Elimination of Full-Day Kindergarten will furlough 9 additional teachers and discontinue a very successful academic program.

**What educational benefits are provided in Option #2:**

**Alternative Education/Discipline Strategies**

The 2011-12 budget will allow the district to continue alternative education services to students.

**Career and Technology Programs**

The budget supports the operation of the Warren County Career Center (WCCC), the district's Area Vocational-Technical School (AVTS). In 2010-11, the WCCC will offer fourteen programs ( Accounting, Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Building and Construction, Business Education, Computer Specialist Technology, Electronics, Food Production, Machine Technology, Marketing, Power Equipment, Pre Engineering, Protective Services, Welding), serving approximately 375 students. The enrollment has remained constant over the past years even though the total district enrollment has declined.

**Contingencies**

\$250,000 was allocated as a contingency to accommodate any unforeseen obligations throughout the school year.

**ESL (English as a Second Language)**

The school district will continue to employ one full-time teacher to support students who have a language other than English as their native speaking language.

## Food Services

The same quality of food service program will be provided for students during the 2011-12 school year, although the price of lunches will be increased.

## Grants (2011-12 Grant Programs for Details)

The proposed budget will continue to provide the administrative capacity to pursue, implement, and manage a variety of grant funding opportunities. Grant programs in 2011-12 include:

- **Federal Program/Title Funding:** Federal Title funding is used for improving student achievement as outlined in the No Child Left Behind legislation, specifically in the areas of reading and math.
- **Perkins Grant:** Federal grant for vocational programs at WCCC.

## Gifted Education

The Gifted Support Program will continue to meet the requirements under Chapter 16 for the gifted support students which totals approximately 4% of the student population.

The Learning Enrichment Center (LEC) will continue to provide individualized educational opportunities, explore and embrace technological instructional strategies and practices to further promote the enrichment of the Gifted Support students.

## Homebound Instruction

This mandated program for students under the care of a physician who are too ill to attend the public school. As a result, instruction is provided in the child's home.

## Homeless Services

The Federal McKinney-Vento Act mandates that the school district provides a variety of support (i.e., transportation, supplies, etc.) to students who are designated as homeless. This program is funded through the Title I grant.

## Buildings & Grounds

While reduced by \$250,000, one million dollars will still be available to complete large capital projects such as boiler, window, and electrical, etc. repairs.

Funding will be available should the Board decide to renovate Eisenhower Middle-High School and Beaty-Warren Middle School.

## K-12 Curricular, and Co-curricular Offerings

### Extra Curricular Programs

Most existing curricular and co-curricular offerings will be continued in the 2011-12 school year at the high school level; however, funding will be reduced by 10%. Middle school opportunities will be greatly reduced. A partnership agreement will continue with the Abraxas Youth and Family Services to provide coop football, wrestling, basketball, and track programs at Sheffield Area Middle High School.

### PDE Nutritional Standards

Implemented during the past three years, this wellness program provides healthy meal choice information for parents and children as well as direction for food service personnel to follow in each of the district schools.

**Special Education**

As required by law, the district will continue to provide a free and appropriate education to approximately 20% of the WCSD students with disabilities.

**Technology**

The 2011-2012 budget will maintain the current technology infrastructure while supporting the development and implementation of an upgraded district infrastructure. This will include a new district server farm. The E-Rate process to contract for greater Internet and WAN services will occur throughout this budget year.

**Transportation**

The district will continue to provide over 1 million miles of transportation for its students. A new transportation software package (Edulog) will be implemented during the summer recess. The transportation routes will be reviewed for the purpose of economizing.

**Automated Calling System:** An automated calling system was included in the 2011-12 school budget. Implemented two years ago, parents appreciate being notified about school closings, health issues, and other important topics throughout the school year.

**St. Bonaventure Dual Enrollment:** Students in grades 11 and 12 will continue to have the opportunity to enroll in undergraduate coursework from St. Bonaventure University to be conducted at the Pine Grove Campus, and there will be no reimbursement to the parents by the district.

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