



# OTTAWA-GLANDORF SCHOOLS PREPARING FOR PHASE II OF OSFC BUILDING PROJECT

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Superintendent

During the January School Board Meeting, the Board of Education took the initial steps to begin the process of preparing for the second phase of the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) Building Project. In 2002, Ottawa-Glandorf Schools began the first phase of the approved Master Plan for our District. Phase One consisted of the renovation and addition to the High School. Phase Two of the approved plan calls for the construction of two new elementary schools. A kindergarten through eighth grade elementary will be constructed in each community. It is important to note that the OSFC has not yet officially notified Ottawa-Glandorf Schools of available funding; however, it appears likely that approval may come as early as the summer of 2008. According to the OSFC's school facility eligibility list, Ottawa-Glandorf is ranked 313. The commission has funded schools as close in ranking as 312. In completing some of the initial planning at this time, and actively engaging the community in public forums during the next few months, we should be ready to proceed upon notification from the OSFC.

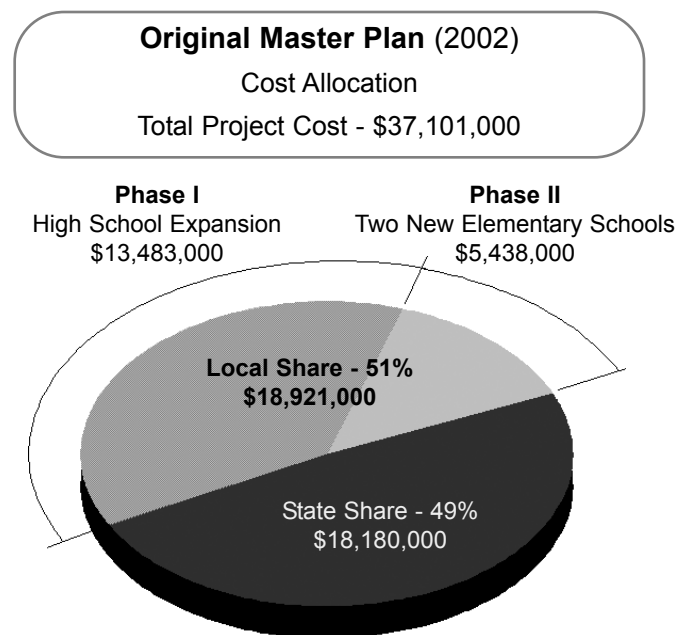
During Phase Two of the Master Plan, Ottawa-Glandorf Schools will be transitioning from the Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) to the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP). Once a District enters into the CFAP program, the OSFC will recalculate the projects' total cost and the Districts' share of the complete Master Plan. If you recall, Ottawa-Glandorf Schools locked into a 51% local share, 49% state share for the ELPP portion in 2002. Based on this agreement, the percentage will not change.

In entering Phase Two, a credit for the High School Project will be applied to the local share (51% of the total cost). Ottawa-Glandorf Schools received credit for the High School Project in the amount of \$11,344,462.21. You will notice in the chart to the right that the High School Project was estimated to cost over \$13 million. Because of many factors, we were able to come in under budget by approximately two million dollars. This two million dollar savings is in a special account and will count towards our local share. The OSFC will now develop a new Master Plan based on an updated facilities assessment and new enrollment projection. These new numbers will mean a change in the scope of the project because of declining enrollment and increased costs due to inflation since 2002. Once the Commission determines a new Total Project Cost, we will be able to identify the dollar amount required to meet our local share. The District must then acquire the balance of the local share prior to the release of state funds for CFAP. (It is important to note that the chart included in this article is an estimated total cost based on enrollment numbers and construction costs in 2002.)

My goal over the next few months is to gather as much information as I can, so we will be prepared to conduct community meetings to explain the entire OSFC project for Ottawa-Glandorf Schools, and to provide an opportunity for community input. We are in the process of updating our District webpage (<http://og.noacsc.org>) with a link to provide information about our project and to keep the community informed as we make plans for the future. Community meetings will be planned and the dates of these meetings will be announced in the local newspaper and on our District website. I look forward to working with the entire community to plan for Phase Two of the Ottawa-Glandorf Schools' Master Plan. Together, we can make a big difference in the facilities where our children learn and our community takes pride.

If you have any questions or comments that you would like to discuss with me personally, please stop by my office or give me a call and I would be more than willing to listen or answer any questions you might have. The telephone number is 419-523-5261 and my e-mail address is [og\\_supt@noacsc.org](mailto:og_supt@noacsc.org).

*Thank you for supporting  
Ottawa-Glandorf Schools!*



# FINANCIAL AFTERMATH OF FLOOD

*Kathy Fruchey*  
Treasurer

The heavy rains and subsequent flooding that our area experienced in August was devastating to many. Homes, businesses, churches and schools were all directly affected. Others were affected indirectly. Ottawa-Glandorf Local School District's finances had the potential to be one of those.

Taxes on the assessed valuations of property in the Ottawa-Glandorf School District were the basis for \$3,400,000 of the general fund's \$11,400,000 receipts during the 2006-2007 school year. Losses in property valuations had the potential to dramatically reduce school district revenue.

Owners of properties damaged by the flood had an opportunity to contact the county auditor to have their property values reduced by a prorated amount of the damage. Because the flood occurred during the third quarter of the year (July - September), that reduction was assumed for two quarters (July - December), or one half of the year 2007. The new assessment would be calculated by taking the amount of damage, multiplying it by the number of quarters that it was damaged, and dividing it by four quarters in the year. For example, if your \$100,000 home sustained \$30,000 in damages and was not yet repaired, the 2007 assessed valuation would be \$85,000. The calculation would be 100,000 - (30,000 × 2 ÷ 4). This

## TITAN T.I.K.E.S. PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

*LaDonna Hoffman*  
Director



Titan T.I.K.E.S. Preschool (Totally Integrated Kids in an Educational Setting) has been in operation since 1990 and is a part of the Ottawa-Glandorf School System. We offer morning sessions (9:00-11:30) or afternoon sessions (12:30-3:00) for children who are 3-5 years of age. We currently have 92 children attending our preschool. We have four sessions with the average class size of 11 students per classroom.

**REGISTRATION FOR O-G RESIDENTS  
2008-2009  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Registration is limited to residents of Ottawa-Glandorf School District only. (Out-of-district residents may register after April 30 if space is still available.) O-G Titan T.I.K.E.S. Preschool is funded by a grant through the Ohio Department of Education. Tuition assistance is available for children who are 3 or 4 by October 1, 2008. Please refer to the chart to see if you qualify.

value would then be used as the basis for taxes paid in 2008. Your assessment for taxes paid in 2009 will depend on if or when you make improvements to your property.

This allowance to reduce property values could have reduced property tax collection to the Ottawa-Glandorf Local School District and all other property tax recipients. However, assessment numbers recently received from the auditor's office indicate that Ottawa-Glandorf property valuations have risen. Although there was a decline in residential property values for Ottawa Corporation, there were increases in Ottawa and Greensburg Townships and in Glandorf Corporation due mainly to new construction. The net increase was nearly \$1,300,000. Industrial property values also rose by nearly \$1,000,000 due mainly to the addition of properties whose tax abatements had expired.

So, although many continue to work through the aftermath of the flood, the indirect impact to the Ottawa-Glandorf Schools was minimal.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION 2008 MEETINGS

*All meetings are scheduled  
to be held at the High School.*

February 5	7:30 p.m.
March 11	7:30 p.m.
April 8	7:30 p.m.
May 13	7:30 p.m.
June 10	5:00 p.m.
July 8	5:00 p.m.
August 12	5:00 p.m.
September 9	7:30 p.m.
October 14	7:30 p.m.
November 4	7:30 p.m.
December 9	5:30 p.m.

## FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES

*(figures based on 2007-08 guidelines, may change slightly)*

Household Size	Annual	Monthly
1	18,889	1,575
2	25,327	2,111
3	31,765	2,648
4	38,203	3,184
5	44,641	3,721
6	51,079	4,257
7	57,517	4,794
8	63,955	5,330

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