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# **Open Enrollment**

## **Revisited**

**Part I**

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## **WHY?**

**The Chardon Board of Education  
is intent on finding added ways to  
increase revenue of the school district.**

**The school district owes it to our taxpayers  
to explore all means of funding available.**



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- **Open enrollment is a policy which allows students who are residents of other school districts to attend the Chardon Local Schools**
- **This policy would generate additional revenue for the school district**

**Guidelines would be established by  
the Chardon Board of Education**



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- **78 % of Ohio schools have open enrollment**
- **Chardon and Kenston are the only two Geauga Co. districts that do not offer open enrollment**

**Source: Ohio Department of Education website**



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- **We have the equivalent of 25 Chardon students currently attending schools outside of our district.**
- **Money from Chardon taxpayers follows these students to the district they attend.**
- **This means approx. \$5,700 per student leaves Chardon Schools**

**$\$5,700 \times 25 = \$142,500$  in lost revenue**



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**\$5,700** Total amount that leaves the district with the student

**- \$1,732** Avg. State Revenue Per Pupil  
(2011-12 year)

**= \$3,968** Amount of Chardon taxpayer dollars per pupil that follows the student



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- **Per our employee negotiated agreement, the children of employees who live outside the district can attend Chardon Schools.**
- **Without open enrollment, money from their home school district does not follow these students to Chardon Schools.**



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- **12 Chardon students are children of employees who live outside the district.**
- **Currently we receive no additional money for these students.**
- **$12 \times \$5,700 = \$68,400$**

**With open enrollment we would collect an additional \$68,400**





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- **The equivalent of 54 Chardon students are currently being educated via online academies or charter schools.**
- **The total cost to the district is \$374,804.**
- **Chardon does not receive any state funds for these students.**

**Once again, the Chardon taxpayer's monies are leaving our district.**



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**\$374,804** Total cost for online academies  
and charter schools

- **\$93,528** Amount Chardon would receive  
if these students attended  
Chardon ( $\$1,732 \times 54 = \$93,528$ )

**= \$281,276** Amount of Chardon taxpayer  
dollars leaving the district



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- **Open enrollment would be based on space availability in a particular grade or school building.**
- **Open enrollment guidelines would need to be met before approval was granted**
- **An open enrollment application alone would not mean automatic approval**



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- **If a student is accepted, the parent provides transportation**
- **Enrollment will be analyzed annually to determine classroom availability. Which means the transfer student would need to apply annually.**
- **For every student accepted, the District would receive approx. \$5,700 per year**

**The open enrollment policy would be reviewed annually to determine its effectiveness**



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## **Do we have space?**

- **Historical data shows that the 2005-2006 school year was our peak for student enrollment. Since that school year our numbers have been on a steady decline.**
- **The Capacity Analysis report that was conducted in 2009, projects our enrollment will continue to be on a downward trend.**



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## **Enrollment Projections**

**At our March Board Meeting we should be able to identify which areas where we can accept students from other districts.**

**By then Kindergarten registration will be concluded and we will have a better picture for the next school year.**



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**Because Chardon Schools is on a “Guarantee” program, we do not receive any additional funds if a student moves into our district.**

**BUT.....**

**With Open Enrollment**

**We can receive additional funds for every student from outside our district that transfers to our schools**