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## Mayor supports school levy

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As the Mayor of Fremont, I am writing to support the new middle school and Ohio School Facilities Funding Levy proposal.

I have said many times, the importance of having a strong modern school system has an impact on retaining and luring new jobs to this community. When a company is looking at a community during their initial study, the local school system is one of the top five items of importance. Also, the quality of our school system has a real and direct influence on our property values -- it is one of the main reasons that people buy homes here.

Second only to one's parents, a quality education is the most significant factor in the success of a child. A new middle school paid partially by the state of Ohio would afford them a quality education so desperately needed in our world today. Our children face an ever-changing and uncertain world. In order to prepare them for success in the future, we need to provide them with the best education possible in the newest of settings.

Difficult choices must be made in difficult times. Unfortunately this \$8.8 million grant is awarded on a use-it-or-lose-it basis. If our school district does not raise our local contribution, the millions of dollars will be returned to the state and given to another school district and their community will benefit from it.

Vibrant communities do not happen by chance. They are created by people who can imagine a brighter future and who are willing to invest to make that future a reality. Please show that you are such a person by voting "yes" for the Fremont City School Levy.

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