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Winter 2018

THE PRIDE OF THE EAST SIDE

I am both honored and proud to serve as the Superintendent of the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township. Each day, our teachers, support staff, and administrators provide quality educational and social experiences for our students, parents, guardians and others who come into our schools every day. Thanks to your support, we have been able to make a difference in the lives of our 12,400 students.

Education continues to change and we continue to adapt to those changes in Warren Township. Once again, thanks to you, we have been able to make the investments necessary to provide safe and accessible classrooms; expand curriculum offerings, develop outstanding career educational programs at the Walker Career Center, and support our extracurricular activities in the area of performing arts, community service and athletics.



I also know that to provide the opportunities for our students to be prepared for the challenges of the future in education; careers, public service, and other pursuits we will need to continue to innovate. As you read this winter newsletter, please note how all of our schools are doing something unique to make a difference in the lives of students, families and community. Our principals, teachers and support staff have demonstrated repeatedly that their number one priority, is to make sure our students are ready to move ahead in school, to graduate on time and seek college and career opportunities.

I hope that you will find our newsletter informative. Please know that your support and investment in Warren Township is welcomed and we understand that we have a responsibility to make sure our schools continue to contribute to the quality of life and vitality of our community.

Thank you for making MSD Warren Township your home!

Dr. Dena Cushenberry
Superintendent

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All Warren Township schools are recognized as IDOE Family Friendly Schools.

This is a State recognition program for schools that excel in the involvement of families and communities in their children's education.

Early Childhood Center

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Brookview Elementary

1550 N Cumberland Road
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Eastridge Elementary

10930 East 10th Street
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OUR SCHOOLS LEAD THE WAY

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



ECC offers a safe and nurturing environment so the social and emotional needs of children can be met. We also believe in play! Play is an important component of healthy brain development. It assists with developing social skills, thinking skills, problem solving and self-confidence; all the skills necessary for children to learn both academically and about the world around them. We embrace the involvement of parents as active members of our school community and partner together to create positive learning outcomes for our school students. The collective goal of the ECC staff is to build a solid foundation that extends beyond the preschool setting.

BROOKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



At Brookview, we strive to develop and enhance learning skills and provide opportunities for the education and enrichment of all students. This will enable each student to think and work independently and cooperatively toward the solution of problems, development of critical thinking skills, and cultivation of inquiring minds. Our educational program and environment will foster the development of students as individuals, as contributing family members, and as responsible citizens of the community, state, nation, and world.

Brookview offers *YMCA Before and After Care* from 6:00 a.m. until the school day begins and then after school until 6:00 p.m. The program is designed to ensure the safety of students and to provide support for our working families.

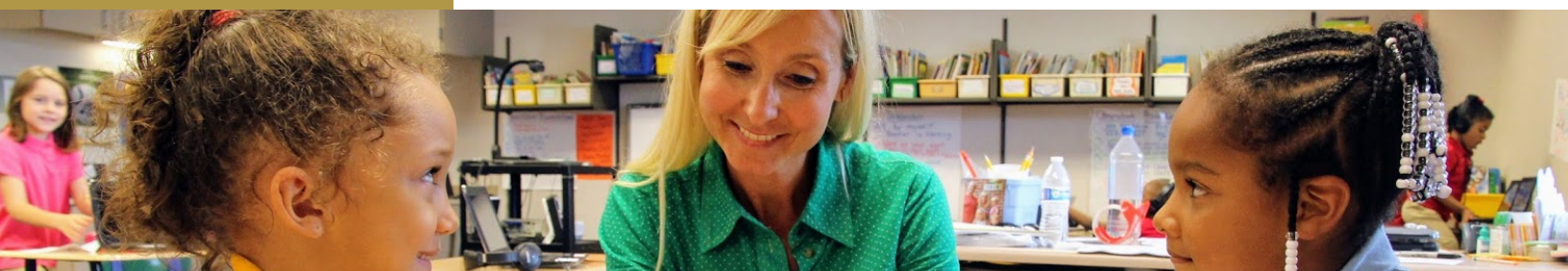
EASTRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



At Eastridge Elementary, home of the Rockets, we are focused on achievement and centered on students. Eastridge is committed to using the best instructional practices and differentiation to personalize learning. Through blending traditional and digital tools, our students are developing 21st century skills. We maintain a safe and orderly environment and have high expectations for success for all students.

There is a strong team philosophy and belief that students are most successful when all of the stakeholders around them support their endeavors on a daily basis.

Eastridge's community garden has provided an opportunity for learning about how to bring food from "garden to table". All year different edible plants will be grown to be used in classrooms and the café as well as having the garden open to the community.





GRASSY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grassy Creek prides itself in maintaining a safe, welcoming environment and having high expectations of success for all students. We promote a safe and orderly environment through these four behavioral expectations: Civility, Order, Respect, and Excellence (CORE). However, this is not a task a school can do alone. Our families and community are key players on our super team!

Grassy Creek has a strong tradition of involvement, along with PTA and Do-Dads, providing many events for our families and community.



employ several strategies to help meet those needs.

Hawthorne uses *Box Tops for Education* as an opportunity to raise money for our school by collecting box tops from selected cereals and other items. Our playground was paid for in part by the thousands of Box Tops collected from the generous Hawthorne families and community!

LAKESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The mission at Lakeside Elementary School is for all students to demonstrate high levels of growth and achievement academically, socially, and emotionally, as a result of participating in highly effective instruction and activities and utilizing technology to support personalized and blended learning, in a safe and positive environment.

Lakeside is very proud of the many family and community events that have taken place so far this year such as Back to School Night, Super PAC Night, Family Literacy Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Grandparents/Special Friends Breakfast, Treats not Tricks, Veteran's Day and Winter Musicals, along with PTA meetings and skating parties.



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hawthorne Elementary School is a community school that is focused on doing what is in the best interest of students. Through the use of research-based, effective teaching strategies coupled with clear and consistent behavioral expectations, students will maximize their learning potential and increase their achievement. Hawthorne is a family of learners striving to make a positive impact on students and our community. We understand the importance of meeting the needs of our community and



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Lakeside Elementary
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The YMCA offers childcare services at all K - 6 buildings in Warren Township.





LIBERTY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We look forward to working together with parents, guardians, and community members to help the students of Liberty Park have great successes this coming school year. We encourage our parents and community members to join us as we move forward by becoming a part of our PTA, volunteering in children's classrooms, joining us in supporting children academically, and participating in some of our many Liberty Park and PTA events.



Liberty Park and Raymond Park Intermediate in partnership with Chartwells Food Service organizes a Thanksgiving Community Outreach event. This Thanksgiving was the 8th year running a canned food drive and providing Thanksgiving meals for our families in need. Our students were able to donate over 3,000 canned good items that went to families across Warren Township through the Sonny Day Food Pantry at Highlander Park.

LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

At Lowell, we have a dynamic staff who is dedicated to bringing learning to life for all students.



Our instruction is driven by the Indiana Academic Standards, and we are committed to using best instructional practices to meet the needs of all learners. We believe that all students deserve personalized learning, and that we all deserve to learn in our own best way. For over 100 years, Lowell Elementary School has educated our youth and had a strong presence in our community. We look forward to continuing that tradition and encourage all families to become actively involved in our school.

Lowell has many after school clubs and activities for students and families; fall festival, haunted cabin, Robotics, Girls on the Run, Camp Lowell, Veteran's Day program and Cool to Be Kind program. Also, grandparents visited their grandchildren to have lunch with them and to visit our Book Fair.

PLEASANT RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We look forward to getting to know each of you as we work together to guide your child towards lifelong learning and achievement.



Through our commitment to our students and practiced sense of integrity, we know that the school year will be a special year of growth, development, and achievement for your child.

Pleasant Run, along with the community, have collected over 800 pounds of plastic bottle tops to make two park benches, made from our recycling efforts. On another recycling note, we have a goal to collect 2,500 pairs of gently used shoes to donate to third world countries!

SUNNY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The staff here at Sunny Heights is a dedicated group of professionals that are working very hard each and every day to support student growth academically, socially, and emotionally. Our personalized learning approach allows staff to identify individual student needs and utilize the necessary resources to help that student be successful. Students in grades K-4 have one to one access to technology (iPads or Chromebooks) to support those individual learning needs through a variety of programs.



At Sunny Heights, school is much more than simply academics! Students show civility and learn how to be good citizens through various programs. We have started a recycling program and learned how our efforts can help the environment. Students and staff have also contributed to food and clothing drives to help those in need.



CRESTON INTERMEDIATE ACADEMY

Creston Intermediate Academy, home of the Cougars, is focused on educating 5th and 6th grade students to obtain mastery of the Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards, as well as working together to guide our students towards lifelong learning and achievement. CIA is student centered and driven by a continuous improvement model. The curriculum at CIA is aligned with the Indiana College and Career Readiness Standards and the district instructional calendar.



Creston Intermediate Academy hosted its 1st Family Cookout in September to celebrate the beginning of the school year and to offer friends and families a chance to get to know one another. The cookout was held at Post Road Christian Church (1112 North Post Road). Over 125 attended this first-year event and we are excited to make this an annual event!



CRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

CMS uses culturally responsive – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) to teach and reinforce school wide expectations that will lead to students being Civil, Orderly, Respectful, and Excellent in their daily lives.

During PBIS time, students learn and practice expectations and procedures. This is also a great way for students and teachers to build positive and collaborative relationships.

Students at CMS have the unique opportunity to apply their learning by working together in positive competitions that take place quarterly, called Creston Survivor! Students compete to Outlearn, Outplay, and Outlast the rest of the school to earn the title of *Sole Creston Survivor*!

Creston's student council is taking the lead in school-wide initiatives and philanthropic work with their most recent act of servicing and organizing a "toiletty drive" for Warren Township. In addition, our National Junior Honor Society has held a successful canned-food drive.



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Lowell Elementary

2150 Hunter Road Road
Indianapolis, IN 46239
317.532.3900
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Pleasant Run Elementary

1800 North Franklin Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219
317.532.3800
pleasantry.warren.k12.in.us

Sunny Heights Elementary

11149 Stonybrook Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46229
317.532.2900
sunnyheights.warren.k12.in.us

Creston Intermediate Academy

10925 East Prospect Street
Indianapolis, IN 46239
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Creston Middle School

10925 East Prospect Street
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317.532.6800
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The Boys & Girls Club program is offered at:

Liberty Park Elementary
Pleasant Run Elementary
Sunny Heights Elementary
Raymond Park Intermediate
Stonybrook Intermediate
Raymond Park Middle
Stonybrook Middle





Raymond Park Intermediate Academy

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Raymond Park Middle School

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Sonny Day Community Center:

This pantry provides food, toiletries, cleaning products, school supplies and gently used clothing to families of Warren Township. It is located at 10502 East 21st Street, 46229

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SonnyDayCommunityCenter



RAYMOND PARK INTERMEDIATE ACADEMY

We are so excited for the opportunities awaiting our students. RPIA has a tradition of excellence that we are determined to build on this year. Our dedicated staff members are committed to ensuring that we engage all of our students in a positive schooling experience focused on individual growth and improvement. While we strive to encourage the academic development of our students based on the Indiana Academic Standards for College and Career Readiness, we also value the importance of our students' social and emotional growth.



RPIA participated in numerous community events, such as skating parties, Family Literacy Night, Family Cooking on a Budget, Donuts with Dads, and Open Gym Night. They also prepared and delivered Thanksgiving meals to more than 25 of their families! Student council held a canned food drive to support their families and the Sonny Day Community Center.



RAYMOND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

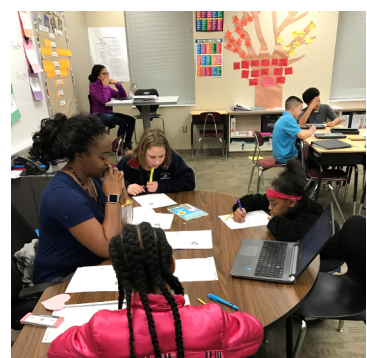
The mission of Raymond Park Middle School is to provide all students with the opportunity to become accountable, self-directed, life-long learners who are capable problem-solvers and decision-makers, effective communicators, and productive, citizens.



Raymond Park teachers and students work in learning teams to enhance high standards for involvement. Our gifted and talented classes, or inclusion program for special education, and our related arts courses are additional efforts Raymond Park makes to set and attain high academic standards.

Raymond Park students support the greater community in several ways. This year they have adopted Riley Hospital families for gifting. The student council is also organizing a canned food drive to benefit The Sonny Day Community Center.





STONYBROOK INTERMEDIATE ACADEMY

At SIA, we are committed to the success of each and every one of our students. We believe that our students deserve to be encouraged, inspired, and challenged every single day. Students will not only be successful during their 5th and 6th grade years, but will also be provided with the necessary skills to be the most successful in middle school and beyond. There is nothing more important for us than seeing our students excel academically and developmentally. We are consistently striving to create the most positive and absolutely best environment that is conducive for student growth. We want our students to thrive!

Stonybrook Intermediate has a special partnership with Miracle Works LTD. The Miracle Works LTD program provides mentoring for 5th and 6th grade students where students stay after school once a week to receive additional homework help, participate in community field trips, and work collaboratively on social skills.

STONYBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to Stonybrook Middle School! The Red Storm team of highly dedicated educators is honored to partner with our families as we work with each student to provide engaging instruction that is tailored to individual needs. By implementing a Blending Learning strategy, via the innovative utilization of technology, we are able to create personalized learning plans for each student.



Stonybrook MS partnered with Stonybrook Intermediate Academy and invited all of the students and their family members to a plated dinner of turkey and ham with all the sides and desserts. The evening with was spent with over 300 students and parents celebrating the arts, crafts, and activities related to the academic areas. The evening was made possible through the generous contributions of staff monetary donations, as well as collaborative partnerships with Chartwells, vendors, and community members.

RENAISSANCE



The Renaissance School is a national leader in the design and implementation of dynamic, comprehensive educational programs that meet the needs of all students who struggle to find academic success in more traditional environments.

Emphasizing rigorous educational alternatives for students in grades 6-12, the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township is committed to alternative education in order to fully serve the needs of the greater community.

The first program in the United States to offer the "School-To-Work-To-Life Transition Program" incorporating Character Education, Service Learning, Work Readiness, and Career Development as a comprehensive course requirement.

Renaissance's program consists of services for over 200 students, a comprehensive staff of 40, a full spectrum of core and elective course offerings, school choice, and a dynamic continuum of services.

Stonybrook Intermediate Academy

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Stonybrook Middle School

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Renaissance School

8931 East 30th Street
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Producing the Media of Tomorrow

FrontRunner Media is the district's award winning media production initiative. Operated out of the Walker Career Center, students in the program work with professionals on actual production projects to gain real-world experience in this very competitive industry. FrontRunner offers the students in Warren opportunities at the high school level that most don't have access to until college or beyond.

Warren Central High School

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Walker Career Center

9651 East 21st Street
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WARREN CENTRAL

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Warren Central and Walker Career Center have so much to celebrate this semester. To begin the year, the schools were notified that they earned a B rating from the State. This rating is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Graduation rate, workplace certifications, AP exams, dual credits, and standardized testing are all components of this grade.

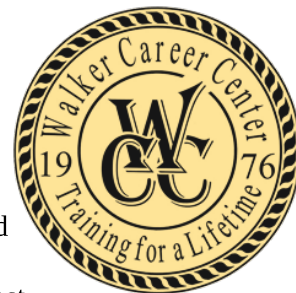
Our fall athletes completed successful seasons, and we now move on to winter sports and activities.

This fall, hundreds of our students demonstrated in a positive manner what can happen when young people unify to make a difference in our community. These students joined each other for a peace walk in Washington Park. Organized by WeLIVE Indy, a youth led group whose goal is to end youth gun violence in the city of Indianapolis, the students called for peace in the streets. WeLIVE Indy was founded by Warren Central senior Brandon Warren. WeLIVE is an acronym for, Linked to Intercept Violence Everywhere.

Walker Career Center and Warren Central hosted a College & CareerFest in November. This event featured over 30 colleges and 40 career opportunities for students. This event was traditionally in February, but it was moved to the fall to allow students an opportunity to view course options before scheduling begins in the spring. Walker, which offers more than 20 different career programs from Cosmetology to Welding, hosts this event annually.

We encourage all our parents and guardians to join our PTSA. Our PTSA is a very connected and active group of staff and student supporters. We encourage you to join us at meetings that are hosted on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p. m. in our Mediaplex building.

From Homecoming activities to competitions to performances, our students and sponsors have stayed busy giving back to our school and our community. Already this year, the students and staff raised over 12,000 food items for Sonny Day. They were excited and eager to host their annual Christmas party which served Warren Township elementary students this past December.





ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION

The doors of opportunity are always open at Adult & Continuing Education in Warren Township!

Warren Township Adult Education was awarded a grant to offer innovative Integrated Education and Training (IET) certification classes. These classes pair an academic teacher with a subject matter expert to support learners who want to improve their academic skills and/or attain their High School Equivalency (HSE) degree at the same time they are learning skills for an industry-recognized certification in a high-demand field. The IETs that have run since July 1, 2017, are: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS), and Certified Logistics Associate (CLA). In addition, Warren Township Adult Education is

developing a Skills, Tasks, and Results Training (START) culinary/hospitality certification as well as a Child Development Associate (CDA) certification.

Warren Adult Education is also partnering with Vincennes University to offer Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) and Dental Assistant certification classes. These classes will be offered on site at the Walker Career Center beginning February 2018.

This summer Warren Adult Education joined a partnership with Employ Indy and Goodwill Industries in the Generation Works grant. This pilot grant, which is currently running in only five cities across the nation, enables Warren Adult Education to offer wrap-around supportive services to 16 – 29 year-old learners in our IET classes to ensure their success in

attaining their HSE, obtaining certification, and entering and retaining employment.

This partnership enables Warren Adult Education to hire a career coach to follow learners one-on-one for up to two years following their successful certification.

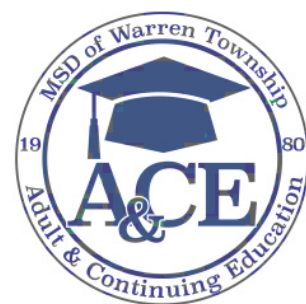
In addition to the existing 12 sites where classes are offered, Warren Township Adult Education was invited into two new locations to offer classes. Warren began offering high school equivalency classes at the Indianapolis Urban League on November 28.

These classes assist learners in attaining the academic skills necessary to enter certification training, as well as pass their HSE. Warren also began offering ESL classes at Hoosier Gasket Corporation on November 28. Hoosier Gasket graciously invited Warren into their facility to assist their

employees with English language acquisition.

These are both exciting opportunities for our community!

Warren Adult Education also has many continuing education opportunities. And lastly, Warren's Program of Adult & Continuing Education is well known for its outstanding program of driver education.





Meet Dr. Timothy Hanson

Dr. Hanson is a former middle school math teacher in Illinois, Ohio, and here in Indiana. In his 23 years of experience in education, he has served in 6 school districts as an athletic coach, math department chair, middle school assistant principal, elementary school principal, and assistant superintendent. Dr. Hanson holds degrees from Eastern Illinois University, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Cincinnati, and Ball State University.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER OF SUCCESS AT MSD WARREN

As Deputy Superintendent, I look forward to working with all the residents of the MSD Warren Township community to build on our successes and continue to make our schools a great place for student learning. Our purpose is to prepare our students to be self-directed learners who are literate, creative, critical thinkers, and civic-minded democratic citizens who do meaningful and productive work in school and post-school life.



**" WE ARE
EMPOWERING OUR
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS "**

The hallmark of the MSD Warren Township School District is our emphasis on providing our students and families with strong academic programing and high-quality learning experiences that will successfully prepare them for the challenges of today and into their future. We are fortunate to have dedicated educators and leaders in our schools who believe in our students and are willing to do whatever it takes for their student's success.

The future is exciting for MSD Warren Township Schools. We are empowering students and teachers to have ownership of their learning by:

- Providing high-quality curriculum
- Implementing best practices for teaching and learning
- Using data to identify strengths and respond to areas of need
- Creating opportunities for collaboration
- Leveraging the benefits of flexible content with technology

Respectfully,

Timothy E. Hanson, Ed. D.
Deputy Superintendent of Schools



MR. HOLT'S PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE 101

Mr. David Holt

Mr. Holt has a wealth of experience in the discipline of finance. Prior to becoming the CFO for MSD Warren, he served at Fifth Third Bank for ten years as Senior Vice President Commercial Banking. He is professionally affiliated with the Indiana Association of School Business Officials, Inc. In his capacity of work in MSD Warren, he oversees several departments, i.e. transportation and Warren Police. Mr. Holt holds degrees from DePauw University and Butler University. Also, he is a Warren Central High School, Class of 1986 graduate.



I have been fortunate to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the MSD Warren Township for 18 years. During that time, we continue to provide financial responsibility and operational efficiency for the funds invested in our schools by you and other taxpayers. Each year, our budget represents the realistic needs of the District to continue the large variety of high-quality programs and services offered to our students, including classroom instruction; quality instructors and support staffers; safe transportation; and maintaining the investments made by you and other taxpayers in our facilities.

Unfortunately, reductions in state funding have caused times when our needs exceed the amount of revenue available to support those important programs and services. That's why we are regarded as a leader in innovations in public school finance and why we always apply sound financial management principles coupled with long-term planning to position ourselves for even the toughest of times.

The challenges of the future will require even more efforts to "do more with less." Thanks to your support and the support of dedicated members of the locally-elected School Board, please know that MSD Warren will continue to be outstanding stewards of your tax dollars.

David Holt
CFO, MSD of Warren Township





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