

# Board Bits

From Streetsboro City Schools Board of Education President Cynthia Pennock-Hanish

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## Giving thanks—

*a personal message from Board President Cindy Pennock-Hanish*

Every year during November we are reminded to be thankful. Thanksgiving is a special time—even in a challenging year like this one when we might not feel as optimistic. We have much to be thankful for in the Streetsboro City Schools. Let me start by thanking each one of you for what you do for our students.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we received news from the Portage County Board of Elections today that both our levies officially passed. Although I certainly felt positive about the eventual outcome, I am happy to clear that last hurdle. I expect that the Board of Education will be making some decisions soon about upcoming actions. As I explained at a recent Board meeting, I do not, however, anticipate that we can return to operating in the way we were. Our financial situation, like that of all districts in Ohio, is still very tenuous. Please know that we take the public's trust very seriously and will continue to be good stewards of the taxpayer's money.

Today, I want to share with you that I am thankful to be a part of a district with such WONDERFUL caring teachers, support staff, administrators and office staff who work many, many hours to help our students in so many ways. Our teachers and staff always go the extra mile and provide many extra touches. I am thankful for the courage you summon each day as you overcome obstacles and do such meaningful work with our students.

I am also thankful to be a part of a School Board whose members have no hidden agendas and are willing to work many hours during these challenging times over the last few months.

Finally, I want to thank Superintendent **Linda T. Keller** for her two and one-half years of incredibly dedicated service and unwavering commitment to our district. Linda has been a wonderful educational leader and helped make this a better place for all of us. I thank her for all her hard work and her concern for each one of our students.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

Cindy Pennock-Hanish  
President, Streetsboro Board of Education