



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## FQA5 Addressing Fiscal Distress

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### Question 1: What else is being done to address the fiscal crisis?

Please read all of the FAQs as well as contact our administrators, Board, Superintendent or Treasurer with additional questions.

At the September 20, 2021 Board of Education meeting, TSD reviewed the AOS Performance Audit as well as some of the measures taken to address the issue. You may find the video [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JippUkdXx2o) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JippUkdXx2o>).

#### **TSD has eliminated through review and tough decisions (since 2019):**

- 11.5 Certified Teachers
- 1 Teaching and Learning Coordinator (administrator)
- 1.5 Central Office Exempt Staff
- .5 Treasurer Staff
- 1 Food Service Assistant Manager (although this doesn't affect the GF, we still would like it reflected as it was a recommendation within the Performance Audit)
- 2 Part-Time Food Service Staff (same note as above)

#### **Additional Cost Savings Measures that have been instituted since 2019:**

- We negotiated successfully with both of the association's support for the following raises for all staff: **2% in 2021-22, 1% in 2022-23, and 0% in 2023-24 school years.** Just as a note, all administrative staff follow this as well.
- We also have saved money over the last few years through retirement, hirings, attrition, and reducing/combing positions:

2019/20	\$133,049
2020/21	\$517,652
2021/22	\$350,841
2022/23	Est \$677,660

- We changed the start and end times for the district right as the COVID pandemic started (May 2020 BOE approved).
  - While this was researched based on the science and biological sleep needs of youth, we eliminated 15 minutes of transportation time between the high/middle schools and the elementary schools. This eliminated 30 of our 32 routes receiving overtime of 15 minutes. In FY22 this shift in times saved us approximately \$45K in excess costs.
- We have reduced our building and departmental budgets by 20% and maintained this frozen amount for the last 2 years and have continued this into the 2022-23 school year. This 3 year deduction has/will save the district \$395K in total.
- We eliminated transportation for students who were open enrolled to our district.
- We order in bulk (including our food service department) to maximize the discounts received.
- We continue to share fuel costs with the City of Oxford and Butler County Rural Transportation to purchase fuel for our buses at a bulk rate.
- We provided students with a Grab and Go (Snack Pack option) in FY21 and FY22 to increase student participation in the lunch program that increased profits to our Federal Food Service Program in.

TSD continues to evaluate all positions. The goal is to keep the outstanding programs and Talawanda education.

The Board of Education at the March 2022 Board of Education meeting reviewed the financial statements and determined that we need to ask our Taxpayers for additional funding.

Additional information may be found on our website: [www.talawanda.org](http://www.talawanda.org) or <https://www.talawanda.org/departments/treasurer---finance-42/understanding-school-finance-395>

\*CUPP Report November 2021 at: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Finance-and-Funding/School-Payment-Reports/District-Profile-Reports>

\*\*AOS Performance Audit at: <https://www.talawanda.org/media/treasurer/TSD-%20Audit%20March%202020.pdf>

\*\*\*Ohio Department of Education report cards at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/> or <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/gradrate/046151>

\*\*\*\*DeRolph Decision at: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/rod/docs/pdf/0/2002/2002-Ohio-6750.pdf> or [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DeRolph\\_v.\\_State#:~:text=State%20is%20a%20landmark%20case,funding%20public%20education%20was%20unconstitutional](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DeRolph_v._State#:~:text=State%20is%20a%20landmark%20case,funding%20public%20education%20was%20unconstitutional)

\*\*\*\*\*<https://www.talawanda.org/resources/2022-levy-facts-48/> 2022 Levy Facts