

Logan-Hocking Local School District

School Facilities Update

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School Facilities Construction

- State of Ohio
- Logan-Hocking Local School District
- Recent Legislative Action
- Future Prospects

“Rebuild Ohio”

- Introduced in September 1999 by Governor Bob Taft
- Ambitious and innovative school facilities proposal
- Goal to address the facility needs of all Ohio public school districts, including joint vocational schools, over the ensuing 12-year period
- Proposed expenditure of \$10 billion in state funds
- District wide “fixes”

State Funding Order

- 612 School Districts in Ohio
- Poorest districts to be served first
- Based on three-year average of “Equity” ranking
- Wealth based on “Assessed Tax Valuation” of school district
- Assessed Tax Valuation for district divided by number of pupils equals “Valuation per Pupil”
- As school district’s wealth increases, the State of Ohio pays a lesser share of construction costs, local districts pay more (ability to pay)
- Ohio School Facilities Commission annually announces the next districts (currently approximately ten a year) to be funded through the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP)
- July 2003 announced that districts through #154 are to be served in Fiscal Year 2004
- Logan-Hocking Local School District is ranked #185 on the FY 2004 Equity list

Equity Ranking of Area Districts (FY 04)

Trimble Local	#1	} Previously served by OSFC
Wellston City	#29	
Meigs Local	#35	
Vinton County Local	#36	
Federal Hocking Local	#45	
Nelsonville-York City	#47	
Jackson City	#136	

Districts through #154 are currently eligible for funding via CFAP

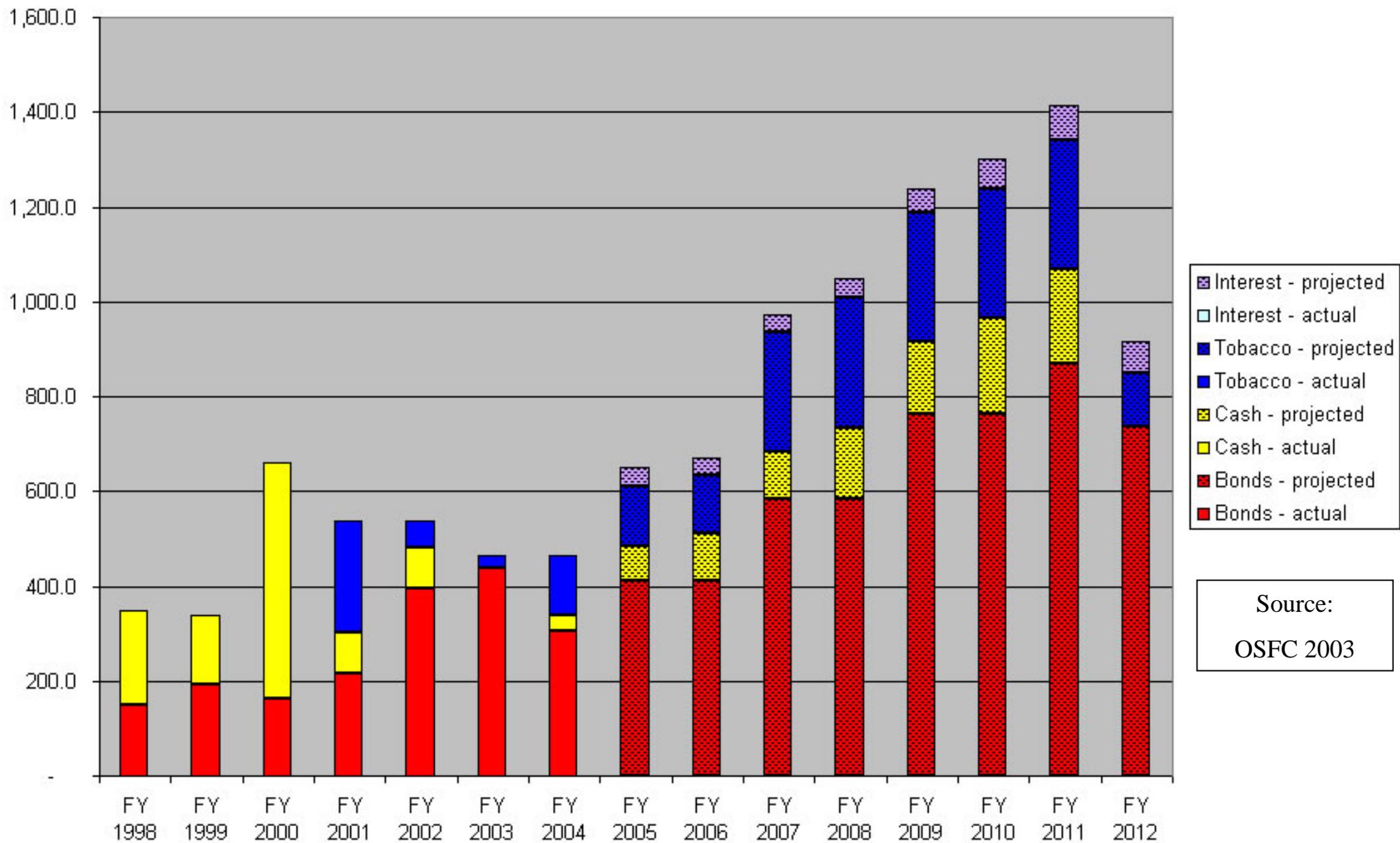
Logan-Hocking Local #185 Anticipated 2004/2005/2006

Lancaster City	#409	Anticipated 2009/2010/2011
Athens City	#434	Anticipated 2009/2010/2011
Kelleys Island Local	#611	Anticipated 2010/2011/2012

State Funding For School Construction In Jeopardy?

- FY 2004 Appropriation - \$463 million
- Future Appropriations?

OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION - "FULL FIX" FUNDING



Source:
OSFC 2003

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Where are We?

- FY 2004 Equity Ranking of #185 – scheduled for complete “fix” and state funding in 2004, 2005 and 2006 (estimate prepared in 1999, subject to change)

Fiscal Year	Rank	Percentile	State Share
2000	177	29%	71%
2001	184	31%	69%
2002	192	32%	68%
2003	190	32%	68%
2004	185	31%	69%

- If FY 2004 equity ranking indicates State funding not be received until 2004, 2005 or 2006, how can Logan-Hocking now have three new elementary schools nearly ready for occupancy?

OSFC's

Expedited Local Partnership Program

- Designed to give districts not yet participating in the OSFC's regular Classroom Facilities Assessment Program (CFAP) the opportunity to move ahead with portions of their agreed upon project
- District and State agree on a "Master Plan" that covers the entire needs of the district
- The district then chooses a "**distinct portion**" of their Master Plan to fund through **local efforts**
- When the district's turn later arises in the CFAP, the money spent by the district on the "**distinct portion**" is credited against the local share of the entire Master Plan Project

Logan-Hocking Local School District

- In July of 1999 the District seized the opportunity to be a “Pilot District” in the ELPP Program – only five in the State of Ohio selected
- Master Plan – four (4) elementaries versus five (5) elementaries
- OSFC and State Controlling Board approved LHLSD Master Plan in 2000
- Total estimated Master Plan cost estimated at \$63.58 million
- May 2001 local voters/taxpayers approve (62% in favor) the funding of the **local share** of the Master Plan (\$18.68 million) and a \$5 million “local initiative” to provide for land acquisition, high school auditorium, athletic facilities and additional classroom space
- Locked in State Share at 71%, Local Share at 29% (\$63.58 million times 2% equals nearly \$1.3 million savings to local taxpayers!)

LHLSD – Three Phase Plan

- Phase I
- ✓ “Distinct Portion” of Master Plan
 - ✓ Construct three new elementary schools
(Chieftain, Hocking Hills, Union Furnace)
 - ✓ Upgrades/renovations at Logan-Hocking Middle School

- Phase II
- ✓ New Logan High School, auditorium and athletic fields
 - ✓ Green Elementary renovated/added on to or replaced
 - ✓ Upgrades/remodeling at Logan-Hocking Middle School

- Phase III
- ✓ Demolition of current Logan High School and Central Elementary
 - ✓ Construction of new Central Elementary

Local Contribution – Phase I

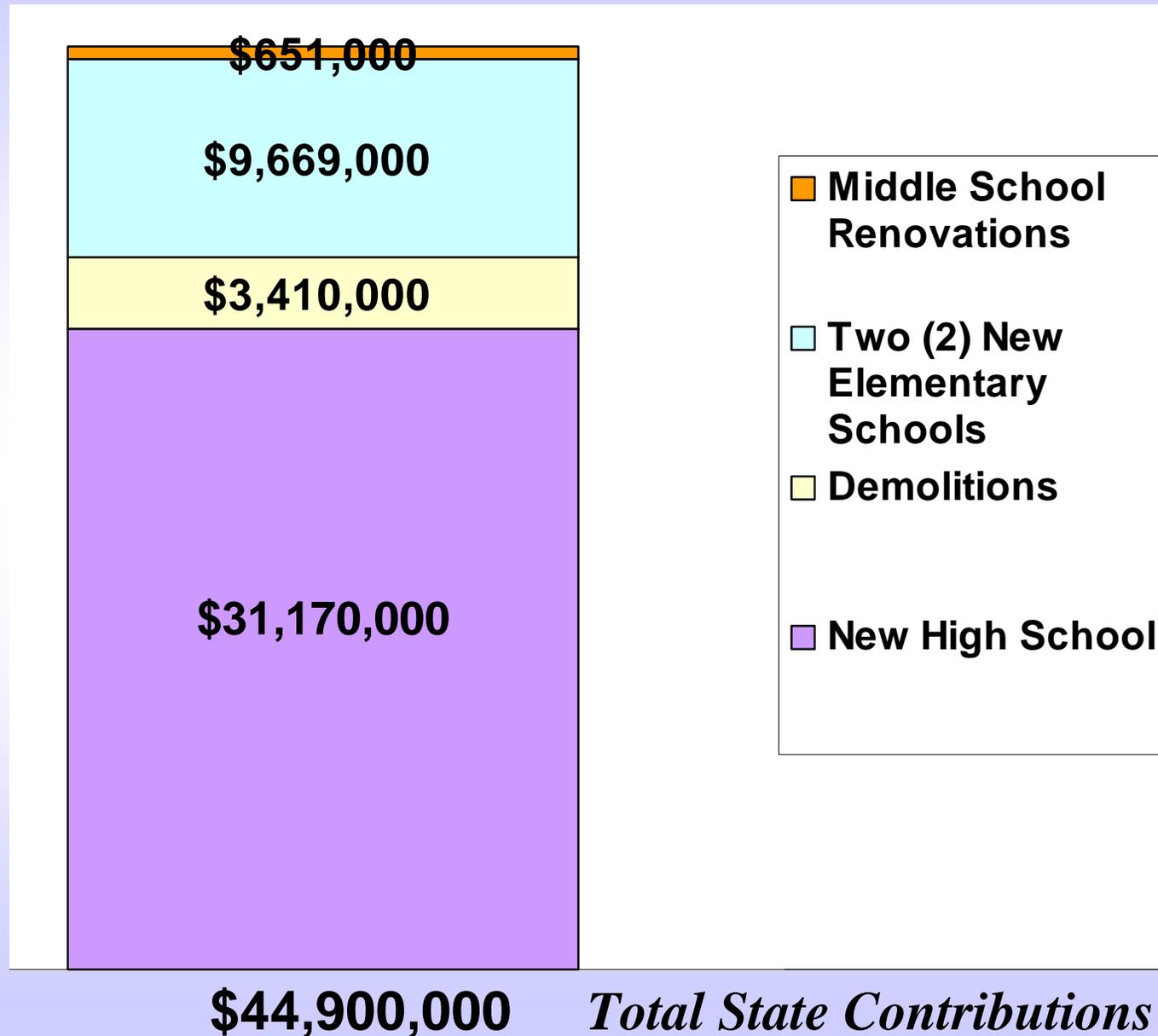


- Middle School Renovations
- Three (3) new elementary schools

\$18,680,000

Total Local Contributions

State Contribution – Phases II and III



Phase I

Phases II and III



Local Contribution
\$18,680,000
29%



State Contribution
\$44,900,000
71%

Total Contribution
\$63,580,000
100%

Recent Legislative Action

- OSFC Exceptional Needs Program (ENP)
- Focus of ENP is to identify the facilities in most need of replacement to protect the *health and safety* of their students and staff
- Law previously **barred** districts that were participating in the ELPP, such as Logan-Hocking Local, from participating in this program
- Logan-Hocking feels it has critical school building issues at the current LHS and that it should be considered for funding under the ENP
- Required a change in State Law
- District and its advocates intensely lobbied the State Legislature for changes in the Summer of 2003

Legislative Changes

- State of Ohio Budget Bill (HB95) was passed in the Summer of 2003 and included legislation submitted by Speaker of the House Larry Householder which now allows districts such as Logan-Hocking Local to participate in the ENP
- Householder stated that this legislation will give Logan-Hocking an additional tool in its work to secure state funding

“Logan-Hocking is a tremendous source of pride for the people of Logan and Hocking County. The quality of teachers, level of parental involvement and strong support throughout the community make Logan-Hocking truly a model school system. I’m pleased to be able to help Logan-Hocking continue its tradition of excellence”

- Speaker of the House Larry Householder

ENP Application

The District submitted its ENP application to the OSFC in October 2003. The outcome of its application is uncertain at this time. If the application is accepted and approved for funding by the OSFC, the construction timeline for a new high school *may* be advanced.

The District is competing against 19 other school districts and 44 school applications.

Future Prospects

Once State funding is released (either through the traditional CFAP or the ENP) the following general timeline for the construction of a new high school is to be expected:

- » **One year to design**
- » **Two or three years to construct**

Assume (optimistically) program approval	-	June 2004
Design begins June 2004 and ends	-	June 2005
Construction begins June 2005 and ends	-	June 2008
Move in	-	Fall 2008

Likewise, if program approval is June 2006, “move in” would be estimated to be Fall 2010

Conclusion

- State of Ohio is committed to rebuilding Ohio's schools
- Logan-Hocking Local School District is well under way with its state-approved facilities Master Plan, utilizing the OSFC's Expedited Local Partnership Program
 - Phase I is near completion and three new elementary schools are set to open this Spring
- The District is awaiting state funding to proceed with Phases II and III
- The State has served districts thru #154 on equity list. Logan-Hocking is ranked #185
- The District has actively and successfully lobbied the state legislature to make changes in state law which might advance state funding to the District under the ENP
- The District should expect at least a four year process to design and build the new high school once funding is provided by the State
- The District will continue to do all it can to promote and advance new facilities construction in the District



The Ohio School Facilities Commission