

April 10, 2019

The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports the Lebanon City School District's 4.99 mills, four year, limited-term emergency operating levy that will be on the May 7, 2019 election ballot. The last new money levy for Lebanon City Schools was in 2011. That levy was projected to last the district five years, and through conservative management of fund it has lasted over eight years.

The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has chosen to support the levy, because we see the school district can no longer sustain their current level of staffing, operations, or programming with the current revenue. The new operating levy would preserve high quality education and operations in the school district.

Education is a driving force in the growth and improvement of our workforce in Lebanon. Young professionals, entrepreneurs, developers, etc. see the ability to give their children a high-quality education as a major factor in their choice whether to move to Lebanon.

It has been said that the *"quality of a community can be measured by the quality of its public school system."* We believe in that and we believe the school district works hard to provide a quality education so that our community can thrive. We want to continue to support our school district in providing an innovative, safe, and professional learning environment that will lead to jobs for our graduates.

Improvements to our school district can only have positive impacts on the economy of our community, and the ability to attract and retain qualified workforce in all of our industries.

For more information regarding Issue 4, please visit the school district's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LebanonCitySchools.

The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors encourages you to exercise your right to vote on May 7, 2019.

Sincerely,



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