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Butler Schools Grateful for Community

This past Tuesday, Butler County residents went to the polls to decide on two proposed property tax increases for school system purposes. Neither of the three-mill proposals were approved by the voters.. Both proposals were defeated by a margin of nearly three to one.

“We are certainly disappointed with the results but not disheartened. We will remain positive and move forward for our students” said Superintendent John Strycker.

Strycker indicated that he will be consistent to his words from the beginning of the proposal that was about a year ago now. “I told the community that it is my job to present options that are in the best interest of our students, but after the community votes, we will move forward with a positive attitude – win or lose.”

Strycker explained that due to some of the lowest local revenue in the state and country, compounded with the very high debt, significant budget cuts will have to be made in order to balance the budget.

“The projected deficit for next year is around \$400,000. Our projected year-end fund balance is only about \$1.6 million. The basic math reveals the harsh reality that if we don’t eliminate our current structural deficit, we could be bankrupted within two to four years,” he said.

Strycker is grateful for his community and understands that the community loves the children.

“We all want to do what is best for the children of our community – I believe this.”

Please call John Strycker, Superintendent with any questions or concerns at (334) 382-2665.