

## **New Treasurer Brings Expertise and Experience to the Job**

A school district's top priority is to deliver an excellent education at a good value for taxpayers. For years, Dover has taken this mission seriously, and we have a strong track record of conservative fiscal planning. Having a strong and experienced leader in the role of school treasurer is critical if we are to remain on a path of fiscal stability, and as superintendent, the partnership between the school treasurer and superintendent is one of the most important aspects of my job.

Dover City Schools is pleased to announce the Board of Education has selected Kathryn Brugger as the new treasurer of our school district. Katie brings ten years of experience in school finance, which is an incredible asset to our community as we face unprecedented challenges ahead due to the current economic climate.

School treasurers handle more than just the day-to-day finances. They are in charge of developing budgets, managing audits, handling public records requests, and analyzing financial trends in order to prepare five-year financial forecasts.

Katie's resume included proven experience as a financial leader in other Ohio school districts. Her unique experience in tackling financial challenges will serve our community well. Recognized on several occasions by third-party financial experts for her ability to manage school budgets, she has received multiple Auditor of State Awards for reporting financial information in a timely and accurate manner.

This type of leadership is greatly needed as we plan for a future with a lot of uncertainty. Fortunately, that planning has already started in our district. For example, staff members agreed to zero percent increases on base salaries for the 2019-20 school year, and the district has reduced nine teaching positions since the 2017-2018 school year. These actions have allowed us to stretch our funds, but we know we still have more work to do. Katie and I look forward to working with stakeholders to come up with a financial plan that reflects the current economic times, but still delivers on the high quality education our community expects.

This summer, Dover City Schools has been busy planning and preparing for a school year unlike any other. Not only has it changed how we operate, but the economic impact of these times has been a challenge as well. We are pleased to welcome Katie to the Dover school community. Her experience and strong track record of responsible financial planning will serve us well as we plan for the financial challenges ahead.