

## To the Taxpayers of the River Valley School District

The River Valley School District uses a Community Service Fund (Fund 80) to operate several community programs. These activities are outside the usual instructional timeframe and are open to all residents of the district based on age appropriateness. Fund 80 is supported by participation fees as well as tax levy support.

A three-year summary of Fund 80 is presented at the River Valley School District annual meeting in October and is posted on the district's website as well as communicated to the Department of Public Instruction. The three major programs of Fund 80 are the Musical, Middle School Community Sports and Eschool Network.

The musical is a community based production utilizing the talents of community preschoolers through adults. The production is held annually at the community's Gard Theatre in downtown Spring Green. The tryouts are posted throughout the school buildings as well as the local newspaper, *Home News*. Costs of this program include salaries and benefits for the director and related staff as well as supplies needed for the production. A small rental fee is paid to the Gard Theater.

Middle School Community Sports are open to students in grades sixth through eighth and held at the River Valley Middle School in Spring Green. Information is shared with St. Luke's Parochial School and published in the *Home News* as well. Students from St. Luke's are transported to the middle school to facilitate their participation. Home-schooled students are also welcome to participate in middle school community sports and this is communicated to families that contact the middle school office. Costs of this program include salaries and benefits of coaches and workers. Also included are supply and transportation costs.

The Eschool Network is provided for the community to complete course work through distance learning. Parents and students are communicated this information through the high school guidance office. This program is open to students in grade 10 and above as well as adults interested in any of the courses offered by the Eschool Network. Costs for this program include a membership fee to the Eschool Network as well as per credit charges for courses taken.

	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	
<b>Fees:</b>				
Tax Levy	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Musical Fees & Gifts	8,000	9,504	7,405	
Middle School Community Sports Fees	12,000	12,592	8,476	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 102,096</b>	<b>\$ 95,881</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Musical	\$ 10,945	\$ 10,852	\$ 9,923	
Middle School Community Sports	54,903	58,262	42,356	
School Fair	3,455	3,466	3,339	
Weight Room Supervisor	892	867	835	
River Valley TV	1,755	1,736	1,672	
Community Gardens	2,800	2,800	2,752	

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Eschool Network	24,500	23,410	34,350	
Social Worker	750	703	655	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 102,096</b>	<b>\$ 95,881</b>	
<b>Excess of revenues over/(under)</b>				
<b>expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
The Community Service Fund (Fund 80) was established to levy tax dollars for the River Valley School District community activities. The Fund was set up following criteria established by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.				
1. The Community Fund is open to the general public				
2. Direct costs are funded by user fees, donations and direct tax levy.				
3. Programs are not part of the curricular or extra-curricular programs.				

For additional information regarding the use of the Community Service Fund by the River Valley School District contact Jon Novak, Business Manager, at 608-588-2551 or [jnovak@rvschools.org](mailto:jnovak@rvschools.org).