

ACS Community Update

When I took over as the superintendent back in July, I had many community members ask me if we were going to pursue a sinking fund in November of 2017. Coming off a narrow defeat in May, I thought that it made sense for the district to step back and once again analyze the needs of the district and the future of education here in Algonac. I want the community to know that I really did spend a considerable amount of time looking at the state of our facilities and necessary technology before discussing this with the Board. On January 8th, at a Board workshop, the Board decided to once again seek a sinking fund this May. This was made official on January 22nd at the Board meeting when the resolution was passed 7-0.

Although I respect the voice of the community and realize that some people will not support the proposal, I feel that I owe it to the students of ACS to advocate for their education. The proposal itself is very basic in terms of the projects that will be addressed. Roofs, technology, HVAC and security are the areas that we will be focusing on.

I think that it is important for the community to know that the recent actions of the district have shown that they are committed to fiscal responsibility. Every employee group has been reduced in number and taken concessions over the past couple of years. However, the projects listed above are very costly and simply cannot be properly supported by the general fund. This is not a case of just throwing money at a problem, the needs are real and necessary.

Over the next couple of months, you will likely be hearing more about the sinking fund from a variety of sources. I encourage anyone to contact me by phone, email or come to see me at the office if you should have any questions. Let's do right by the students of ACS!!!

Al Latosz, ACS Superintendent