**Renewing Our Commitment to ‘Textbooks and Technology’**

On this November’s ballot, voters in the Ashtabula Area City School District will decide on the renewal of the District’s *‘Textbooks and Technology’* permanent improvement Levy. Here are some important facts about this renewal:

* This is a **RENEWAL of an existing** permanent improvement levy **– it is NOT a tax increase**.
* This is a 1.25 mill levy which would be renewed for a 5-year period.
* The ***‘Textbooks & Technology’*** levy currently funds:
	+ Purchasing of **textbooks** at every level in the district.
	+ Implementation of **technology initiatives** (most notably **Chromebooks**).
	+ Acquisition of classroom **materials, printers, and projectors**.
	+ Improvement of secure and reliable **technology infrastructure**.
* None of this funding is eligible to pay for salaries or day-to-day school operations.
* The levy will continue to cost about $43.75 per year per $100,000 of home value.
* The district will keep striving to provide every student equitable access to technology with Chromebooks, iPads, Smartboards and projectors – all of which enhance our learning environments and help us prepare our students for the careers of tomorrow.
* **The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 6th**. Please confirm your voter registration and direct any voting questions you have to the Ashtabula County Board of Elections: <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/ashtabula/>
* **Voting by Mail/Absentee begins on October 7th**. We recommend requesting an ‘absentee’ ballot as soon as possible (applications are already being accepted) if you want to have your vote count, while avoiding the crowded November 3rd polling places.

***Textbook and Technology Renewal Levy – Not a Tax Increase***