

## Act 153

In an ongoing effort to protect the children educated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on October 22, 2014, the Governor signed into law Act 153 of 2014. This new law amends all previous law(s) regarding Criminal, Child Abuse, and FBI Clearances for active employees and volunteers. With the changes within Act 153 of 2014, all Lebanon School District employees and volunteers are now required to obtain all three clearances - State Police, FBI, and Child Abuse, and then repeated every three years, thereafter. Board policies will be updated to reflect the requirements of this new law.

### 2015-2016 Budget

A \$67.5 million preliminary budget was presented to the Board. This includes an 8% increase, or \$156 for the owner of a home assessed at the district average of \$104,500. This is a conservative, zero-based approach that assumes the district will not receive an increase in state or federal funding. So by the time the Board approves the final budget in June, the tax increase should be reduced because Business Manager, Curt Richards will have real figures to work with. Lebanon receives 60% of its funding from the Legislature; 34% from local sources; and 6% from the federal government.

### Athletic News

- ✧ Alexis Hill, freshman, was selected as the WGAL Athlete of the Week. Congratulations Alexis!

### Quiz Bowl Update

Congratulations to the Lebanon High School Quiz Bowl Team for winning 2 out of 3 matches against Manheim Central!

Members are: Jacob Cramer, Isaiah Fenstermaker, Courtney Ahnert, Monae Davis, Michaela Sitlinger, Heather DuPlessis, Michael Valle.

### Northwest Update

A team of architects and construction engineers did a cost analysis of various options. The least costly option presented to the Board was constructing a new elementary building at the Aspens Business Park. The Board will be making a decision in the near future.

### Music News

- ✧ The following five students qualified for the LLMEA County Chorus Festival: Natalie Payne, Ande Maguire, Veronica Morales, Keegan Maguire, and Quentin Gable.
- ✧ The following three students qualified for the PMEA District 7 Chorus: Veronica Morales, Gian Fabian and Quentin Gable.
- ✧ District Band - Kristina Rittle, Krystina Rodkey, Peter Lazorcik, Quentin Gable.
- ✧ County Band - Ryan Rothgaber, Maggie Hinkel, Kristina Rittle, Katie Bartal, Natalie Payne, Krystina Rodkey, Anna Rodkey, Quentin Gable, Rylan Yerger, Allie Bender, Peter Lazorcik, Alec Morales.
- ✧ Honor Band – Kristina Rittle, Krystina Rodkey, Ryan Rothgaber, Quentin Gable, Rylan Yerger.