

## OHIO VALLEY CTC TO BE RE-DEDICATED

On Monday, September 28, 2009, a re-dedication ceremony will be held to mark the completion of the renovation work at the Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center. This ceremony will take place in the school multi-purpose room at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of the Adams County/Ohio Valley Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Following the re-dedication ceremony, the administration of the OVCTC will be on-hand to assist with building tours for those who are interested. The public and former CTC students are cordially invited to attend.

## JVSD UPDATE

I would like to provide you with an update on where things stand with the present Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center possibly becoming a Joint Vocational School District (JVSD) between the AC/OVSD and the Manchester Local School District. To date, this concept has been discussed openly at board meetings for both local school districts, as well as recently at meetings of the Vocational Advisory Committee. In addition, the Boards of Education for both districts recently passed resolutions at their respective meetings in support of the presentation of the Career Technical Planning District (CTPD) plan to the Ohio Department of Education for their board's consideration. This particular step or action has not yet occurred.

No doubt, some may want to know why we would consider such a move or proposal. The OVCTC has qualified for designation as a new school district, specifically a new JVSD, since the new MLSD was created in 2004. Since there is now more than one

school district in Adams County, the argument can be made for the creation of this new JVSD.

The idea to create this new JVSD begs a second question. What difference would it make to do this? The answer to this question is all about the dollars that flow from Columbus to Adams County's two school districts. Currently, the AC/OVSD receives the weighted vocational program funds from the state. However, ODE officials in the Regions 14 & 15 office in Waverly have calculated that at least \$2 million in additional school funding would be generated for support of the CTC should a new JVSD be formed.

The next question that may come to mind is this. What difference would this extra mean to the AC/OVSD? For the 32 years since the OVCTC (formally the Ohio Valley Vocational School) was built, the majority of funding to support the CTC has come from our general fund. In FY2009, the CTC budget was almost \$3.5 million, of which the AC/OVSD's share was roughly \$2.6 million—all from the general fund. Using that same budget and figures, had the OVCTC been a JVSD, the amount of money from our general fund to support vocational education would have been reduced by nearly \$2 million to a figure close to \$700,000.00.

If this proposal to create a new JVSD is presented and approved by the ODE, and if the legislature approves the funding in their next biennium budget, will this new JVSD be completely self-sufficient? The answer is no. But, it will be a lot closer to being self-

sufficient than it is now. More money is going to have to come from some place to keep the vocational programs going on as we have become accustomed to in Adams County. Going the route of creating a new JVSD, along with the additional dollars that would flow into Adams County from Columbus, and asking voters for additional operational funds through a tax levy will actually be a greater financial benefit to us than if we leave things as they are and ask voters for more operational dollars. It will take less local operational millage to offset any funding differences once a JVSD is created than it would take to offset the current cost of operating the OVCTC.

If you have any questions concerning this article, please feel free to contact me at 544-5586. Thank you.

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