

## Costs for SD of L are a lot more than books and teachers

The recent publication that 27% of the School District of Lancaster's budget goes to administrative expenses may have struck others as it did the old Watchdog as being an oversized proportion.

Sensing scandalous waste of tax payer money, he sought answers.

Here is how 19.9% of the total budget which is for "Non-Personnel Expenses in Administrative Costs" breaks down:

- 7.5% Debt Services (Capital Improvements/Repairs) This covers old bonds secured for school repair and construction (over past 20 years)
- 8.35% Maintenance of Schools (Roof repair, floor repair, road repair, etc.)
- 1.1% Pupil Transportation (Busses)
- 2.1% Athletics/Student Activities (Middle and high school athletics)
- .5% Community Services (contract with the Lancaster Rec and other city/county agencies)

**19.55% TOTAL**

The remaining 7.45% include:  
Overall Personnel Cost

### INTELLIGENCER NEW ERA:

A feature article "The state of AIDS in Lancaster, Fastest-growing group locally: middle-age, heterosexual women" reports "With more than 47,000 new cases in 2007 (these are the most recent figures available), according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the disease is still being spread — the age group between 13 and 29 being the largest, according the CDC."...

• Board Services	.1%	0
○ (Insurance, PSBA membership, professional development)		
• Tax Collection	.2	0
• Legal	.2	0
• Superintendent	.5	.4
• Community Relations	.2	.2
• Business Services	.15	.8
• Evaluation Services	.5	.4
• Human Resources	.6	.4
• Information Technology	2.00	.7
○ computer techs, student information, helpdesk, etc.		
• Office of Teaching and Learning	2.00	.9
○ coordinators, Principal for early childhood, etc.		
• Student Services	1.00	.6
○ psychologists, special education case, managers, enrollment counselor, homeless program coordinator, nurses, etc.		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.45%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

Looks like the old dog will have to sniff up something else to bark about!

*"The [Lancaster General Comprehensive Care Medicine] provides medical treatment, education, counseling, testing and referrals for more than 500 HIV/AIDS patients in Lancaster. About 80 percent of these patients are heterosexual and have contracted the disease through high-risk sexual contact or intravenous drug use, whereas the other 20 percent [Continued on back]*

*contracted the disease through high-risk homosexual contact...*”

**WATCHDOG:** Sorry, we don't buy into what appears to be more LGH disingenuous propaganda spread uncritically by the Lancaster newspapers.

First of all, LGH refused to fund the Urban League's proposal to operate a full service, expanded syringe exchange here in Lancaster. Its purposes would be to help the estimated 5,000 to 10,000 heroin addicts to obtain treatment, and to prevent the spread of disease by testing for HIV / AIDS, providing clean needles to prevent sharing, and distributing both male and female condoms. (A decade old small scale exchange continues to

operate weekdays from Bethel AME church's office building at 450 E. Strawberry Street, funded by the publisher of *NewsLanc.*)

Furthermore, this so called Lancaster General Comprehensive Care Medicine is a virtual sham, operating only half a day a week with a single physician and thus seeing at most a score of patients, many of whom previously had been treated elsewhere in the hospital. Although a daily clinic would be cost effective in the big picture and of great service to the community, LGH's interest seems to be to maximize show while minimizing expense, since only a portion of its costs are reimbursed through government programs. So sad, so irresponsible.

## **LETTER: High Group and F & M win again!**

“At the meeting on June 14, the TTAC was given two choices for what would be included in the new application for TIGER II: The longer list that included 27 Harrisburg Pike projects totaling \$35,180,000 in federal grant requests but did not include the rebuilding of the Rt. 30/HP interchange that High wants, in order to get its shopping center, or the connecting of College Ave. and Charlotte St. to Stadium Drive that F&M needs for access to its football stadium and athletic fields on the former Armstrong site.

“The shorter list of only 4 items, with a total federal grant request of \$30,800,000 included the rebuilding of Rt. 30/HP interchange \$19,778,000 and the College Ave. and Charlotte St. connecting links at \$7,500,000 (see p. 3).

“Guess which the TTAC members chose? The shorter list, of course. (It also included changes to

Harrisburg Pike between Toys R Us and the Norfolk Southern Bridge that would accommodate the Harrisburg Pike entrance to the shopping center. (It even includes a relocation of the Conestoga Creek!) Once again this shows the influence and successful lobbying efforts of High “Real Estate. Why should federal tax dollars be spent to provide the infrastructure for an unneeded and largely unwanted shopping center, especially when there is unutilized space in every shopping mall in the county? This includes F&M's College Row on Harrisburg Pike between Race Ave. and Charlotte St.

“Members of the LCTCC/MPO will be asked to approve submitting an application for federal funding for the 4 projects on the short list at its meeting on June 28, starting at 12 noon, at 150 N. Queen St.”

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