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Dear Delphos Community,

The pathway to becoming a Vantage Career Center member school district is not an overly complicated one. In a few steps membership can be attained. In fact, this process does not require a vote from the community.

This process starts with board action from Vantage Career Center. They must pass board resolution requesting that Delphos City Schools become a member school district. From that point, Vantage will advertise the board action in the local newspaper once a week for two weeks.

If the Vantage board resolution passes, the sixty day window to membership begins. Any Delphos citizens wishing to oppose the membership would need to start a petition. This would require 20% of the registered voters from the last governor's election. The petition would be sent to the county auditor to check the signatures for validity. If the petition is valid, then the passage of Vantage membership would be voted upon by the community in an upcoming election. If, on the 61st day no petition was validated, membership will take effect with final approval coming from the State Board of Education.

As stated previously, the membership will increase property taxes for Delphos property owners. The amount of property tax potentially passed on to the property owners of Delphos would be 3.14 effective mills. This is the same millage rate each Vantage member school district pays (ex. Ottoville, Ft. Jennings, Van Wert, Lincolnview, etc.). Millage is the rate at which property taxes are levied on property. A mill is 1/1,000 of a dollar. Property taxes are computed by multiplying the taxable, or assessed value of the property, by the number of mills levied. It is important to note the difference between the terms "appraised value" and "assessed value." Appraised value is the estimated market value of a property; assessed value is the value at which the property is taxed, which is 35 percent of the property's appraised value. Here is a simplified example. If Bill's appraised value of his home is \$100,000 with 3.14 additional mills, his property tax would increase by \$109.90. $\$100,000 \times .35 = \$35,000$. $\$35,000 \times .00314 = \109.90 . Thus, Bill would pay \$9.16 more per month.

We ask for the community of Delphos to support Delphos City Schools to become a Vantage member school district. **Strong Schools, Strong Community!**

Thank you for your support,

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