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**Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Board Announces
Additional Budget Cuts**

STOW, OHIO—March 30, 2009—The Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Board of Education has announced the latest series of budget cuts designed to save the school district an additional \$1,000,000.

“We have listened to the community and recognize we have a \$1.6 million hole in our budget,” said Superintendent Russ Jones. “We are working hard to fill the hole and keep it out of the classroom. Economic times are difficult, and we realize the reductions are very difficult, but also recognize they are necessary for the good of the school district.”

Ten full-time and one part-time district personnel positions will be eliminated. Included are two administrative, seven classified and one central-office exempt positions, effective March 31, along with four full-time and one part-time teaching posts, effective June 10. Current responsibilities for these roles will be transferred to appropriate personnel.

In 2006, the Board implemented a crisis plan aimed at saving the district nearly 4.5 million dollars. During the initial phase of district-wide cost reductions, nearly \$1,150,000 was eliminated from the school district’s budget through personnel and textbook cuts. In 2007, the Board made an additional \$650,000 in staff reduction costs, and will now eliminate an added \$1,000,000 from the budget through staff eliminations, professional development as well as 10 percent in building department cuts. Since 2006, the Board has reduced administration staff by 10 percent.

“Through our community engagement discussions, we will continue with the next phase of reductions based on feedback we receive,” added Jones. Along with Denny Mariola, school board president, as well as other board members, Jones plans to meet with several groups of community members this spring to discuss the district’s options in

attempts to ward off the State of Ohio's impending move to assume leading the district. After five failed school levies, the Board faces fast-approaching deficits projected to reach \$24 million by 2013, based on figures as of October 2008. Due to the school's current financial circumstances, a series of budget reductions continue to be made in order to absorb current cost increases.

The Stow-Munroe Falls School District is rated Excellent with Distinction, an honor held only by 74 school districts out of 612 statewide.

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