

Ashley Community Schools

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Dear Current Ashley Staff Members and Ashley Former Staff Members,

Employees who worked for Ashley Community Schools from July 2010 to September 2012, should have received an email from the Michigan Office of Retirement Services about the 3% you paid to ORS. The districts have now received the funds. We are currently waiting for information on how we are going to distribute the funds back to employees and former employees.

Next Tuesday, January 30, there will be a meeting in Lansing involving nine of the major school financial audit firms, three legal firms who work with school districts, the MEA, the Office of Retirement Services, MASBO and probably other groups. The outcome of this meeting is to provide school districts with direction on how to distribute the funds. The majority of the redistribution issues revolve around how taxes are paid and reported.

The GIRESD handles payroll for most of the districts in the GIRESD. After we receive the results of the January 30 meeting, there will be a meeting of business managers and superintendents to learn the details and possible options of the distribution. Hopefully, a plan for Ashley and other schools in our area will be developed at this meeting.

The Ashley School District wants to return the money to current and former staff employees as soon as possible. We have to make sure we follow IRS and accounting laws.

I will keep you updated on the situation as I learn about the distribution.

Jeff Rohrer
Superintendent

Mission Statement: Ashley Community Schools will provide a quality education with a variety of learning options, developing students with strong character and excellent work ethic, who are prepared for college and life after high school to become contributing members of society.