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The CPCO has had several inquiries about the financial impact of development on Bloom Carroll Schools, of development in general, and the proposed Dollar General Apartments in particular.

This is my understanding in very basic terms:

- The cost at Bloom Carroll Schools per student is approximately \$9,600 per year. In other words, for every 104 students that move into the district, the school's expenses increase by 1 million dollars.
- The originally proposed number of 2 and 3 bedroom units in the Dollar General Apartment complex was 132. Using a very conservative estimate of 1 child - for each 2-3 bedroom unit - gives us an additional 132 students into the school system. At a cost of \$9,600 per student, the cost to Bloom Carroll Schools would be \$1,267,200.
- In the case of the proposed Dollar General apartments, the annual expected tax revenue that would be generated by the apartments is only about \$120,000.

This means that the addition of the Dollar General Apartments into the school system would create an ANNUAL DEFICIT OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS. This amount will have to be made up each and every year.

The cost of single family housing developments is not much different, and although it may generate more in tax revenue it also represents the possibility of more students. In short, any kind of development that puts significant numbers of kids in the school system will eventually cost the tax payers money. We, the tax payers, must pay so that developers can make money.

If you want to pay more taxes, have over-crowded schools, and enjoy congestion, traffic, noise, pollution, and extra pressures on current infrastructure and resources, then support development.

On the other hand, if these things are not your cup of tea, help us by attending the upcoming zoning commission meeting on TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Greenfield Township Firehouse.

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