

**65% SOLUTION FOR
WINTHROP HARBOR
More Money in the Classroom – No Tax Increase**

The estimated increase in revenue to the school district, doing it the old fashioned way is to raise all property taxpayers' taxes, with the District's 39¢ tax rate increase, this is estimated to bring in an additional half million dollars (\$495,488). The revolutionary **65% SOLUTION** now making its way through the Illinois state legislature could bring an additional \$1.2 million dollars into the classrooms by redirecting revenue into instruction expenditures from bureaucratic overhead. This will not be a tax increase. This is from tax dollars the district has already collected. The **65% SOLUTION** for Winthrop Harbor will require the administration and school board to prioritize the way it manages its resources and spend it on instruction in the classroom, "for the children" where it belongs.

Currently Winthrop Harbor is spending only 44.3% or \$2.6 million on classroom instruction. The other 55.7% or \$3.3 million dollars is going to administration, excessive salaries, support services and other expenditures.

The State report card for Winthrop Harbor indicates about twenty percent (19.6%) of its students are not making the grade in passing state goals in Illinois Standard Achievement Tests. The poor 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are doing worst (21.7% failing).

Can Winthrop Harbor District #1 expect or afford more of this?