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COLUMBUS — Taxpayers can now see how the Lima schools spent their money.

Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced Tuesday the Lima schools checkbook can now be viewed online at OhioCheckbook.com.

With this launch, taxpayers are able to view 124,000 transactions that equal more than \$173 million of total spending over the past three fiscal years. Lima schools is the first school district in Allen County to partner with the treasurer's office to post spending on LimaSchools.OhioCheckbook.com.

"OhioCheckbook.com gives our community the opportunity to see the hard work our administration puts in to ensure their tax dollars are being spent wisely," said Lima schools Treasurer Shelly Reiff. "Lima City Schools is excited to use this tool to further communicate our commitment to transparency."

Last year, Mandel created OhioCheckbook.com as a way to put all state spending information on the Internet. According to a news release, the launch of OhioCheckbook.com marked the first time in Ohio history when citizens could see every expenditure in state government.

The treasurer's office then partnered with local governments, including cities, counties, townships, schools, libraries and other special districts.

"I believe the people of Lima have a right to know how their tax money is being spent, and I applaud local leaders here for partnering with the Treasurer's office to post their finances on OhioCheckbook.com," Mandel said in a news release. "By partnering and posting local government checkbooks, taxpayers across Ohio are empowered with a powerful tool to hold public officials accountable within their communities."

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