

# DELPHOS CITY SCHOOLS

*Wildcat Newsletter*

**August 2021**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

### **We have many new and exciting new opportunities happening at Delphos City Schools!**

The first day of school is right around the corner. Delphos City Schools will open the doors to students on August 25. Our staff will be attending professional development on August 23rd & 24th to gear up for this school year. Teachers are spending those days receiving Heggerty Phonics Training, IXL software training, and special education training before the students arrive.

This year we are excited to add several new faces to the District as well as offering new courses and programs. The elementary school will be providing release time for religious instruction to those that choose to participate through the Life Wise Academy. The middle school will be providing new STEM classes and the high school is offering new technology classes.

We are also very excited to open the doors for our preschool students. This year around 60 preschool students will be flooding our halls. We have spent the summer hiring staff, purchasing curriculum & furniture, painting rooms, and filling the classrooms with engaging activity centers. Preschool families do have access to latchkey opportunities before and after school. We will also be providing several screening opportunities throughout the year.

For the first time in a long time, DCS reviewed our transportation routes and made adjustments to provide more students the opportunities to ride the bus. This year we are happy to announce that we have added 124 new riders from the most populated northern and southern portions of the city limits. The families in these qualifying areas would have received information about this opportunity. Bus stop signs will be posted in these respective areas to clearly identify the bus stop locations for pick up and drop offs. If you have not returned your bus registration yet, please do so to reserve a seat on the bus for your child.

## **SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

This summer our District tackled several projects and are still in the process of completing several others. At the high school, the parking lot was crack filled, resealed, and striped. We patched or repaired sections of the middle school lot as well. The concrete steps at the entrance of the high school have been replaced with wheelchair ramp approaches and ADA doors at both entrances. We are in the process of correcting the drainage issues we have at the bus garage. There is currently no place for excess water to drain which causes water to run into the bus garage. The plan is to install two catch basins to drain the water away from the garage. There is an ongoing project of repairing classroom heating issues at Franklin. This project began last year by repairing the worst of the classrooms. We will continue to address this concern this year. DCS qualified for a grant from the state to purchase a new school bus which paid for nearly 30% of the total cost. The final cost to the district was \$67,205 for the 72 passenger bus. Lastly, we have retrofitted several buses with interior cameras. These projects were paid for with Permanent Improvement funds.

## **COVID**

This year will yet again bring more challenges to keep everyone safe in our schools. As you know the CDC has relaxed the indoor mask policy. Therefore, Delphos City Schools is encouraging but not mandating anyone that is not vaccinated to wear a mask when you enter our buildings. We also need to share that CDC is mandating that anyone riding a bus must wear a mask. That includes everyone: drivers, students, coaches, and student athletes. We will keep many of our cleaning and sanitizing protocols in place from last year. Please understand that our COVID protocols can change at any time based on Federal, State and or Local mandates.

### **NEW STAFF AT DCS!**

Elizabeth Beaubien (HS) Computer/Technology Teacher  
Olivia Schmenk (HS) ELA Teacher  
Michelle Burgei (FR) Secretary  
Jenna Collins, (Preschool) Teacher  
Kelsi Gillespie, (HS) Geometry Teacher  
Taylor Losh, (Preschool) Teacher  
Myriah Rode, (Pre - K - 12) Speech Pathologist  
Emilee Hoffman, (MS) Food Service  
Melinda Colvin, (HS) Intervention Specialist  
Emily Daniel, (Preschool) Paraprofessional  
Vickie Fischer, Food Service  
Tony Langhals (MS) Principal  
Kelsey Berelsman (MS) Teacher  
Ruth Brotherhood (MS) Cross Categorical Unit  
Chase Goss (FR) Paraprofessional  
Paige Haehn (HS) Paraprofessional  
Kristy Gallmeier (FR) Paraprofessional  
Brittany Trujillo Transportation

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- THIS YEAR DELPHOS CITY SCHOOLS WILL EXERCISE A 1:30 PM RELEASE FOR STUDENTS WHEN THE HEAT INDEX REACHES DANGEROUS LEVELS. NOTIFICATION OF THE EARLY RELEASE WILL BE SHARED A DAY IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY. WE WILL BE CONSIDERING THE HEAT INDEX VALUE TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION.
- PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW TEXT ALERT SYSTEM (SCHOOL MESSENGER) IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT DELPHOSCITYSCHOOLS.ORG. THIS IS OUR PRIMARY COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS.
- IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT BREAKFAST AND LUNCHES WILL BE FREE FOR STUDENTS AGAIN THIS YEAR. EXTRAS AND A LA CART ITEMS PRICES REMAIN THE SAME PRICE.

## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

<b>Preschool costs 2019</b>	<b>\$ 279,772</b>
<b>Preschool costs 2020</b>	<b>\$ 327,390</b>
<b>Preschool costs 2021</b>	<b>\$ 442,910</b>
<b>Current projection of costs 2022</b>	<b>\$ 324,433</b>

Balance Sheet		Forecast Numbers			
6/30/2021		6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
Revenue:	Actual	Current forecast submitted to the state of Ohio			
Local Property Taxes	\$ 5,176,364	5,334,552	5,382,348	5,430,205	5,478,124
Income Tax	\$ 83,336	895,340	1,351,913	1,439,667	1,271,791
State Aid	\$ 4,000,555	4,100,370	4,100,370	4,100,370	4,100,370
Other Revenues	\$ 710,178	670,000	670,000	670,000	670,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,970,433</b>	<b>11,000,262</b>	<b>11,504,631</b>	<b>11,640,242</b>	<b>11,520,285</b>
Expenditures:					
Salaries	\$ 4,877,036	5,366,208	5,674,642	5,542,695	5,653,905
Benefits	\$ 1,974,864	2,118,746	2,231,825	2,297,522	2,391,003
Purchased Services	\$ 2,230,670	2,067,772	2,105,665	2,317,316	2,357,121
Supplies	\$ 163,495	242,983	249,665	256,548	263,637
Equipment	\$ 15,337	58,406	59,198	60,014	60,855
Payback T.A.N.	\$ 1,783	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	\$ 149,598	165,045	169,821	180,240	179,806
Transfers out	\$ -	-	-	500,000	600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,412,783</b>	<b>10,019,160</b>	<b>10,490,816</b>	<b>11,154,335</b>	<b>11,506,327</b>
Revenue over/(under)					
Expenses	\$ 557,650	981,102	1,013,815	485,907	13,958
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 71,729</b>	<b>618,922</b>	<b>1,550,024</b>	<b>2,513,839</b>	<b>2,949,746</b>
<b>Outstanding encumbrances</b>	<b>\$ 10,457</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Year end Carryover Balance</b>	<b>\$ 618,922</b>	<b>\$ 1,550,024</b>	<b>\$ 2,513,839</b>	<b>\$ 2,949,746</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,704</b>

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The State anticipates having a majority of the new funding formula in place by October. This will remove the numbers for open enrollment which will lower our base number of students and increase our valuation per pupil. We are "guaranteed" to receive the same allocations as last year. The new preschool should also have a positive impact on our budget as we not only reduced our expenses by having preschool on campus but also receive funding from the state for transportation of these students to school. Please contact our office at 419.692.2509 if you are interested in either position.

- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Cafeteria Work

### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The Administration and Board of Education would like to take this opportunity again to thank the citizens of Delphos for your support for the income tax levy. The forecast numbers show the recovery made possible by the proceeds from the levy combined with innovative budgeting of the Federal CARES Act funds. We are happy to share that the Tax Anticipation Note was not needed after all and closed out.

**Go Cats!**