

# VANDALIA-BUTLER

CITY SCHOOLS

2018 | 2019 Quality Profile

OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITY  
WE ARE AVIATORS!



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2019

The Vandalia-Butler City School District is a vibrant community located north of Dayton, Ohio and is proud to serve the families and residents of the City of Vandalia and Butler Township. The City, the Township, and the District work closely together to make this a great place to live, work, play, and learn. The School District is committed to managing the resources entrusted to us in delivering a high-quality educational experience for every student who attends our schools. We work tirelessly to reflect the values and traditions of the community. The contents of this document, The Vandalia-Butler City Schools Quality Profile, will demonstrate this commitment to our stakeholders and reflect the strategic actions, successes, and forward direction of the District.

As we prepare for what promises to be an exciting 2019-2020 school year, we use this document to reflect upon the 2018-2019 school year and report back to our stakeholders. The 2018-2019 school year was, indeed, a very successful year. Our students achieved at great levels in the classroom and on the performance stages and fields. Two Aviators won individual state championships, we saw several qualify for state competitions, hosted our first football playoff game in over a decade, and our Boys' Bowling Team became the first Vandalia-Butler team to ever win a state championship! Further, we also saw a national merit scholar, state science fair award winners, increased number of AP Scholars, and honored 20 students and staff members with Aviator Achievement awards for greatness displayed in the classroom, on the performance stage, playing field, and community. Our graduating seniors, the BHS Class of 2019, earned

over 7.6 million in post-secondary scholarships - the highest amount ever! Even in the midst of challenge with the end of the year tornado, our students and staff rose to new levels providing community service to residents affected by the tornado's aftermath. For this, we are most proud, as our students and staff exemplified three of our core values in being responsible, respectful, and resourceful.

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Robert O'Leary



Superintendent of Schools



# DISTRICT SNAPSHOT



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Vandalia-Butler City School District is to empower our students to be Aviators for life with capabilities, resiliency, and resources wherever they soar.

## Vision Statement

“Our Children, Our Community - We Are Aviators!”

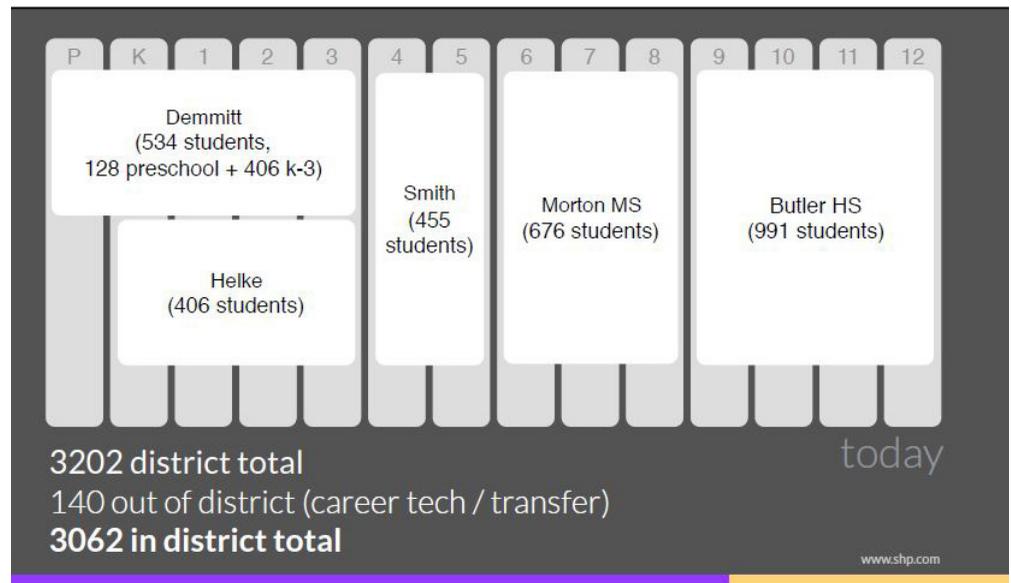
**3202**  
students served  
through the  
district

**192**  
teaching staff

**326**  
total staff

**22.8:1**  
District average  
student teacher  
ratio

## BUILDING STRUCTURE



DISTRICT IS COMPRISED OF 37 SQUARE MILES AND APPROXIMATELY 535,000 SQUARE FOOTAGE MAKES UP OUR BUILDINGS



ONLY DISTRICT IN REGION 10 RECOGNIZED FOR DISTRICT-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF PBIS INITIATIVES. ALL 5 BUILDINGS RECOGNIZED WITH AWARDS



RECOGNIZED AS A PURPLE STAR DISTRICT

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# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

At VBCSD, we strive to ensure our students have access to high-quality learning opportunities that expand their prospects for success in college, career, and in life. The District offers opportunities to all students to help reach beyond their full potential.

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP)

Eligible students can take a course and earn high school and college credit that appears on both their high school and college transcripts.

## PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW)

As outlined in our current District Strategic Plan, Vandalia-Butler City Schools desires to provide STEM opportunities, expand project based learning and problem solving, and to expand electives for our students. Thanks to a \$5000 grant received from the Vandalia-Butler Foundation, we were able to expand our PLTW curriculum at Butler High School. This grant will help us purchase needed equipment and supplies to offer PLTW courses. PLTW is now offered at Smith Middle School, Morton Middle School, and Butler High School.



13 AP Scholars

2 AP Scholars w/Honors

3 AP Scholars w/Distinction

**STATE** 4-Year Graduation Rate

**85.3%**

**BUTLER** 4-Year Graduation Rate

**93.2%**

1 National Merit Scholar

- **WILL LONG**

1 National Merit Commended Student

- **ZHEYING WEI**



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR  
WILL LONG

## \$382,000 -TOTAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

### BASEBALL

Cody Borchers - **\$4,000/yr** for 4 years

Karter Peck - **\$4,000/yr** for 4 years

Braedon Norman - **\$12,000/yr** for 4 years



### BOWLING

Drew Sacks - **\$10,000/yr** for 5 years



### FOOTBALL

Nick Coyle - **\$30,000/yr** for 4 years



### GOLF

Austin Greaser - **\$30,000/yr** for 4 years



### SOCCER

Chris Mitrousis - **\$3,000/yr** for 4 years



## AFTER GRADUATION PLANS

**68%** plan to attend a four-year school

**23%** plan to attend a two-year school

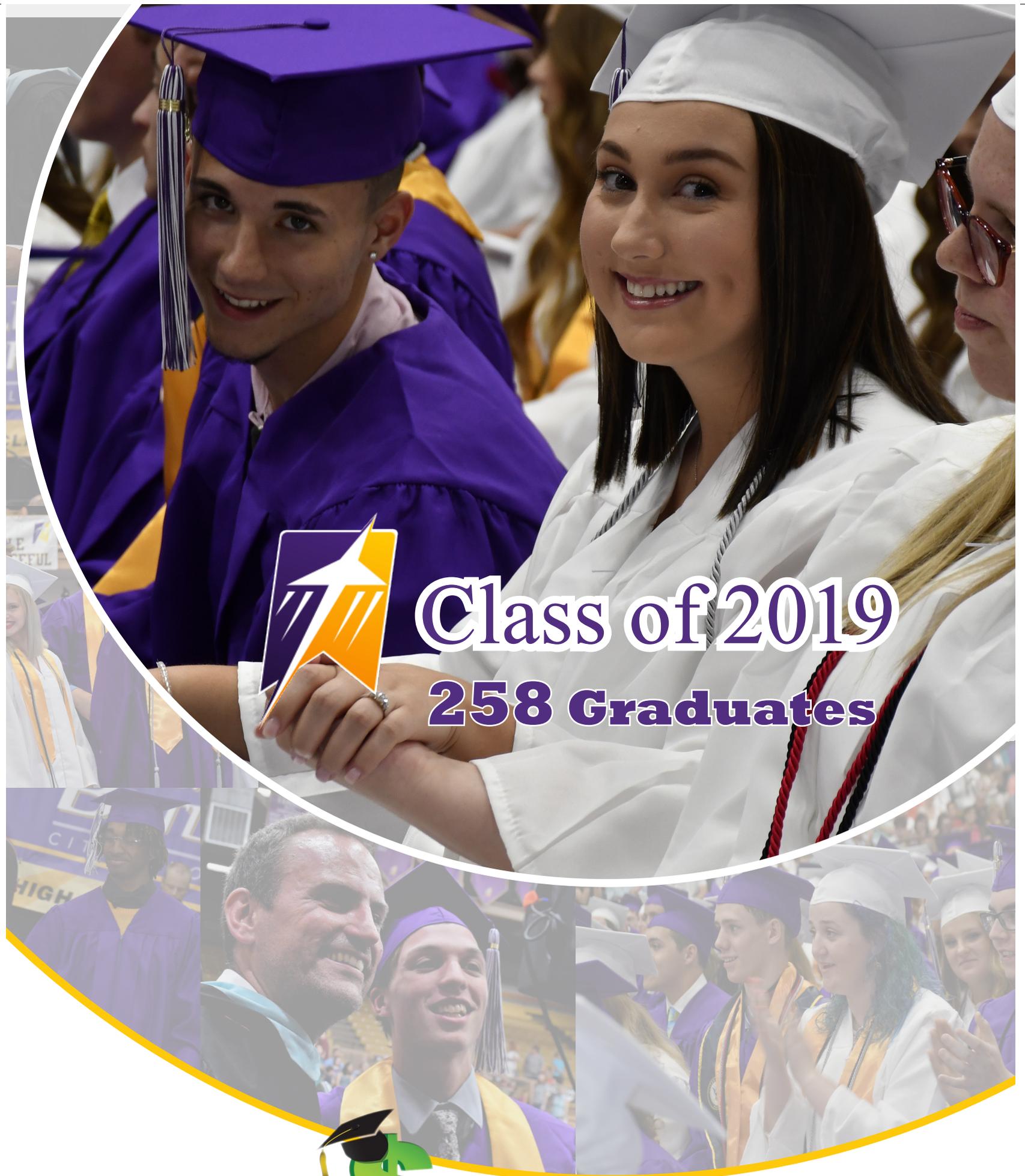
**4%** plan to join the military

**3%** plan to work full-time

**1%** plan to attend a trade/tech school

**1%** other





# Class of 2019

## 258 Graduates



7.6 Million offered in Scholarships

# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



Arts education is essential to all Vandalia-Butler Students through a curriculum rich in visual arts and music programming.

## ***ELEVATE THE ARTS***

Elevate the Arts features artwork from our K-8 grade students, musical performances, and a Morton Middle School talent show. A total of 1253 pieces were displayed for 2019.



2020 Elevate the Arts  
April 16



*Photo - Music teacher Cynthia Briscoe and our 5th grade choir*

At Vandalia-Butler City Schools, every student has music and art opportunities from grades K - 12! We offer music, band, choir, drama and even special activities such as a Ukulele Club!

### **BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR MEMBERS**

- Chamber Choir - 21
- Concert Choir - 38
- Symphonic Choir - 60
- Women's Choir - 28



### **The 2018-2019 Morton Middle School Drama Club**

A total of **50** students participated in the winter production of Soapy Smith's Winter Wish and **35** students participated in the spring production of Blue Suede



### **BAND**

For the 18-19 school year, **68** students participated in marching band and color guard. There were **35** students in the Butler pep band and approximately **200** students who participated in the Morton band!



### **The 2018-2019 Butler High School Drama**

The BHS Drama department consisted of **30** members! For their fall play the department put on "Murder, Actually" and "Chicago the Musical" for their spring musical!

# PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The VBCSD is proud to have strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations within our community. These partnerships allow our students to receive a world-class education, as well as amazing opportunities outside the classroom.

## New Scoreboard at Butler Stadium

Thanks to numerous sponsorships from our community partners and a contribution from the Athletic Boosters, a new video board and sound system was installed at the stadium. This was a \$250,000 upgrade, which used **ZERO** tax dollars.

- Abbey Credit Union
- All Service Plastic Molding
- Beau Townsend Ford
- Beckstrom Orthodontics
- Blue Knight Roofing & Restoration
- Chick-Fil-A Benchwood
- Choice Comfort Services Inc.
- Elite Termite & Pest Control
- The Expediting Company
- Frickers Vandalia
- Kroger
- Neely Dental Team
- Ohio Army National Guard
- Plato's Closet / R& Resale
- RB Jergens Contractors INC
- Seibert's Curb Appeal
- Stonespring of Vandalia Healthcare
- Vandalia Optometry
- Wright & Schulte



## VANDALIA – BUTLER FOUNDATION

The Vandalia-Butler Foundation, primarily through its VISIONS Endowment Fund, has awarded VBCSD **\$14,225** in educational grants to support such innovative initiatives as the launch of a biomedical sciences program, Muse Machine artists-in-residence and an exercise program designed to develop healthy habits in children.

In addition, Butler High School received a **\$3,440** grant to install a logo and the name of the school on the front façade. A commemorative plaque will pay tribute to the class of 1980, which funded half of the project with a **\$1,720** class reunion gift that was matched by VISIONS.



## Butler High School Parent Committee

The Vandalia-Butler After Prom is a non-profit, donation generated parent run committee. This committee's main goal is to provide our students with a safe environment, after prom event.

The 2019, Oscar themed after-prom received donations from over **40** local businesses, restaurants and organizations.

During the May BOE work session, Superintendent O'Leary presented each of the After Prom Committee members with an Aviator Achievement Award for their handwork and dedication in making the 2019 After Prom a well attended and successful event.

# ATHLETICS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- o **27** Butler student-athletes have competed in *OHSAA State Championships*
- o **3** Butler student-athletes have earned *1st Team All Ohio*
- o **5** Butler Coaches have earned *GWOC North Coach of the Year*
- o **6** teams have won *GWOC North Championships*
- o **111** student-athletes earned *All GWOC American honors*

PHOTO - BUTLER 2019 GRAD BRYANT JOHNSON

## STATE MEET WRESTLING

4 WRESTLERS QUALIFIED  
AND A 20<sup>TH</sup> PLACE TEAM  
FINISH AT STATE



TRACK & FIELD  
9<sup>TH</sup>  
PLACE FINISH  
DISCUS  
TROY DIXON



## GOLF



AUSTIN GREASER  
2<sup>ND</sup> AT OHSAA STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



XIA LIN  
TENNIS  
STATE  
QUALIFI-  
ER

## BOYS 4 X 800 RELAY TEAM QUALIFIED FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gabe Warren, Austin Neff, Adam Gunckel, and Evan Davis finished  
15<sup>th</sup> for the 4x800m Relay at the State Championships!



## OHSAA 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



### ELEANOR TOWE

AS AN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER, TOWE  
PLACED 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE 1600  
METER RUN AND 13<sup>TH</sup> IN THE  
800 METER RUN.



## DIVISION I OHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS

### BOYS BOWLING



FIRST TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE HISTORY  
OF BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL



DIV I INDIVIDUAL  
STATE CHAMPION  
DREW SACKS

ONLY INDIVIDUAL TO  
BE A 2 TIME STATE  
CHAMPION OF THE  
OHSAA BOWLING

## DIVISION I OHSAA STATE CHAMPION POLE VAULT- DALTON SHEPLER

SHEPLER IS THE 7<sup>TH</sup> INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION IN  
THE HISTORY OF BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL



SHEPLER ALSO WON  
THE **DIVISIONS I**  
**INDOOR STATE**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
IN POLE VAULT AT THE  
OHIO ASSOCIATION  
OF TRACK AND CROSS  
COUNTRY COACHES  
MEET

# SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors is a top priority in our district! Our team works closely with Vandalia Police and Fire, as well as, Butler Township Police and Fire Departments to ensure we maintain a close working relationship with our community's local first responders. In our efforts to continue building and improving a culture of safety throughout the District, we focus on five components: Building Security, Safety/Security Practices, Trainings for Students and Staff, Mental Health, Assessing Safety/Security.

## SSO School Safety Officer Program



The purpose of the SSO Program is to promote school safety, as SSO's serve as a role model and work to build a positive school climate in which everyone feels safe. This is accomplished by supporting a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment and establishing a trusting channel of communication with all who visit our school campuses.

### IMPORTANT DUTIES

- Preventing security issues
- Observing the environment they are protecting
- Being integral members of building safety teams working with administration and staff
- Working closely with local law enforcement agencies

### KEY ACTIONS

- Vigilance
- Providing Safety warnings and tips
- Incident Response



Our school safety officers are contracted through G2G Solutions.

As a part of our commitment to safety, VBCSD completed the installation of 3M™ Scotchshield™ Safety and Security Film throughout the District.

# STRATEGIC PLAN

## Vandalia-Butler City Schools Connecting Aviators - Our Children, Our Community 2021 Strategic Plan



*Will Long presented with an Aviator Achievement Award for being named a Merit Scholar semifinalist*

## UPDATE

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### SUSTAINED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Butler Class of 2019 had one National Merit Scholar, one National Merit Commended student, 13 AP Scholars, three AP Scholars with Distinction, and two AP Scholars with Honor.



*Mrs. Teresa Nichols*

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### HIRE, DEVELOP AND RETAIN STAFF TALENT

Morton Middle School teacher Teresa Nichols was named runner-up for the Dayton STEM Teacher of the Year award!

VBCSD has a 98% retention rate for our certified staff. Added three new positions to reduce the class sizes in grades 1-4



*Larry Taylor and District administration at Nov. 27 BOE meeting*

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### ASSURE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

At the November 27, 2018 Board of Education regular board meeting, Superintendent O'Leary presented our first ever Vandalia-Butler Schools Business Partner Award to Larry Taylor of Beau Townsend Auto Group!



*BHS students at Butler Township administrative offices*

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### PROMOTE LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Over 30 BHS government students participated in the 2018 Youth in Government Day. Each student had an opportunity to learn from a local government leader. Students were paired with leaders from the City of Vandalia, Butler Township and the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education.



*Master facilities planning community forum at Smith Middle School*

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### MAINTAIN A FUTURE FACILITIES PLAN

The District began its Master Facilities Planning by beginning a comprehensive facilities assessment for each building in the district, facilitating a community engagement process for facility visioning for student learning and activity spaces to determine community priorities. Hosted community forums to get community input.

# FACILITIES UPDATE

**BUTLER**  
HIGH SCHOOL



**GRADES  
9-12**

5 Year Maintenance Needs  
**\$2,887,365**  
 the amount it will cost to keep **Butler** warm, safe, & dry

Construction: 1965, 1986 & 2012  
 Total sq ft: 266,000  
 Sits on 23.8 acres

**MORTON**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**GRADES  
6-8**

5 Year Maintenance Needs  
**\$575,525**  
 the amount it will cost to keep **Morton** warm, safe, & dry

Construction: 2012  
 Total sq ft: 102,000  
 Sits on 9.5 acres

**SMITH**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL



**GRADES  
4-5**

5 Year Maintenance Needs  
**\$4,091,406**  
 the amount it will cost to keep **Smith** warm, safe, & dry

Construction: 1969  
 Total sq ft: 61,370  
 Sits on 84.5 acres

**DEMMITT**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**GRADES  
PRE K-3**

5 Year Maintenance Needs  
**\$4,302,644**  
 the amount it will cost to keep **Demmitt** warm, safe, & dry

Construction: 1957, 1964  
 Total sq ft: 42,593  
 Sits on 11 acres

**HELKE**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**GRADES  
K-3**

5 Year Maintenance Needs  
**\$1,999,663**  
 the amount it will cost to keep **Helke** warm, safe, & dry

Construction: 1969  
 Total sq ft: 40,483  
 Sits on 10.5 acres

The VBCSD Strategic Plan has prioritized the facilities and operations of the district in the Maintaining a Future Facilities Plan goal, including the following strategic actions:



- Work with the selected architect (SHP) to conduct a comprehensive facilities assessment for each building in the district, including student activity facilities.
- Facilitate a community engagement process for facility visioning for student learning and activity spaces to determine community priorities.
- Adopt a board approved 5-10 year facility master plan for all buildings, learning spaces, and student activity complexes of the district based on the facility visioning process.

## OHIO SCHOOL FUNDING 101

Ohio's public schools receive a majority of their funding from combined state and local funds, with limited assistance from federal grants and incentive programs. Excluding federal funds, slightly more than half of all funding statewide is locally generated, with almost all of it coming from property taxes.

### STATE FUNDING

The Ohio Department of Education bases its funding on the State Foundation Formula, a complicated formula which takes into account student enrollment and property wealth in a district. In 1997, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled the funding system unconstitutional and ordered it changed. But the Court provided little guidance to the legislature and despite changes made, the system is largely the same today.

### LOCAL FUNDING

Property owners pay the lion's share of local funds for Ohio's school districts through property taxes. Local property taxes are expressed in mills, or \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Property taxes are based on the assessed valuation (35% of market value) of a property.

### MILLAGE

In Ohio, there are two types of mills: inside mills, set by Ohio law, are limited to 10 mills; and voted mills are established by the vote of residents.

### LEVIES

A school district may propose three types of levies to residents when it seeks money for a specific purpose: an operating levy covers day-to-day operating costs; a permanent improvement levy generates funds for repairs and minor renovations; and a bond issue funds construction and maintenance of district property through the issuance of bonds, which are repaid over time.

### HOUSE BILL 920

The legislation, passed in 1976, freezes a school district's income on voted mills. Even when home values increase, a school district's revenue remains the same because of House Bill 920. That makes keeping up with the day-to-day cost of operating a district impossible. It is the main reason districts seek additional revenue through levies in regular intervals.

# FISCAL STEWARDSHIP OPERATIONS

## DID YOU KNOW

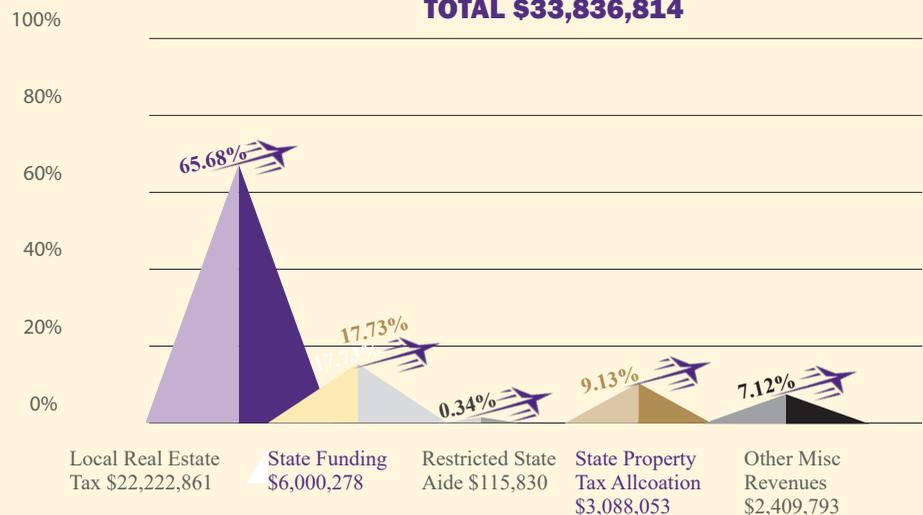
- Average Daily Student Enrollment was 3019.04 with State average of 2,800.09
- Received \$1,236.95 total in State funding per student - State average is \$2,362.42
- Spent \$11,501.42 per student - State average is \$11,695.21
- We are ranked 508 out of 613 districts for State help with facilities



Received Ohio Auditor State Award with Distinction for excellence

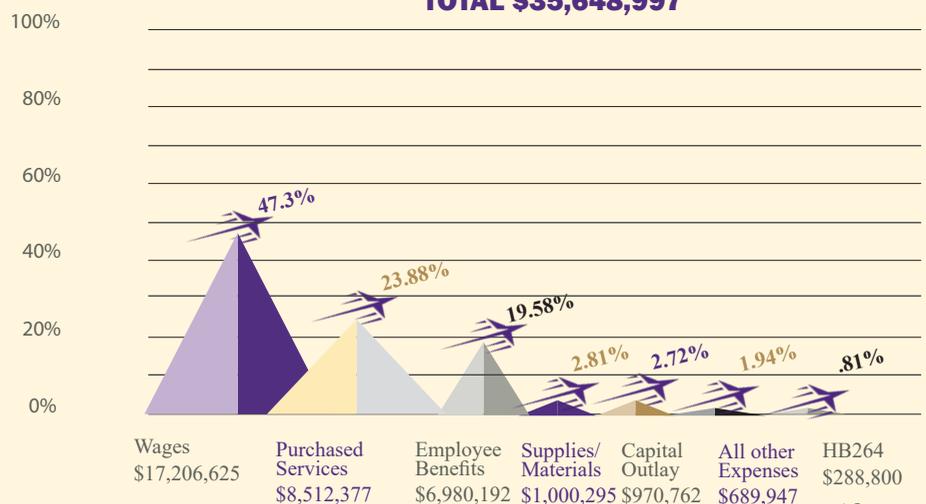
## GENERAL FUND REVENUES

TOTAL \$33,836,814



## GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

TOTAL \$35,648,997



# #AVIATORPRIDE

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES



**GOTR**

We offer the Girls on the Run program to our 3rd through 5th grade students at Demmitt Elementary, Helke Elementary, and Smith Middle School. For those at Morton Middle School, they have the opportunity to participate in the Heart and Sole program. Approximately 70 girls participated during the 18-19 school year.



**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Morton 7th grade students each have an opportunity to participate in REDO DAY! Redo day stand for "Respect Everyone Despite Odds." This is a day-long program that is presented by the ID Project, a Change Point Learning Program. The purpose of their presentation is to prevent youth violence through facilitating greater understanding and acceptance among all students.



**MEMORIAL**

On May 24, 2019, Butler High School held its 40th annual Memorial Program, honoring 15 members of the Vandalia-Butler community who died serving our country in the line of duty. The event was first held back in 1980 when Principal Harold wanted to bring some awareness to our students about the sacrifices our men and women were making for our country.



- When the school year was cut short due to the Memorial Day tornadoes, some of our VBCSD students took the initiative to go out in the community to lend a helping hand wherever they could. Many students, clubs and athletic teams helped remove debris, deliver water, and even food items to those in need.
- Smith Middle School students and staff were nominated by David Seyer, executive director of the Special Wish Foundation, for a YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY award for their ongoing efforts in supporting the Special Wish Foundation through their philanthropic fundraising efforts. Smith students and staff have been supporting this cause for 30 years and each of the last two years the school has raised over \$10,000!
- The BHS Social Studies department collected items for the Air Force unit of Lt. Col. Robert McGowan. Lt. McGowan is the husband of VBCSD Intervention Specialist Jennifer McGowan. The students donated over 300 pounds of food and other items to the unit over the holidays. Shipping costs were covered by Principal Luebbe and Student Congress.
- Morton Middle School students collected 1370 pairs of new socks to donate to the homeless as part of Project Believe!



**BUTLER ALMA MATER**

Come and join in song together  
Sing with might and main  
Our beloved Butler High School  
Sounds her praise again,  
Here's to her whose name we'll  
ever cherish in our song,  
Honor, Love and true devotion  
to her belong.

**BUTLER PEP SONG**

Oh cheer, cheer, cherr for Butler High.  
The pride of Ohio. We'll ring out the  
glory and we'll tell all the story of  
the school we love the best.  
Oh cheer, cheer, cheer for Butler High  
our Alma Mater true, and we'll always  
stand every heart in hand, for  
the honor of Butler High.

Fun Facts  
District

APPROXIMATELY **2/3** OF ALL 7-12 GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN AN ATHLETIC OR OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY



THE DISTRICT OPERATES OVER **2500** GOOGLE DEVICES FOR CLASSROOM LEARNING AND STUDENT USE

BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL HAS A TRADITION OF RINGING THE **VICTORY BELL** AFTER VICTORIOUS SPORTS EVENTS - THE VICTORY BELL IS THE **1<sup>ST</sup>** BELL BHS EVER HAD



PER DAY, OUR BUS DRIVERS DRIVE APPROXIMATELY **1750** MILES TRANSPORTING APPROXIMATELY **1050** STUDENTS

THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE VANDALIA-BUTLER **PLANETARIUM** OFFERS FREE SHOWS EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - VBCSD IS THE ONLY DISTRICT IN THE AREA TO HOUSE ITS OWN PLANETARIUM!



OUR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS **30** EMPLOYEES AND SERVED **233,866** LUNCHES DURING THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR



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