



2019 | 2020

# QUALITY PROFILE

VANDALIA-BUTLER CITY SCHOOLS



OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITY

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



## DISTRICT

February 2021

The Vandalia-Butler City School District, a vibrant and robust community located north of Dayton, Ohio, serves families of the City of Vandalia and Butler Township. The Vandalia-Butler City School District is deeply committed to partnering with staff, students, parents, and the broader community. Our goal is to ensure our students' education is high quality and reflective of the local values and traditions of the community, values that have made our community a great place to live, learn, work, and play.

This document's contents, the Vandalia-Butler City Schools Quality Profile, will demonstrate this commitment to our stakeholders in reviewing the 2019-2020 school year. The 2019-2020 school year was one for the history books. The school year began like almost every year. We continued the progress of our Connecting Aviators: Our Children, Our Community strategic plan. We are engaged in working on all 43 of the 43 strategic actions called out in the plan.

Our students excelled in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, athletics, and clubs they participated in outside of the school day. We were  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year through, getting ready to send our wrestlers to state competition when Governor DeWine ordered the closure of all schools and activities at the start of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two weeks led to a month, and then another, and then another in keeping our doors closed and moving us to our attempts to continue educating our students remotely. With three days notice, we dove headfirst into remote education. It was not perfect by any stretch, but the partnership between parents and staff to make the most out of the situation was impressive. So was the community's involvement in the efforts to honor our students, particularly our High School Seniors, for a very unique graduation. We learned many valuable lessons in the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year. These lessons helped form the foundation for our return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Most important of all the lessons was the critical role the schools play in the intellectual, social, physical, psychological, emotional development of our students in serving the community and the irreplaceable value of the strong relationship and support we are blessed to have with our parents, community, and schools!

We hope that this Vandalia-Butler City Schools Quality Profile will demonstrate to you, the reader, the values the community places on educating its children and the progress the district is making toward that end even in a pandemic, ESPECIALLY in a pandemic. It will also highlight the district's commitment to be fiscally responsible and true partners with the Vandalia-Butler community.

We consider it an honor to serve the students, parents, families, and visitors of this great community and endeavor to reflect its values, traditions, and expectations. To that end, we value the feedback we receive and encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, concerns, questions, or ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. You can reach me at 937-415-6415 or [robert.oleary@vbcsd.com](mailto:robert.oleary@vbcsd.com). It is a great time to be an Aviator!

Robert O'Leary

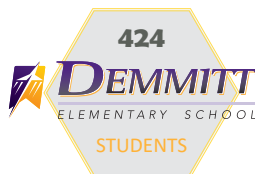
## OUR MISSION

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To empower our students to be Aviators for life with capabilities, resiliency, and resources wherever they soar!



## STUDENTS SERVED IN DISTRICT



**TOTAL - 3070**

## SNAPSHOT

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Photo: left to right →

SCOTT FULLAM

DANIEL PIERRON - VICE PRESIDENT

HOLLY HERBST - PRESIDENT

MARY KILSHIEMER

RODNEY WASHBURN



**319** TOTAL STAFF MEMBERS  
**191** TEACHING STAFF

**DISTRICT SIZE - 37 SQ MILES**  
**APPROXIMATELY 535,000 SQ FOOTAGE**



**RECOGNIZED AS A  
PURPLE STAR DISTRICT**



The Purple Star designation is based on schools that are military friendly, host an annual military themed event, and designate a liaison to assist active duty families with streamlining supports for their child's education. We are committed to reducing educational barriers, preparing students for a potential military career, and honoring our service men and women.

**Mascot: Aviator**



**School Colors: Purple and Gold**

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education generally meets at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month for regular business meetings and on the second Monday for work session meetings.



*Photo by J Spivey Photography*

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# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



Launch of MVCTC Satellite program at Butler High School: Introduction to Engineering; Robotics; Certified Production Technician Credential



## Academic Challenge Team

Butler High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Academic Challenge Teams went undefeated to win their MVL post-season tournaments

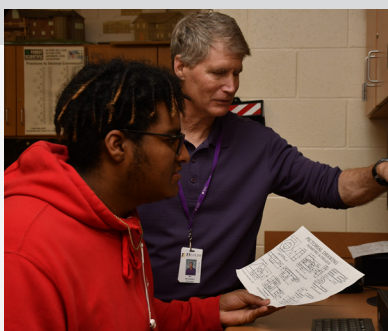
## NEW BUTLER COURSES ADDED IN 2019-2020

*CCP English Comp II - Sinclair 1201 Course at Butler | Certified Production Technician Credential*

*Advanced Placement Psychology | Principles of Biomedical Science | Drone Technology and Design*

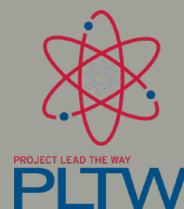
*Computer Science Essentials | Introduction to Engineering | Strength and Conditioning*

*Music Technology | Advanced Woods | Robotics*

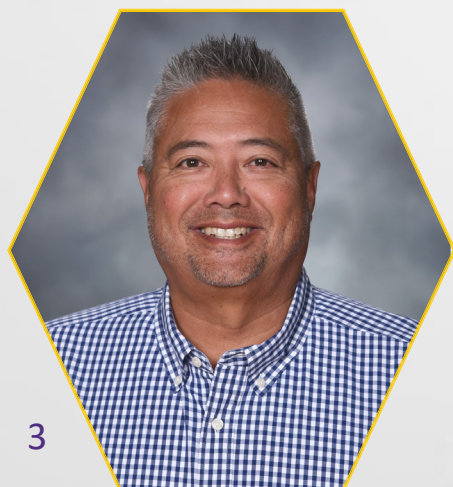


PLTW added at Butler High School

*Biomedical Science  
Computer Science Essentials*



Congratulations to Butler High School teacher Mr. Bob Dadey! He was selected by the Jonathan Dayton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution as the Outstanding American History Teacher of the Year in 2019!





## After Grad Plans:

**73%** plan to attend a four-year college

**20%** plan to attend a two-year college

**2%** plan to attend a trade/tech school

**2%** plan to work full-time

**2%** plan to join the Military

**1%** other

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**\$4,679,216 in**  
**Scholarships**

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**9** AP Scholars

**2** AP Scholars with Honors

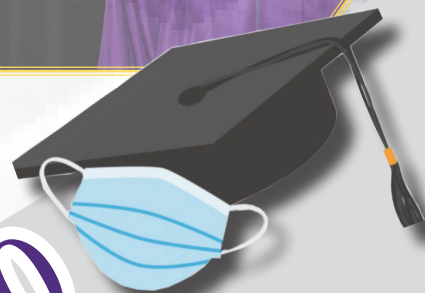
**1** AP Scholar with Distinction

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**85.9%** STATE OF OHIO  
4 YEAR GRADUATION RATE

**96.4%** BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL  
4 YEAR GRADUATION RATE

**Class of 2020**  
**230**  
**Graduates**



# PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Vandalia-Butler City School District values its community partnerships and connections. Having such strong affiliations within the community enhances the number of opportunities available for our staff and students and heightens our students' level of education.

## ANOTHER RECORD YEAR



The Vandalia-Butler Foundation, primarily through the VISIONS Endowment Fund, awarded **\$24,076** in educational grants to VBCSD.

- **\$11,259** to Butler High School — \$5,000 for materials and supplies for new biomedical sciences classes in the Project Lead the Way curriculum; \$3,845 for lighting improvements in the Performing Arts Theatre; \$2,258 for studio-quality computers for media production classes; and \$156 for a real-life math curriculum aid.
- **\$7,384** to Smith Middle School — all enhancements for a widely used vocal and instrumental music curriculum, including a soprano xylophone, 45 ukuleles, vocal and instrumental music, music notation board and a storage cart for music stands.
- **\$3,000** to Helke Elementary School — \$2,100 for a Muse Machine artist-in-residence for first graders to work with a professional actor to create an original script, music and choreography for a live production and \$900 to help fund a third grade trip to the Indianapolis Children's Museum, particularly for families who cannot afford the extra expense.
- **\$1,833** to Demmitt Elementary School — \$1,183 for speech-language assessment kits and \$650 for communication devices, largely to assist students with special needs.
- **\$600** to Vandalia Preschool — a climbing apparatus and other outdoor play items to build gross motor skills.



## 2ND ANNUAL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARD



- 5 Presented to the Dent Family for their dedication and support of the VB students, staff, and community.





# PTA & PTO

**PTA**  
Helke Elementary  
**PTO**

Morton Middle School | Smith Middle School | Demmitt Elementary

Throughout the school year, our PTA and PTO groups are comprised of parents and teachers who come together to provide opportunities for the students and staff at each building. These groups are dedicated to planning, funding, and implementing many programs and events for both students and teachers.

**FUNDRAISERS | SPIRIT WEAR | BOX TOPS | SKATE PARTIES | DANCES | KONA ICE  
MOVIE NIGHTS | DONUTS WITH DAD | MUFFINS WITH MOM | BOOK FAIRS | HOLIDAY SHOPS  
AND SO MUCH MORE!**

## ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Vandalia-Butler Athletic Booster Committee is dedicated to providing financial support and volunteer services to all our sports teams and student-athletes. They help develop, sustain, and enhance our students' overall athletic experience.



## HONORING SENIORS DURING UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

The Aviator community came together to honor the Butler High School Senior Class. Parents and guardians placed signs in their yards, a special tribute video was created, and the community created a display honoring each senior in the front of Butler High School yard on the South Dixie side.

## COMMUNITY SPONSORS



*OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITY*

# VISUAL & PERFORMING



winter guard



**art & music** | opportunities from grades K-12

**band & choir** | opportunities for grades 6-12

**drama** | opportunities for grades 6-12

band



## Butler High School

Concert Band	37	participants
Women's Choir	17	participants
Symphonic Choir	53	participants
Chamber Choir	27	participants
Marching Band	57	participants
Pep Band	30	participants

kickline



FALL PLAY  
"She Kills Monsters"

20 participants



NO SPRING PLAY DUE TO COVID-19

preschool xmas  
concert



Arts education is essential to all Vandalia-Butler students through a curriculum rich in visual arts and music programming. We offer a variety of platforms for our students to grow, express, and innovate themselves.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES



Morton Middle School collected **\$121.82** for the Yellow Ribbon Group

Morton Middle School Student Council raised money for the American Heart Association with 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Students throughout the District created Christmas and Valentine's Cards for Dayton Children's Hospital

Students throughout the District created cards for local Veterans

Butler High School Student Congress holds Blood Drives annually

Morton Middle School's MYSA, Morton Youth Service Association, completed many service projects and had **57** members

Smith Middle School raised \$5,224.80 and Mr. Bob Crotty continued to match the amount our students raised, bringing the total amount raised **\$10,449.80**



Two Butler High School students spearheaded and organized a Butler Hygiene Drive

The District held a district-wide Winter Food Drive, which brought in **7895** food items, **375** toys, and **\$848** in cash



Morton Middle School collected almost **2000** pair of socks



Girls on the Run is available for students at Demmitt Elementary, Helke Elementary, and Smith Middle School. Morton Middle School students can participate in Heart & Sole.



Smith Middle School, students from Mr. Adams and Mrs. Pennington's homeroom wrote cheerful messages in "The Bad Seed" to send to Dayton Children's Hospital.



Miami Valley  
League



# ATHLETE



## middle school

- o **95** students participated in fall sports
- o **95** students participated in winter sports



# fall

- o *girls golf - MVL Champions*



# TICS



# winter

- o *wrestling - MVL Champions*

Logan Hoskins - *MVL Athlete of the Year*

State Qualifiers

Logan Hoskins

Parker Lee

Matt Verdes

Jansen Love

- o *boys swim - MVL Champions*

Matt Brunsky - *MVL Athlete of the Year*

State Qualifiers

Matt Brunsky

Khalil Ruiz

Eli Neal

Adam Gunckel

- o *girls bowling- MVL Champions*



# spring

due to COVID-19 season was canceled



# BUILDING A CULTURE OF SAFETY



Our school safety officers are contracted through G2G Solutions.

## SSOs continued

year 2 of School Safety Officer program



*Butler Township Police Chief Porter and Vandalia Police Chief Althouse observing the multi-jurisdiction "Run - Hide - Fight" training scenario at BHS.*

*Superintendent O'Leary being searched by a VBCSD SSO as part of the "Run - Hide - Fight" training scenario at BHS.*



*Every other year, with the help of local first responders, Morton Whetstone, and Premier Health, a MOCK CAR CRASH is presented for students. The purpose of this exercise is to promote safe driving and smart choices.*

## 2019 - 2020 safety enhancements



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- Installed interior cameras at Demmitt, Helke, and Smith
- Continued SSO program and implemented an on-duty shoot at Vandalia Range and Armory for training
- Conducted a Run - Hide - Fight & EMS emergency training event scenario at Butler High School with VBCSD staff and surrounding police and fire agencies
  - An agreement was put into place with Vandalia PD to place a direct communication line between VBCSD radio channels and the Vandalia dispatch center
- Implement a monthly District radio test with Vandalia PD
  - Installed ballistic glass in buildings
- Added additional cameras to Butler High School stadium, building exterior, student parking lot, and exterior Performing Arts Theatre
  - Purchased additional safety equipment for our SSOs
  - Instituted live-fire training for SSOs at Montgomery County Sheriff's Shoot House
  - Upgraded Butler High School exterior building cameras



# STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

## Connecting Aviators - OUR CHILDREN, OUR COMMUNITY 2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

Board Approved: April 25, 2017

Vandalia-Butler City Schools adopted its first Partners for Excellence Strategic Plan in the Year 2000. The plan enjoyed separate updates in 2002, 2007, 2011, and 2017 to keep its relevance with developments in educational legislation and district progress from year to year. The District is finishing up Phase III of the current plan.

Phase I – Educational Capabilities Assessment

Phase II – Connecting Aviators – Our Children, Our Community 2021 Vision and strategy Development

*Phase III – Strategic Action Plan Development*

### updates - strategic goals

#### sustain academic excellence

continued to provide arts, PE, STEM, and music to all students

continue to reinforce a positive culture of behavioral health and self-worth - only District in the region 10 to be recognized for district-wide implementation of PBIS initiatives

expanded high school electives



Ohio  
PBIS  
Network

#### hire, develop, & retain staff talent

continued to advocate for and maximize local control over teacher evaluation and development

provided effective new teacher orientation and early career development program. we welcomed 16 new educators in the 2019-2020 school year



#### assure stakeholder engagement

continued to expand and create new partnerships with community groups, businesses, service clubs, and local government leaders with a shared communications vision to support students

work to strengthen connectivity among VBCS buildings, teachers, and students

continued building our alumni association



#### promote local government

promote Board of Education policies and practices which empower educators locally to optimize the learning processes for student

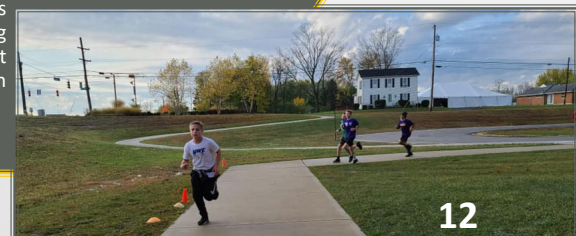
students from BHS get to experience local government by participating in Youth in Government Day



#### maintain a future facilities plan

continue maintaining a plan for the continuous improvement of our facilities to provide safe, efficient, and dynamic places for students to learn and teachers to teach

new sidewalks put in for walking students at Morton



# FINANCES



Eric Beavers  
Treasurer/CFO



Received the Ohio Auditor State Award  
with Distinction for excellence

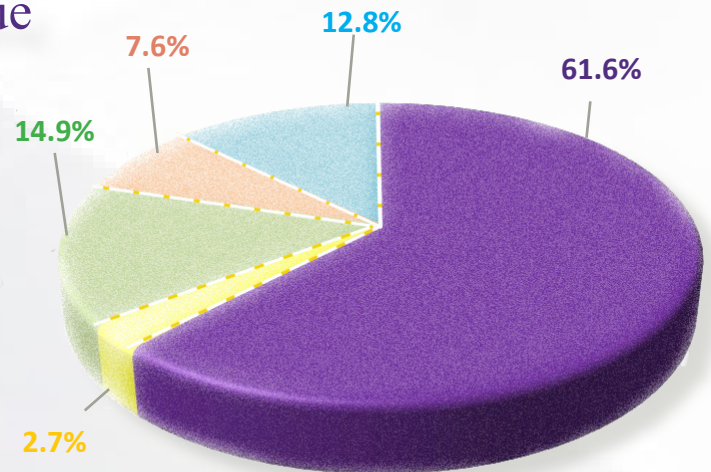


Received the Certificate of Achievement for  
Excellence in Financial Reporting from  
the Government Finance Officers Association

**Aa3** Moody's Rating

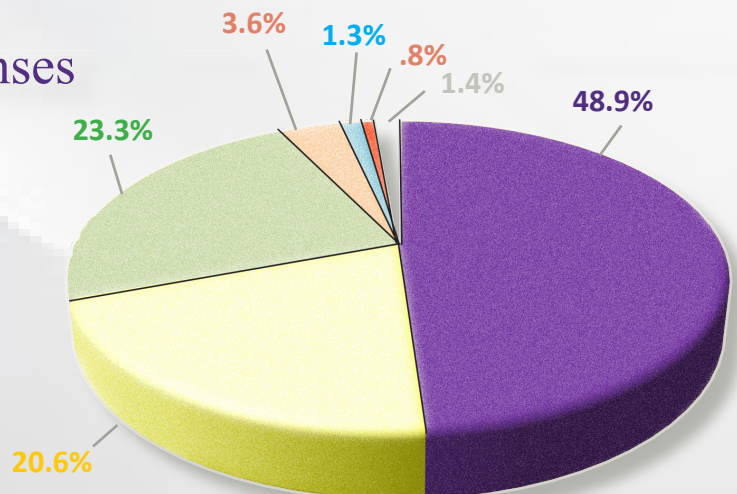
## 2019-2020 forecast revenue

Local Taxes	\$21,869,823
Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$963,532
State Foundation # Restricted	\$5,294,594
Rollback / Homestead	\$2,698,835
Other	\$4,541,615



## 2019-2020 forecast expenses

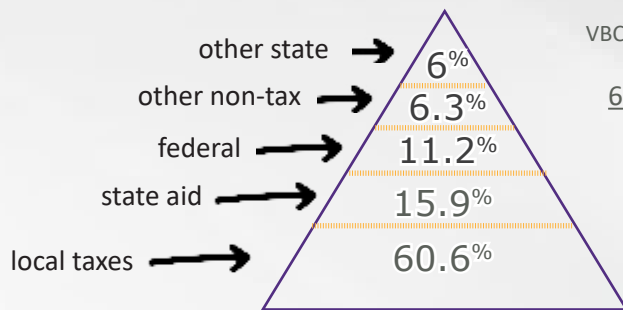
Wages	\$18,058,450
Retire / Fringe Benefits	\$7,594,936
Purchased Services	\$8,609,168
Supplies & Materials	\$1,345,531
Capital Outlay	\$492,406
HB264 Loan	\$291,842
Other	\$512,172





# per student revenue received

Where does the money come from?



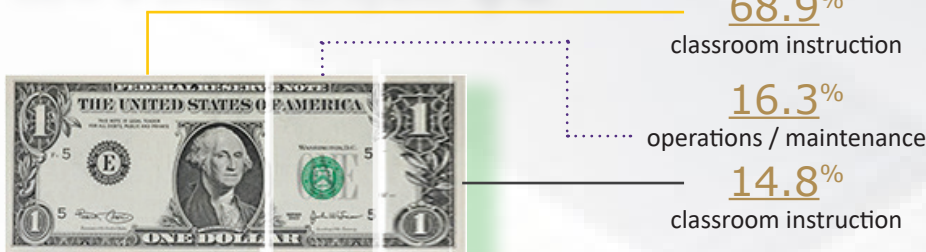
## DID YOU KNOW

VBCSD receives 41.8% less in state aid than our similar districts and 66.39% less than the state average

Other non-tax revenue includes pay-to-participate, interest, tax abatements, tuition from other schools for court-placed students, etc.

Approximate operating spending per pupil - \$10,536

## how a dollar is spent \$1



**Classroom Instruction** - approximately 69¢ of each dollar is returned to the students! This includes teachers, classroom supplies and equipment, and support services including nurses, psychologists, and media centers

**Operations / Maintenance** - approximately 16¢ of each dollar is spent on building maintenance, custodial services, utilities, transportation costs, and food service costs.

**Support Services / Administration** - approximately 15¢ of each dollar of revenue pays for support and administration including human resources, curriculum, staff development, principals and assistant principals

## OHIO SCHOOL funding 101

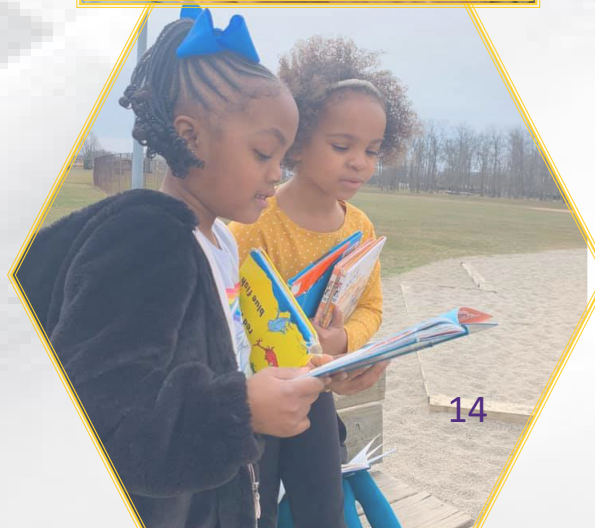
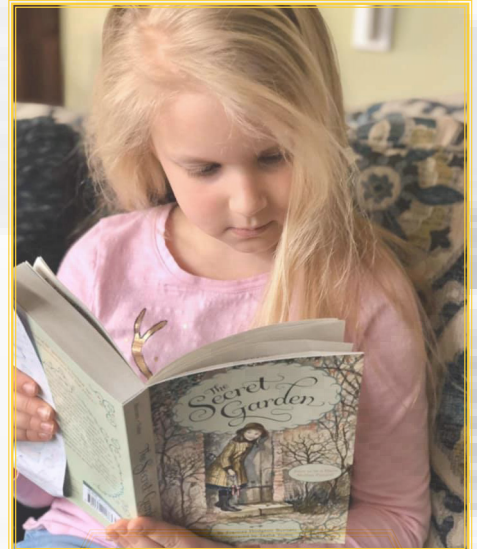
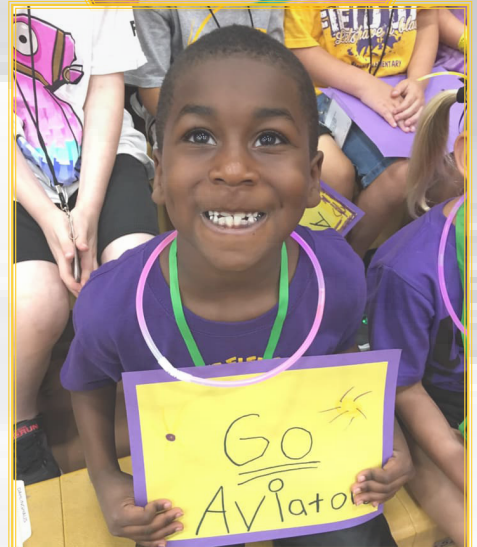
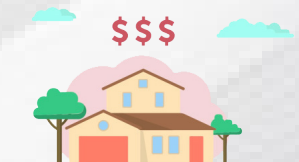
### STATE FUNDING -

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.



### 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.





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