

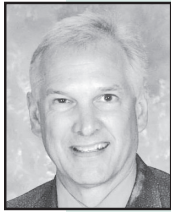
YOUR SCHOOLS

2020

Aurora City School District

From the Superintendent

By PAT R. CICCATELLI
Superintendent of Schools



Where do you even start as you reflect on this school year! We did not have a snow day this year, but I know we would all trade these types of minor disruptions for the nearly

three-month closure we experienced due to the Coronavirus. I have read several summaries of the effect of remote learning across the nation; many of the reports were filled with stories of despair and limited learning. Although our remote learning option was not ideal, I feel many of our students were engaged and continued to learn. We appreciate your support and patience with this change. Learning is a social activity, and learning remotely is a challenge.

We are still working to finalize our plans for the 2020-21 school year. The Governor is scheduled to share a framework for the return of students to our buildings sometime in early July. We have worked with the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio and Portage County Departments of Health and our community through a survey and a steering committee to make plans for our students. The final plans will be announced in late July or early August. Because of the ever changing nature of this issue, we need to wait as late as possible to make our final arrangements. Please know that our goal is to get all of our students back in our buildings in a

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U.S. News & World Report 2020 Names Aurora High School #1 in Akron Metro Area, #3 in Northeast Ohio and #11 in State of Ohio

This year, U.S. News & World Report analyzed over 24,000 public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. They then ranked nearly 18,000 schools on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. Aurora High School (AHS) was ranked by the publication at **#1** in the Akron Metro Area **#3** in Northeast Ohio, **#11** in the State and at **#454** in the nation for 2020. This puts AHS in the **top 1%** of high schools in the State of Ohio and 2% in the nation.

Aurora High School Principal Dr. Paul Milcetic said of the honor, "Our consistent focus has been and will



continue to be on inputs and nurturing our students' roots with the outputs being nice affirmation. U.S. News & Report provided another one of those moments where we are able to admire the blossoming fruit and flowers - the results of strong roots."

Mike Roberto to Lead ACSD as Superintendent

The Aurora Board of Education has voted to employ Mike Roberto as the new Superintendent of the Aurora City School District at the Monday, February 24, 2020 Board meeting. Roberto is currently the Aurora City Schools' Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Roberto will replace current Superintendent, Pat Ciccantelli, who's resignation, effective July 31, 2020, was accepted by the Board at the January 27, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Roberto has a long background in the field of education. As a graduate of Kent State University, he has spent 15 years in the classroom teaching primarily

biology and chemistry. Roberto spent eight years teaching in the Aurora City Schools and became Assistant Principal of Aurora High School in 2008. He took over as principal of Aurora High School in 2011. In 2015, Roberto was named to his current position as the District's Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Roberto said, "I am both honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve the students and staff of Aurora as the next superintendent. I am also



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The Aurora City School District Names Paul Milcetch New Assistant Superintendent



The Aurora City School District Board of Education voted unanimously to employ current Aurora High School Principal, Dr. Paul Milcetch, as the new assistant superintendent at a special board meeting

that took place on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Milcetch will take over as assistant superintendent effective August 1, 2020.

Milcetch was awarded a three-year contract and will replace Mike Roberto, who will be the next Aurora Schools' superintendent. Aurora Board of Education President, Jerry Kohanski, said, "Dr. Milcetch is eminently qualified to serve as Aurora's Assistant Superintendent and Academic Director. His professional educational background and experience

make him the ideal candidate to serve as Mike Roberto's successor in this position. The Board of Education is confident that he will continue to move our district forward in innovative and rigorous curriculum developments that will maintain our position as a highly performing district in the area of academics. This has been evidenced during his five-year tenure at the high school where he led that building to national academic recognition"

Aurora School District Superintendent, Pat Ciccantelli, said of the appointment, "We are thrilled to have Paul transition to the role of Assistant Superintendent. His valuable experience the past five years as the high school principal in our district will allow him to transition successfully into his new position. He is an outstanding educator with a strong background in secondary and elementary

administration and will be an extremely positive influence."

Milcetch, a district employee for almost 5 years, previously held administrative positions in the Kent City Schools and Hudson City Schools. Assistant Superintendent, Mike Roberto stated, "I am looking forward to working more closely with Paul Milcetch as he makes the move from serving as our high school principal to being the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. Paul's understanding of our district and philosophical approach to teaching and leading will allow for a smooth transition into his new role. He is also a learner, so I am expecting that he will thrive under the opportunity to gain a better understanding of our K-8 school cultures and build on his previous foundation as an elementary principal prior to coming to Aurora High School."

The Aurora Board of Education Votes to Hire Mike Hayes as the Principal of Aurora High School

The Aurora City School District Board of Education (BOE) has voted unanimously to hire current Indian Hill High School Assistant Principal, Mike Hayes, at the Monday, April 27, 2020 Aurora BOE meeting. He will begin his new position in the Aurora Schools on August 1, 2020.

Hayes began his career as an Integrated Language Arts teacher from 2009-14 at Moeller High School in the Cincinnati area. He then moved on to take over as Assistant Principal at both Fenwick and Franklin High Schools. In 2017, Hayes took the position as assistant principal of Indian Hill High School.

Hayes, earned his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University, completed



his Master of Education at Xavier University and is currently completing his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with Dayton University. He is also currently earning a Certificate in School Management and Leadership through Harvard University. Hayes also holds a Superintendent Certificate.

Aurora BOE President, Gerald Kohanski, said, "Michael Hayes is a very promising young administrator who comes to Aurora with high recommendations from his supervisors at Indian Hills, a very high performing Ohio district that is similar to Aurora in performance, and strategic direction. His educational and experience background is strong and he will fit well with our new central office staff of Mike Roberto and Paul Milcetch, and the rest of our administrative team. The Board is very pleased to have him join our district and we believe our high school students will be very excited by his energy and enthusiasm."

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AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

Class of
2020

Congratulations to the Aurora High School Class of 2020! They graduated with Aurora High School's first ever Drive-Thru Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 2020 at AHS. Through the unprecedented times of a worldwide Coronavirus pandemic the seniors in the AHS Class of 2020 stayed strong.



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Aurora Schools Superintendent, Pat Ciccantelli, stated that, "We are very excited to have Mike Hayes join our administrative team as the new principal at Aurora High School. He is an outstanding educator and administrator and he is very student centered. His philosophies align well with the initiatives within our district and he has had great experiences coming from a high achieving district spending the past several years at Indian Hill High School."

Hayes, who is originally from Northeast Ohio, is looking forward to returning to the area and joining the Aurora City School District. He explained, "The opportunity to serve as the Principal of Aurora High School is an honor and a privilege, and I want to do all I can to best-serve the students, staff and stakeholders of our great community. I've had the opportunity to meet individually with the majority of the staff, and I've even had students and families reach out to me through email and social media which speaks volumes about Aurora's positive climate and culture. Coming into this role during such a unique time in education due to Covid-19 will certainly present some challenges, but having Mike Roberto and Paul Milcetch remaining in the district will provide great support and leadership as we look to nurture innovation, honor identity through relationships and develop students as critical thinkers within a truly student-centered learning environment. I am extremely excited to be part of the Greenhouse!"

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very appreciative of the Board of Education for the support and confidence in which they have placed in me. Thanks to Pat's leadership over the last five years, Aurora has been headed on a great trajectory. I feel as though my 20 years in the district as a teacher, principal, and Assistant Superintendent will allow for a smooth transition of leadership which will include moving toward the expectations established by our newly created Strategic Vision."

Aurora City School District Board of Education President, Gerald Kohanski, stated, "Mike Roberto has done an excellent job for the past five years as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, and prior to that, for four years as Principal of our highly performing Aurora High School. He has proven to be an able and intelligent educator and administrator, and we look forward to his contributions in continuing to move the Aurora School District to ever-higher levels of performance. His recent central office experience and broad knowledge of all grade levels and buildings in our district will be invaluable as he moves into his new position. The Board of Education looks forward to working with him."

Roberto and his wife Lisa have been Aurora residents for the past 21 years and their four children, Brendon, Joe, Dominic and Sophia, who all graduated from the Aurora City Schools.

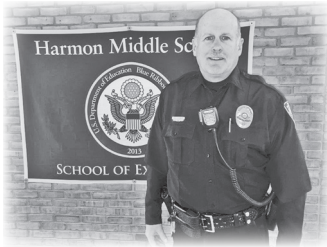
Who's Who & What's New



Congratulations to the **HARMON MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM** who participated in the **MATHCOUNTS** competition at the University of Akron in February and advanced to the state competition. The top three teams and top six individuals in the competition move on to state competition.



The **LEIGHTON SPROUTS GARDENING CLUB** has done a wonderful job of transforming the garden area at Leighton School with the help and hard work of instructors **DEEANN POCHEDLY** and **MELISSA SANFORD**.



Welcome to new Aurora Schools' School Resource Officer **JIM CLAGUE**.



AURORA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, PAT CICCANTELLI, addressed the audience at the City of Aurora's **STATE OF THE CITY** luncheon on February 12, 2020.

ALEX POLIVKA and **JOSH WILLIAMS** took 8th place at the **MENTOR SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT** in **SOUND OF MUSIC**.



The **ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA** held their annual **FOUR WAY SPEECH COMPETITION** in February. Three

students from AHS, **CAROLINE EGGETT (1ST PLACE)**, **ALLIE MILLER (RUNNER-UP)** and **AVERY SCOTT (2ND RUNNER-UP)** were named the AHS representatives to the district tournament.



Good Luck and best wishes in the future to all of the 2019-20 ACSD retirees:

- Linda Arnold**
Personnel Secretary - 31 years
- Norma Cerrito**
Bus Driver - 41 years
- Pat Ciccantelli**
Superintendent - 14 years
- Judy Dolezal**
Miller Teacher - 26 years
- William Harrington**
Bus Driver - 11 years
- Karen Myers**
Harmon Teacher - 28 years
- Cathy Pettitt**
Harmon Head Cafeteria - 26 years
- Laurie Sorrell**
Bus Driver - 16 years
- Gary Verbic**
Bus Driver - 12
- Paula Will**
Leighton Teacher - 15+ years

ACSD Staff Parade 2020

Staff members from all of the Aurora City School Buildings lined up their cars on April 17, 2020 and proceeded to drive through City of Aurora neighborhoods in the hopes of seeing and waving to those they missed most - their students. Students and families cheered on the staff and waved from their homes and driveways as they braved the cold and harsh weather conditions. It was a huge success!



CLASS ACTS

Congratulations to AHS students, **ASHLEY RUEHR** and **KATHRYN LOVE WALTON**, who were among 3,300 students who won National Merit Scholarships for college.



Miss McArthur's 1st Grade Class Celebrated their 100th Day of School

AHS student **BRYAN WESTFALL** was part of an **EXCEL TECC** team that won 10th place in the **23RD ANNUAL STUDENT MODEL HOME DESIGN CONTEST** at the Great Big Home & Garden Show 2020 in January. The team won \$50.

Class of 2020 Top Senior

AHS student **CAROLINE EGGETT** was named the high school's **TOP SENIOR** for the Class of 2020. A big Congratulations to her and good luck in the future at Ohio State University majoring in marketing.



Academic Signing Day Virtual Ceremony – May, 8 2020

Congratulations to the AHS first ever Virtual Academic Signing Day recipients:

RYAN KACMAR – University of Southern California

TATUM MILLER – University of South Carolina

SAM SIEDEL – Capital University

KATELY VARGO – John Carroll University

KATE WALTON – Texas A & M University

AOA 21st Solo Competition Winners

On Friday, February 28, 2020 the **AURORA ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION (AOA)** held its **21ST ANNUAL AURORA ORCHESTRA SOLO COMPETITION**. For a complete listing of Aurora orchestra students from grades 6 through 8 who performed solos for an independent judge to earn a rating

of I-IV, please go to the Aurora Schools' website Homepage under the News section.

GEOBEE Semifinalist

Congratulations to Harmon School 7th grade student, **ANDRE POLIVKA**, who was named as a semifinalist by The National Geographic Society in their **2020 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEOBEE COMPETITION**.



Unfortunately, the State competition scheduled for March had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN



Outstanding Greenmen 2020 Recipient and Educators

Congratulations to the AHS Outstanding Greenmen 2020 Award winners. The 12 seniors are chosen based on their strong Academics, Service/Work, School Participation, Leadership & Character. This year's recipients, along with the 12 honored educators that were chosen by the students, are:

**Diana Abbass – Doc Munson
Lauren Callahan – Sam Petrash
Rachel Dudziak – Melissa Lindley
Caroline Eggett – Jay Price
Sara Gerber – Monika Biro
Drew Kimes – Megan Janzig
Colin Krupinski – Mike Rubin
Dylynn Lasky – Brian Brookhart
Allie Martin – Nick Kukarola
Ashley Ruehr – Alicia Jiminez
Chae Seals – Sarah Dixon
Kate Walton – Debbie Mehallis**

Excellence in Education

The Aurora City School District is proud to congratulate this year's Excellence in Education Award Winners. **EMILY HILKER** was the **EXCELLENCE IN CLASSIFIED STAFF** award winner. The **EXCELLENCE IN CERTIFIED STAFF** award was given to **DAVID KECKAN**. Congratulations to both of these staff award winners who were nominated by their colleagues and selected by a

committee of their peers. This speaks volumes as to how deserving they are of this recognition. They were recognized by the Aurora Board of Education at the May Board meeting.



National Honor Society Luncheon Group Photo

Excel TECC Award Winners

The following AHS 2019-20 Excel TECC students earned awards:

EVEALYN GAINER - Culinary Arts - Silver Medal Team- FCCLA Regional- State Qualifier

RAYCHEL LUPTON - Allied Health - Excel TECC Departmental Junior Award

NATE RING - Construction Trades - Excel TECC Departmental Senior Award

ERIC SALAY - Culinary Arts- Silver Medal Team - FCCLA Regional - State Qualifier

Congratulations!

Leo Diamantis Wins Billy Michal Student Leadership Award



THE NATIONAL
WWII MUSEUM
NEW ORLEANS

One Student From Each State Wins Award



Congratulations to AHS Freshman Leo Diamantis, who was named a 2020 Billy Michal Student Leadership Award recipient given by The National WWII Museum in New Orleans. The Billy Michal Student Leadership Award is given annually to only one student from each state and the District of Columbia who demonstrates the American Spirit in his or her community. According to the organization, "The American Spirit Award recognizes an individual who best exemplifies the outstanding qualities of the American spirit, including teamwork, optimism, courage, and sacrifice, and who inspires the exploration and expression of these values through their own life and work." Diamantis applied for the award through the AHS Interact Club after advisor Melissa Foster informed the club members about the opportunity.

SPORT REPORT



Over the last ten years, former Cleveland Browns' coach and **Coach Sam's Inner Circle Foundation** Board Chairman, Sam Rutigliano, has responded to the literacy needs of at risk children in the Cleveland Schools. His Coach Sam's Inner Circle Foundation addresses the literacy, personal development, and health and fitness needs of at risk children in order to develop the whole child. This year's 2020 Legends Event honor recipients were Ozzie Newsome and **Legends Coach of the Year, Aurora Football Head Coach, Bob Mihalik**. Unfortunately, the fundraiser scheduled for April 14, 2020 was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic with rescheduled plans upcoming.

Greenmen Football Head Coach Bob Mihalik and his **Staff** were recognized at a OHSFCA Conference where Mihalik received an award for having reached 150 game wins. Staff members **Jay Price, Victor Ricketts, Jim Slagle, Brian Wervej, and Jay Price** received awards for their length of service to the team. Way to go!

2019 - 2020 WINTER SPORTS GPA'S

BASED OFF 2ND QUARTER GPA GRADES 2019 - 2020

| TEAM | GPA |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| GYMNASTICS | 4.23 |
| GIRLS' SWIMMING | 3.71 |
| GIRLS' BASKETBALL | 3.50 |
| HOCKEY | 3.32 |
| BOYS' SWIMMING | 3.28 |
| CHEERLEADING | 3.21 |
| BOYS' BASKETBALL | 3.18 |
| WRESTLING | 2.93 |
| WINTER SPORTS AVERAGE | 3.42 |

The Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League has named AHS players to the all-star team: Junior **Cameron Mullin**, earned first-team White South Division recognition and honorable mention for both White divisions and senior goaltender **Nolan Sullivan** also earned White South Division first-team honors. Senior **Jack McElwee** and freshman **Zane Martin** were also named to the second team.

The Swimming and Diving student athletes and coaches had a strong

season. **Victoria Blechschmid** (set a new school record) and **Kylie Palian** (previously held by Kylie Palian) competed at Districts and finished 8th just 2 points short of State qualification. Both **Schafer Edkerle** and **Donovan Picone** qualified for States in Boys' Diving. Freshman **Alayna Brooker** qualified for State competition in the 100 yard Breaststroke and broke school records. Congratulations to all!

The Boys' Swimming Teams (200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay) came home with two top 20 finishes in the OHSAA State meet. Congratulations to **Jon Hybil, Jacob Good, Nathan Meyer** and **Connor Zamary**.



Coach Johnny Papesh and his **Greenmen Wrestling Team** had 11 wrestlers qualify for the District tournament in Alliance. Six wrestlers earned sectional titles including, **Ethan Anderson, Evan Anderson, David Cumberledge, Dylan Fishback, Tyler Lillard** and **Nic Willingham**. The team competed in the **8th Annual OHSAA Division II State Dual Semifinals** losing in a close match (32-30) to the defending State champions St. Paris Graham 32-30 earning the Greenmen a 3rd place finish. Congratulations on an amazing season!



8th grade Harmon School student, **Grace Kotora**, won the runner-up in the all-around competition at the **Ron Ganim Legends Invitational and the Presidential Classic** at the ESPN World Wide Sports Center in Orlando. She also won the runner-up title in the all-around competition at the Elevate the Stage competition and the Arnold

Schwarzenegger Sports Festival in Columbus. Kotora has also won three individual event championships and earned 10 other 2nd place finishes.

The **Akron Touchdown Club** honored seven Aurora athletes. Girls' Basketball player, **Shyanne Sellers**, and Boys' Basketball senior guard, **Ethan Hayes**, both received honors. Wrestlers **Evan Anderson, David Cumberledge, Dylan Fishback, Tyler Lillard**, and **Nic Willingham** were also honored.



The Aurora City School District and the Aurora Board of Education would like to thank our community members for supporting the recent operating renewal levy that was originally placed on the May 2020 ballot. Without your continued support we would not be able to achieve our current status as top rated on both local and national levels, which includes our latest accolade ranking of #1 in Akron Metro area, #3 in Northeast Ohio, #11 in Ohio and #454 national in the U.S. News and World Report's Best High Schools rankings for 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNGEST GRADUATES ~ CLASS OF 2033

Congratulations to the Miller School preschool graduates in the Class of 2033! They participated in a Drive-Thru Graduation Ceremony and now will be moving on to kindergarten in the fall. To view photos from the Drive-Thru Ceremony, please click on the Photo Gallery link on the Miller School webpage.



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safe and nurturing environment.

Our district has earned many great distinctions in the past and this school year was no exception. AHS was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the finest high schools in the state of Ohio and in the entire nation. AHS was ranked 11th in the state and 454th in the nation out of more than 25,000 high schools. Both of those rankings put us in the top 2% of all schools! We had our annual athletic and academic signing recognition programs boasting several student-athletes and scholars signing scholarships to prestigious universities.

Our district's academic reputation is outstanding and our reputation for service easily rivals our status in academics. Our Service Learning course students hosted our annual Veteran's Day breakfast in November. Our students serve breakfast, socialize with our veterans and recognize their service with poems, musical performances and speeches. One fundraiser, "Aurora for Others" raised over \$10,000 for three separate charities. In our Service Learning course at the high school they provided financial support to several charities and spend the night in their own "Shantytown" bringing awareness to homelessness. Our National Honor Society students provided services and support to nearly a dozen groups. There are literally too many examples to mention here, but I am moved and touched by the generosity and compassion of our students and staff.

This year we completed a new strategic vision for the district. We developed a steering committee that consisted

of 40 stakeholders representing various parts of our community. We had representatives from our faculty, staff, students, administration, board of education, parents, business owners, civic leaders, religious leaders, and higher education. We provided additional input from our community through the use of surveys and focus groups. After months of development and refinement, we produced a vision for our students that represents the goals and wishes of our community and that will prepare our graduates for the challenging world they will face upon leaving our K-12 district. You can see our Strategic Vision document on our website using the Quick Links tabs under the title ACSD Strategic Vision.

Students continue to shine both inside and outside of the classroom. Nearly 900 students completed Advanced Placement courses (AP) and the corresponding exam. Outside of the classroom, congratulations to Football, Wrestling, Girls' Basketball and Boys' and Girls' swimming and diving for earning Suburban league titles! It was the first league titles in school history for our swimming programs. The football team finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record and qualified for the state playoffs. They finished a fantastic season losing a heartbreaking game in the state semi-finals! In the visual arts programs, our students continue to achieve at the highest levels. Numerous students earned Gold Key status at the state level. Our musical concerts and our theater performances continue to amaze our community! These are just some of our outstanding accomplishments.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we could not hold several of our great

traditional programs for our students. We have over 220 new Aurora High School alumni! The graduation ceremony was completed at AHS as the seniors received their diplomas in a parade manner. Each student was able to have their family in a vehicle and received their diploma while being videotaped and photographed. Each students' ceremony was taped and then spliced into a virtual graduation. We added the traditional speeches and awards to make it similar to the traditional program. We scheduled a special event for the graduates and their families of showing the video at a local drive-in theater and capped off the evening with a spectacular display of fireworks.

There will be some new faces in our district next year! We had several employees retire during this past school year. We will miss the following staff members who represent nearly 200 years of service in Aurora: Linda Arnold, Norma Cerrito, Judy Dolezal, William Harrington, Karen Myers, Cathy Pettitt, Laurie Sorrell, Gary Verbic, Paula Will and myself.

Our success is due to the tremendous support from the community and we appreciate the great partnership we have with our many stakeholders. This was my final year in the district as I am retiring this summer. I have spent 14 years in the Aurora City Schools and it has been a pleasure and a wonderful opportunity to serve as superintendent of this outstanding district for the past five years. I want to thank our board of education, faculty, staff and the parents and students for everything they have done to make this district one of the finest in the country! I will forever be a Greenman!

Pat Ciccantelli
Superintendent



ASF School Grant to Harmon for Follett Shelf

The Aurora Schools Foundation (ASF) has granted the Harmon School media center with \$2,500 to purchase a Follett Shelf ebook library for the website. The new ebook library is in the process of being enabled. When available, the library can be found under the Harmon School webpage under the Media Center Quick Link. Thank you to the Aurora Schools Foundation for their generous grant allocation that will provide over 100 ebook titles for our students to access.



ACSD Strategic Vision ~ Aurora Learners Future Ready

The Aurora City School District's Strategic Vision has been released after three months of preparation. The purpose, or why statement, of the Strategic Vision states that, "Today's schools must not only build a solid foundation of academic knowledge, but also nurture a deep sense of purpose and self in young people. These young people are not merely students but LEARNERS with a skill set that prepares them to be successful in an ever changing world." This statement can be boiled down to the mantra, "Aurora Learners, Future Ready." The following six competencies paint a portrait of our areas of emphasis for all young people (Pk-12) in the Aurora City Schools as defined by community stakeholders: Balanced, Resilient, Innovative, Collaborative, Empathetic, and Critical Thinker. For a complete description of each competency and to view the entire strategic vision plan, go to the Aurora Schools' website at aurora-schools.org and click on ACSD Strategic Vision under Quick Links.

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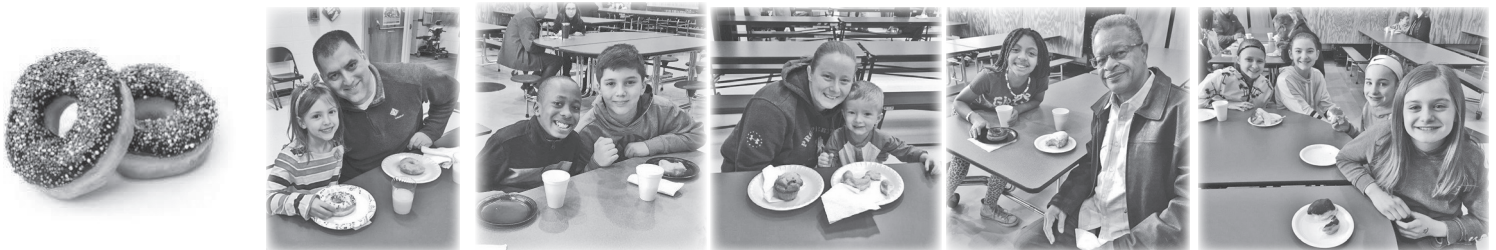
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Doughnut Days Were Delightful at Leighton and Miller Schools

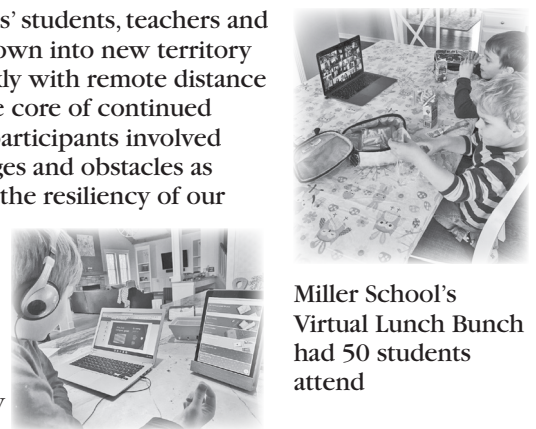


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When the coronavirus pandemic first occurred and all public school districts were mandated to close in the State of Ohio, the Aurora City School District was unable to provide lunches for families participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The perishable food that was to be distributed to our families was instead donated to the Aurora Volunteers of America food pantry so they could provide food for families in need.



Aurora Schools' students, teachers and staff were thrown into new territory reacting quickly with remote distance learning at the core of continued learning. All participants involved faced challenges and obstacles as a result. With the resiliency of our teaching staff, parents, students and staff, the endeavors were predominately successful.



Miller School's Virtual Lunch Bunch had 50 students attend