



REPORT CARD

A Lakewood City Schools Community Newsletter

January 2022

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
JAN. 3, 2022
7 PM, GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

THREE ARCHES FOUNDATION GRANTS TO BENEFIT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Lakewood City Schools students will benefit from two grants awarded Nov. 17 by the Three Arches Foundation to organizations that provide mental health services and support for our students. A grant of \$122,000 over two years to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation will

pay for the continuation of employment of the District mental health navigator. The position is dedicated to filling a growing and critical need by helping students across the District obtain access to mental and behavioral health care, including mental health assessment, care coordi-

nation and caregiver support.

Our students will also benefit from a two-year \$217,582 grant awarded to Bellefaire JCB. The grant allows Bellefaire JCB to continue provide behavioral health consultation and trauma-informed prevention services to our students through its

school-based counseling program.

Three Arches Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that invests in advancing the health and well-being of the residents of Lakewood and surrounding communities through its grant-making.

LISTEN & LEARN: JAN. 19

Superintendent Maggie Niedzwiecki will hold her third Listen & Learn session of the school year on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at 9 a.m. The session will be held at Propaganda Coffee, located at 17806 Detroit Ave. There is a public parking lot next to the building and street parking nearby.

The January Listen & Learn will feature Treasurer Kent Zeman as a special guest. Zeman will give a brief presentation on the

Listen & Learn

District's financial status and will entertain questions afterward. There will still be plenty of time for questions and comments for Superintendent Niedzwiecki as well.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFO NIGHT JAN. 20

The Lakewood City Schools' Kindergarten Parent Information Night for the 2022-2023 school year is set for Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Grant Elementary School.

The program will include a presentation by Director of Teaching & Learning Steven Ast, who will share details about the curriculum and the registration

process. Registration opens Monday, Jan. 24. Following the presentation, there will be a Q&A session, plus the chance to view the Grant kindergarten rooms. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2022 to enter kindergarten in Fall 2022. Please note that masks are required in all Lakewood City Schools buildings.

DISNEY DATE FOR LRMB!



The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band traveled to Orlando in November for a trip that included a highlight of marching down Main Street at Magic Kingdom!

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From the Treasurer:

We are pleased to present the Lakewood City School District's Financial Update for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. This report makes our District's finances easier to understand, and is intended to communicate our financial situation in an open and accountable manner.



The Financial Update summarizes the financial activities and operating results reported in the Lakewood City School District's audited Annual Financial Report. The Financial Update is unaudited and presented on a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principle) basis, which primarily deals with full disclosure and segregated funds.

The statement and the pie charts presented on these pages consist of the General Fund of the District. The General Fund is the largest fund from which most day-to-day programs and services are provided. The influx of federal funding related to the multiple coronavirus relief programs had a positive impact to expenditures in FY 2021. These one-time dollars are being used to help offset additional expenditures associated with the District's response to the pandemic. For more detailed financial information, including a discussion of key changes in financial data from last fiscal year, our economic condition and outlook, initiatives and accomplishments, please refer to a copy of the Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report will be posted to the website (www.lakewoodcityschools.org) upon completion of the audit process (generally in December).

The Lakewood City School District is proud of this report and the support offered by the Board of Education in its creation. Ultimately, we would like to thank our citizens for their encouragement in creating a report designed to more adequately address their needs as taxpayers, as well as for the opportunity to serve them. Questions, comments and feedback regarding this report are encouraged. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (216)529-4096 or kent.zeman@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent R. Zeman, CPA
Treasurer/CFO

RESOURCES TAKEN IN

		FY 2021
Local Taxes	61.11%	\$46,397,127
State Revenue	30.29%	\$22,997,150
Federal Revenue	0.51%	\$384,594
Investment Income	0.18%	\$135,014
Tuition & Fees	3.78%	\$2,867,249
Recreation Fees & Tuition	0.67%	\$510,608
Interfund Receipts	0.00%	\$-
Miscellaneous	3.47%	\$2,636,510
Total Revenue & Resources	100.00%	\$75,928,852

SERVICES PROVIDED

		FY 2021
Instruction	66.76%	\$49,403,733
Pupil Support	5.84%	\$4,227,818
Instructional Support	4.12%	\$3,031,739
Board & Administration	8.57%	\$6,307,435
Business Support	0.94%	\$675,675
Plant Operations	11.08%	\$7,534,733
Transportation	0.06%	\$114,669
Central Office	0.56%	\$354,291
Civic Auditorium	0.18%	\$145,426
Recreation	1.16%	\$1,194,098
Extracurricular	1.35%	\$976,708
Interfund Expenditures	0.00%	\$0

Total Expenditures & Services	100.00%	\$74,711,590
Revenue & Resources Over Expenditures & Services		\$1,217,262

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2013, the Board of Education created a Financial Advisory Committee to work with the District treasurer, superintendent, and the Board member assigned to the Finance Committee. The purpose of the committee is advisory in nature and to work in a cooperative and collaborative manner in the following areas: review the annual state audit and address any concerns; conduct a pre-audit and post-audit meeting; share business and financial "Best Practices;" review the Five-Year Forecast; and make an annual report to the Board.

The committee is comprised of three citizens who are Lakewood residents appointed by the Board. The Board sought citizens with financial and/or audit experience, such as CPAs, CFOs, CEOs, or bankers. In order to establish a rotation of filling one position each year, the first set of appointments include one member serving three years in length with the other two appointments being one- and two-year terms each.

The committee meets four to five times a year. Meetings dates are posted on the District calendar at www.lakewoodcityschools.org. Meetings are open to the public.

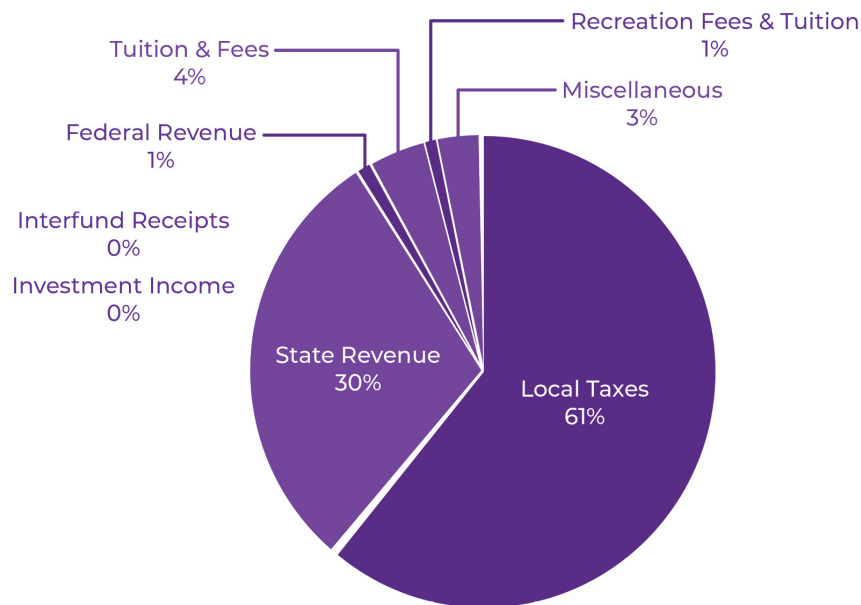
The following are the current committee members:

Dr. Kathleen Neal – term expires 12.31.23

Mr. Robert Torok – term expiring 12.31.21 (Vacancy)

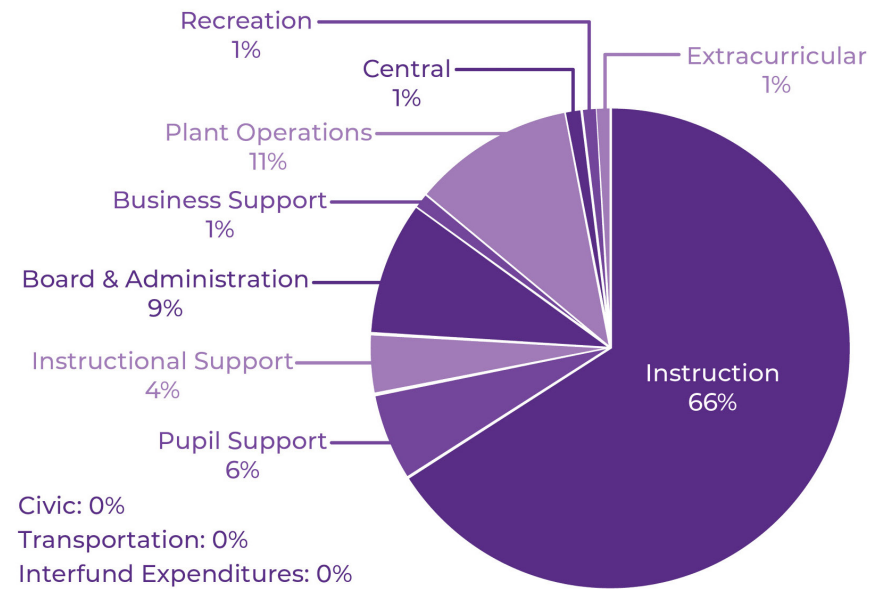
Mr. Peter Nelson – resigned recently; term ran until 12.31.24 (Vacancy)

Our Revenues and Resources Fiscal Year 2021: Where the General Fund Money Comes From



Total Revenues & Resources: \$75,928,852

Our Expenditures and Services Fiscal Year 2021: Where the Money Goes



Total Expenditures & Services: \$74,711,590

Definitions

Revenue & Resources:

Local Taxes is the largest revenue source for the District and is comprised of residential, commercial (retail), industrial (manufacturing), and public utilities taxes paid by the property owners.

State Revenue is comprised of state per pupil aid (approximately \$3,541 per pupil) and property tax relief reimbursement (better known as Homestead and Rollback). The Rollback reimbursement was eliminated for any issues approved after September 2013.

Federal Revenue is comprised of funds received relating to technology reimbursements (E-Rate) and Medicaid reimbursements relating to Federal programs.

Investment Income funds are derived from the investment of available funds in excess of the monthly cash flow requirements.

Tuition & Fees relates to receipts generated by tuition received from other districts the Lakewood City Schools is required to educate (i.e., the West Shore Career-Technical District), student school fees and pay to participate fees.

Recreation Fees & Tuition relates to receipts generated by Lakewood Community Recreation and Education for the activities and programs

offered throughout the year.

Interfund Receipts are comprised of internal transactions within the District that are directly offset by Interfund Expenditures.

Miscellaneous funds are made up of service agreements, building rentals, lease agreements, etc. (e.g. naming rights for First Federal Lakewood Stadium and First Federal Community Fitness Center and Track).

Expenditures & Services:

Instruction is the largest expenditure category and relates to the direct instruction of our students. Students are directly impacted by the expenditures in this category.

Pupil Support areas comprise all guidance services, health/safety monitors, health aides, nurses, speech, hearing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, and pupil accounting services.

Instructional Support costs include library services, curriculum development, staff training and licensed professional development committee.

Board & Administration costs represent those of the administration and Board of Education's operation of the District. Also included in this category is school building secretarial support

and financial services, such as payroll, accounts payable and receivable, auditing, budgeting and reporting, and data processing.

Business Support costs include business services such as copier expenditures.

Plant Operation expenditures relate to the safe and efficient environment of the school including building maintenance, grounds and custodial services, and utilities.

Transportation expenditures relate to providing transportation for special needs students who live in the Lakewood City School District.

Central Support expenditures include administrative technology services.

Civic expenditures include operation costs associated with the Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

Recreation expenditures account for the operations of the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department for the adult and youth programs provided to the residents of the City of Lakewood.

Extracurricular expenditures account for the salaries, benefits, and supplies for club and athletic related activities provided to the residents of the City of Lakewood.

REPORT CARD

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All courses and programs offered by the Lakewood City Schools and the West Shore Career Technical District are without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, creed, gender, marital status, disability, or age in its educational programs, activities, employment policies or admission policies as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The district provides equal access to Boy Scouts and other designated groups. Jeffrey Schlade serves as Title IX Coordinator and Lisa Bruening as 504 Officer.

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FALL ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Cross Country: James O'Donnell (1st Team); Charlie Payne, James Toole (2nd Team); Sadie Gregg, Josie Kavc, Ben Jablonowski, Ryan Smith (Honorable Mention); Eric Barber, Caleigh Naylor (Sportsmanship)

Golf: Jack Derethik, Logan Ellis (Honorable Mention); Justin Lacquement (Sportsmanship)

Football: Tico Jones (Lineman of the Year); Hakeem Quran, Lucas Winters (1st Team); Manny Awad, Brandyn Bates, Alex Symons (2nd Team); Eddie Gillick, Dylan Bennett, Aidan Maxwell (Honorable Mention); Eddie Gillick (Sportsmanship)

Soccer: Matthew Hueter, Sam Hudak, Eli LaDue, Dipesh

Magar, Lucy McIntire (1st Team); Mosawar Ali, Alanna Cunningham, Annette Doren, William Harvey, Andy Shoaff, Mallory Zavatchen (2nd Team); Alex Baguma, Lauren Barber, Clare McKay, Reka Sundem, Quincy Zvomuya (Honorable Mention); Clare McKay, Sam Stallbaum (Sportsmanship)

Tennis: Elma Coralic, Skylar Smith, Ava Molinski, Lay Lay Htoo (Honorable Mention); Sophia Stringer, Alexis Stringer (Sportsmanship)

Volleyball: Helen Hylton, Molly Pilgrim (1st Team); Sophia Boyer, Lexa Bunevich, Amy Pilgrim (2nd Team); Alexandria Russell, Elliot Snyder (Honorable Mention);



Tico Jones will play Division 1 football at Youngstown State.

Maren Jacobs (Sportsmanship)

Cheerleading: Anaula Simpson, Imani Griffin (Honorable Mention); Ella Munn (Sportsmanship)

LAKEWOOD PROJECT CONCERT JAN. 22

The nation's first high school electric rock orchestra, The Lakewood Project, will put on its annual winter concert on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7:30-9:30 pm in the Civic Auditorium. The concert theme is "Say My Name." The nationally acclaimed ensemble will perform greatest hits of songs that have names in their title such as Gloria, Tom Sawyer, Uma Thurman, Peg, and Jessie's Girl to name a few. You can buy tickets in advance online at www.payschoolevents.com or by calling the LHS Bookroom at 216-529-4047.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMPARTMENT: IT'S YOUR PLAY

This space will serve as a quarterly update on all the current and upcoming events related to the Rec Department.

Need something to do over the cold, winter months?

Go to one of the many athletic contests to cheer on our student athletes at Lakewood High, Harding and Garfield. Stop up at the high school pool to take a dip, jump off the diving board or swim laps. If it's too cold to walk

outside, come join our Fitness Facility that features an indoor walking track! All this information is available on our website: www.lakewoodrecreation.com.

One of the many and exciting partnerships we have is with Empower Sports, a non-profit organization that provides sports and exercise programs for children and adults with various physical and cognitive disabilities. We are specifically offer-

ing our upcoming programs to Lakewood City Schools students and Lakewood community members. Beginning March 3 - April 21 in the Garfield gym, we will once again have our basketball program from 6 - 7:15pm. Register through Empower Sports at www.empowersports.org. We welcome and encourage all volunteers for this program and if you are a student, you will be able to earn service hours. It is

a great opportunity for anyone to come help coach, play with the participants or simply cheer them on. Volunteers are a huge part of Empower Sports success, plus the athletes love to meet new people.

The department's next catalog is now available and on our website. If you have any questions about our activities or are interested in offering an activity, contact our office!