



## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This is an exciting time in the Mason City School District. We are now implementing our Master Facilities Plan that's been in the works since 2000! The Master Facilities Plan includes a modest addition to the Mason Early Childhood Center, some renovations inside Mason Intermediate School, and a total renovation of Mason Middle School. Under the plan that community members liked best, in 2019-2020 the district's preschool through second graders will attend the Mason Early Childhood Center; third through sixth graders will attend Mason Intermediate School; seventh and eighth graders will attend Mason Middle School; ninth through twelfth graders will attend Mason High School; and Western Row Elementary will close. Nearly \$34 million of the \$43 million plan is being paid for with tobacco settlement funds from the Ohio School Facilities Construction Commission, and the remaining costs have been planned for by the district and will not require voters to approve a bond-levy.

Our schools reflect what the community values. These community values set a standard far higher than any single test score. We measure academic success in many ways and carefully monitor our students level of preparation for further learning, meaningful work, and engaged citizenship. We are on a journey as a district to understand what it means to personalize learning. Part of that journey is becoming clearer on the ultimate goals we want for our learners. We share a commitment to develop the whole child--and that means going beyond our foundation of rigorous academics and rich opportunities for exploring the arts, careers, and other interests. We need to prepare students with the skills, resources, and mindsets necessary to face the challenges of a modern world--to be able to think, innovate, and relate to others. In short, we want them to be "Difference Makers." Over the past year, we engaged students, staff, parents, and community advisory groups in identifying a list of attributes that reflect the enduring qualities students need to adapt and learn; use knowledge in new ways; communicate ideas and plans; and inspire themselves and others. These crucial skills and mindsets include being an effective communicator, a collaborator, a creative innovator, a critical thinker, and a problem solver who is empathetic, flexible, optimistic, persistent, and resilient.

Mason has never settled for "good enough." Our schools are committed to "Growing Greatness Together," and that "together" includes you – our community. We are proud to deliver an exceptional education at a great value. We encourage you to share your ideas for helping our schools be even better. Share feedback by emailing [contactmason@masonohioschools.com](mailto:contactmason@masonohioschools.com) or tweet me @DocGKK.

Yours in Education,

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Superintendent



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# MASON CITY SCHOOLS 2017 QUALITY PROFILE



## GROWING GREATNESS TOGETHER

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# LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Mason is grateful that the community has supported the district's facility needs. Last year, we created more innovative spaces in our schools and teachers are getting rid of rows of desks thanks to the generous support of the Mason Schools Foundation, our School PTOs, and donors like you! As we implement the Master Facilities Plan over the next three years, we will shrink the district's footprint, and ensure that our school buildings are safe and high-quality for the next 50 years. **There is no bond/levy needed for this project.**

## 2017-2018 GOAL

Implement Master Facilities Plan that ensures projects support high-quality learning, are safe, and technology-ready.

### 2017-2018 Schools & Enrollment

**1,834 STUDENTS** Mason Early Childhood Center  
Grades PK-2

**1,026 STUDENTS** Western Row Elementary  
Grades 2-3

**2,410 STUDENTS** Mason Intermediate School  
Grades 4-6

**1,762 STUDENTS** Mason Middle School  
Grades 7-8

**3,599 STUDENTS** Mason High School  
Grades 9-12

### 2019-2020 Schools & Enrollment

**2,085 STUDENTS** Mason Early Childhood Center  
Grades PK-2

**3,203 STUDENTS** Mason Intermediate School  
Grades 3-6

**1,745 STUDENTS** Mason Middle School  
Grades 7-8

**3,573 STUDENTS** Mason High School  
Grades 9-12

### Funding the Master Facilities Plan

**\$42.2** million comes from the State Tobacco Settlement (OFCC)

**\$9** million from Local Business Tax Abatements

**\$0** from the District Operating Funds

# WHOLE CHILD

Education is about more than reading, math, and science. Mason students learn valuable life skills by taking advantage of clubs, the arts, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities. Growing the next generation of engaged citizens, problem-solvers, and leaders also means encouraging our students (and our administrators and teachers) to embrace a culture where students experience integration of learning and their life by embarking on projects outside of school that may include service learning and global learning.



## 2017-2018 GOAL

Grow all students by aligning academic and behavioral supports and enrichment into a comprehensive system.

**34.5**

% of students participating in band, choir, or orchestra (grades 6-12)

**37.2**

% of students participating in athletics (grades 7-12)

**69**

% of students participating in school-sponsored clubs (grades 6-8)

**75**

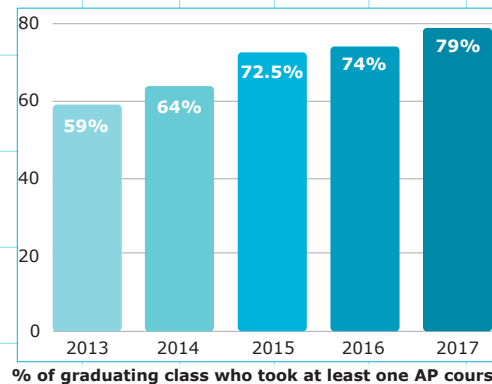
% of students participating in school-sponsored activities (grades 9-12)

**100**

% of elementary students participating in art, music, and PE

# ACADEMICS

The core of any strong school district is the academic success of its students and schools. We are excited to see so many more students stepping up to the challenge of taking rigorous course work (like AP classes) so that they are well-prepared for college. We know that to truly capture our students' readiness for life after high school, we need to help them think beyond grades, standardized tests, and term papers. We need to help them become lifelong learners, adaptable to grow and change in a world where change and innovation are the norm. Our students need to know how to chart a course for their learning, set goals, and reflect on their progress.



% of graduating class who took at least one AP course

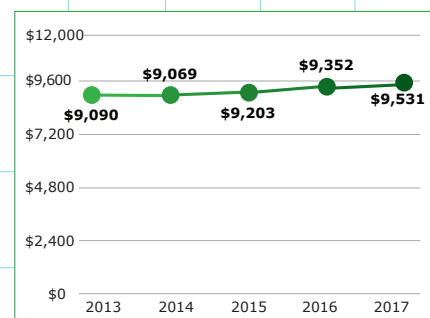
## 2017-2018 GOAL

Increase opportunities for student-driven learning by developing a personalized learning implementation plan.



# FINANCES

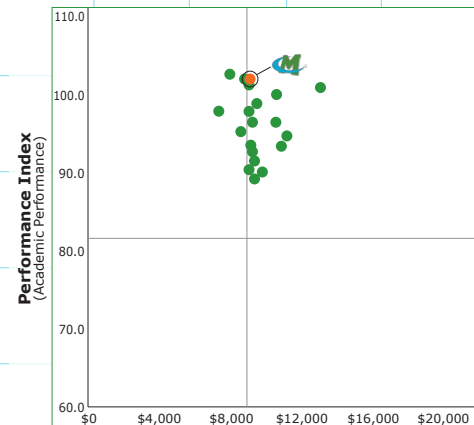
Mason City Schools is committed to fiscal stewardship. We care about the partnership we have with our families and community to support our students' educational needs in an efficient manner, and are watchful of how much financial responsibility is borne by local taxpayers. The district has not passed an operating levy since 2005.



Expenditure per pupil  
FY'13 - FY'17  
Ohio Department of Education

## 2017-2018 GOAL

Enhance understanding of district finances by engaging staff, community stakeholders, parents, and business partners.

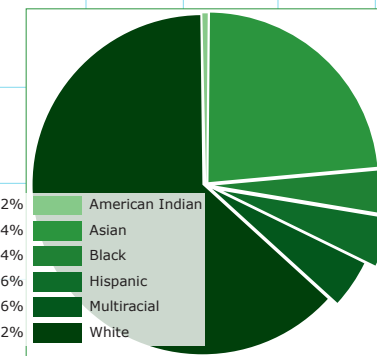


# DIVERSITY

One of the reasons the Mason City School District is such a thriving, vibrant place is because of the diversity of our neighbors. We live in a multicultural community, and we have a responsibility to ensure our students are prepared to thrive in the global world. It is important that our schools are safe spaces where all learners are seen, valued, cared for, and respected as their full selves.

## 2017-2018 GOAL

Examine use of culturally responsive practices that acknowledge and value diversity.



**8.1%** of students are at an economic disadvantage

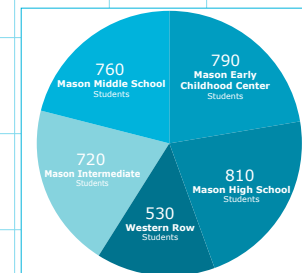
**93%** of students have disabilities

**37.9%** of students are gifted

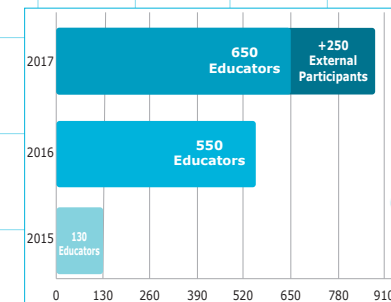
**93%** of students have limited English proficiency

# INNOVATION

"Take a risk!" is the call to action from George Couros, author of *The Innovator's Mindset* during this year's Mason Learning Series featuring Class of 2013's Peeyush Shrivastava and Class of 2020's Maanasa Mendu, and over 200 Mason teachers leading sessions. In Mason, we recognize that innovation goes way beyond technology. In the knowledge economy, our learners need to be self-starters who are persistent and have an appetite for strategic risk-taking. The most compelling careers in the future are those that people create for themselves. Our talented educators are fearlessly embracing that change is constant, and learning is personal.



**Mason Schools Foundation Catalyst Grants:** 3610 students impacted by \$25,000 in MFS grants and \$5,000 in Mason Schools investments. 40 total grants were awarded for Innovative Classroom Redesign, STEAM, Maker Space, and Genius Hour.



**Growing the Mason Learning Series:** Locally grown professional learning focused on innovation in the classrooms and schools.

## 2017-2018 GOAL

Increase student innovation by aligning STEM/STEAM opportunities, and experiential learning.

