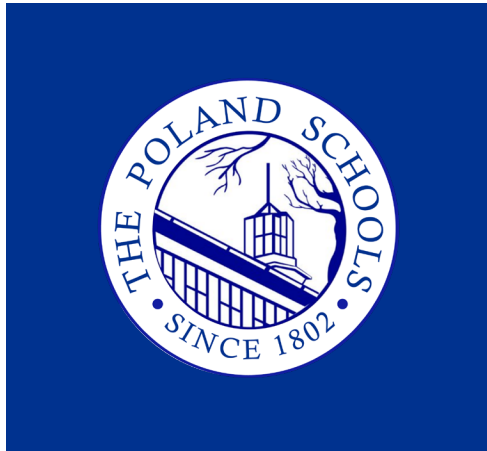


THE BULLDOG BULLETIN



2022-23

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

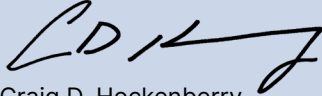
Dear Poland Residents,

It is with great pride and excitement that the Poland Local School District releases the 2022-2023 Bulldog Bulletin. I am extremely proud of our talented students in the district, the outstanding teaching staff providing a high quality education, and our school programming that enables students to excel and further develop their skills.

The Poland Local Schools continues to carry a tradition of excellence and remains one of the highest-performing school districts in Ohio. In every category, our students achieve at the highest levels. This is a testament to our dedicated staff improving excellence every day.

I hope you find this district bulletin informative and see the excellence of Poland Local Schools. Our success is made possible by the continued support of our stakeholders. Please continue to follow us on our social media and website for the latest district updates.

Poland is always #OntheMove.

Sincerely,

Craig D. Hockenberry
Superintendent of Schools



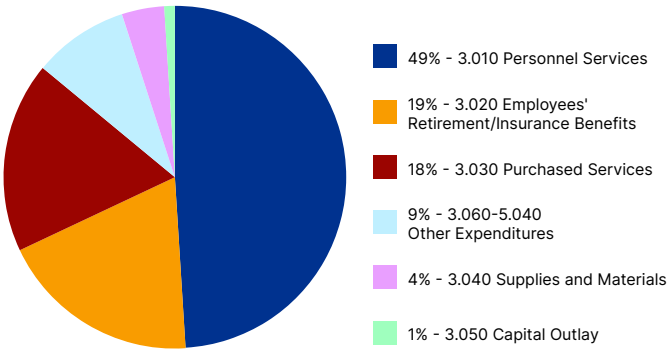
Back Row, L to R: Dr. Laurent Dinopoulos, Board President; Mr. Craig Hockenberry, Superintendent; Mr. Troy Polis; Mr. Larry Warren
Front Row, L to R: Mrs. Michelle Elia; Mrs. Janet Muntean, CFO/ Treasurer; Mrs. Annie Dominic, Board Vice President



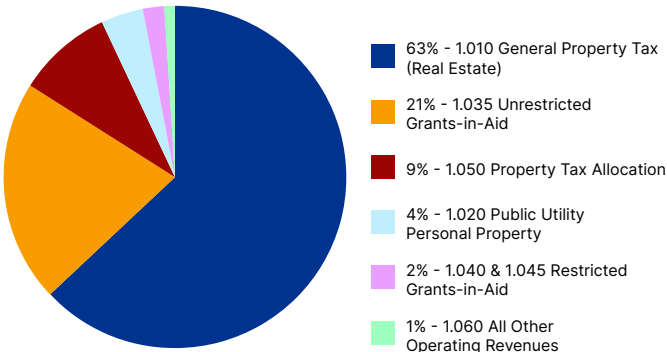
Superintendent Hockenberry hosted over 200 community engagement sessions, seeking input and feedback regarding the future of facilities in Poland Local School District. The sessions will continue into November 2023 and allow the community to view the current plan. Community members can plan a session by emailing

chockenberry@polandschools.org

FY23 EXPENSES

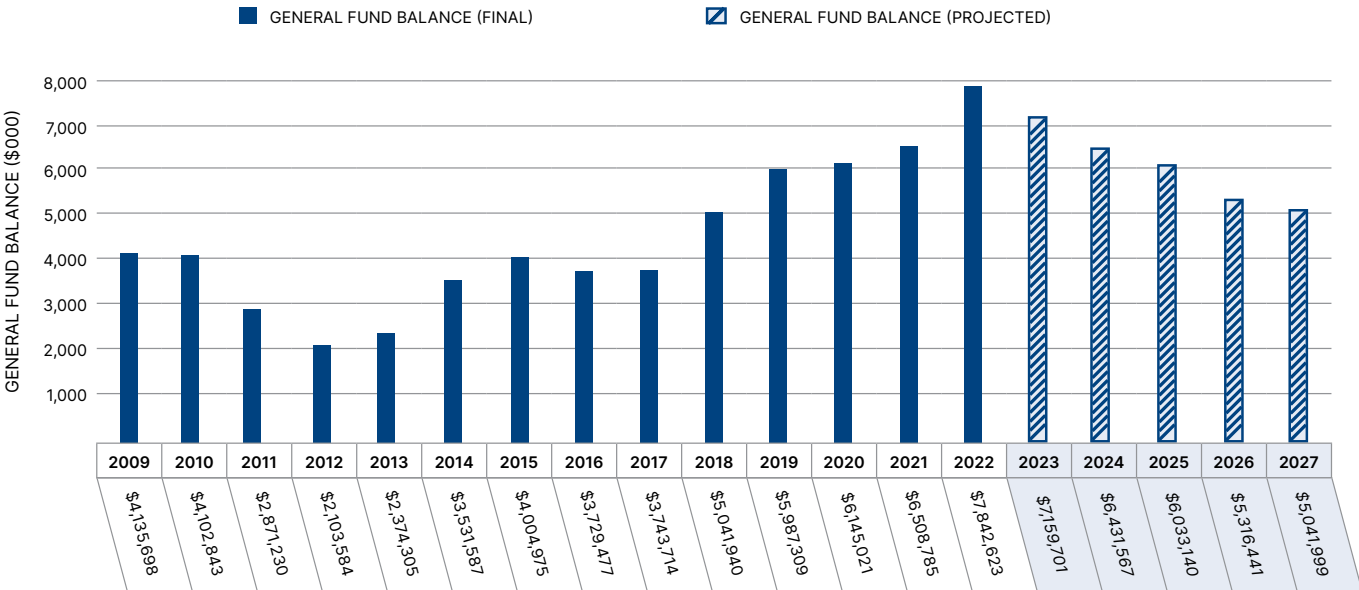


FY23 REVENUE



Note: Expense and Revenue values are projections based on the May 2023 Five-Year Forecast.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE



Note: Numbers are based upon fiscal projections and are subject to change. General fund balance data is extracted from line 15.010 from Five-Year Forecasts. Balances for 2023 onward are from projections made in the May 2023 Five-Year Forecast.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	JVS	23	TOTAL
2017-18	107	133	119	142	130	122	141	150	148	174	150	166	188	36	2	1908
2018-19	121	114	128	121	146	129	125	143	158	140	171	140	145	33	0	1814
2019-20	117	116	118	130	134	144	129	124	147	142	136	157	137	28	0	1759
2020-21	123	125	114	128	130	136	140	126	122	144	142	123	150	25	0	1728
2021-22	139	126	123	116	127	133	131	139	125	115	140	143	137	35	0	1729
2022-23	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	140	118	104	127	125	33	3	1715
2023-24	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	140	118	104	127	17*	TBD	1713
2024-25	142	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	140	118	104	TBD	TBD	1711
2025-26	142	140	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	140	118	TBD	TBD	1747
2026-27	142	146	140	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	140	TBD	TBD	1775
2027-28	142	142	146	140	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	136	TBD	TBD	1777
2028-29	142	142	142	146	140	142	135	146	125	129	128	128	138	TBD	TBD	1783

JVS = Joint Vocational School (MCCTC) | *11th grade JVS attendance for 2023-24 to be determined

ON THE MOVE



Poland Local Schools' weekly video updates on YouTube reached over 5,000 people with over 250 average viewers per week. The videos covered important updates for families regarding facilities, events, and achievements.

SOCIAL STATS

 2.1k likes, 1.5k followers

 1.3k followers

 350 subscribers

 340 followers

1,488 COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS
SEMESTER HOURS
EARNED BY
CLASS OF 2023

QUIZ BOWL

Poland Seminary High School's Quiz Bowl team was tested this year in the Mahoning League Tournament. The students proved their wit in all categories, leading to another successful season! Junior AJ Ladigo was named All-League Third Team!



WHO'S THE CAKE BOSS?



Poland Seminary High School Culinary Fundamentals classes competed in a friendly cake bake-off! The students chose "Superheroes" as the theme and got to baking and designing. The designs were intricate and resembled each

superhero. From confetti to red velvet, the cakes were full of flavor and utilized Rice Krispie design elements! We've got some culinary artists at PSHS!

DEEP DIVE INTO HISTORY



Fourth grade classes took deep dives into Ohio and Youngstown history. The Mahoning Valley Historical Society visited to share a traveling exhibit that showed how Youngstown was built on steel. They also learned of Ohio's pivotal role in the 19th century. The lessons taught the difference between primary and secondary sources. The students also celebrated Ohio's 220th birthday by researching the coolest facts from Ohio's past.

CHAMPION DAY

Our Bulldog Buddies attended Champion Day at Canfield High School to participate in athletic festivities! Students ran through the marching band tunnel when their names were called. They participated in many fun sport and outdoor activities. A few weeks after Champion Day, our Bulldog Buddies were ready to cheer on our Bulldogs from the best seat in the house... the sidelines! Our cheer and football team welcomed their VIP fans onto the field for a night of fun.



YSU ENGLISH FESTIVAL



Junior High students represented Poland in the YSU English Festival. Seventh grade students Josh Hanuscak, Jack Downie and Xander McHargue won first prize in the Not So Trivial Pursuit Game. Monica Moore won Honorable Mention for Impromptu Essay Writing. McKenna Daley won a Fourth Place prize for Impromptu Essay Writing.

STEM TAKES FLIGHT



STEM students at Poland Middle School participated in a challenge to have their experiments tested in microgravity. Utilizing Sphero BOLT devices, the students proposed that fuel tank surface tension could be broken with Spheros in the fuel tank. The proposal was sent to the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium and will fly in microgravity with Mrs. Marconi. That is "out-of-this-world" talent!

SPEECH/DEBATE TO STATE!



Congratulations to our PSHS Speech & Debate team on a successful season. Five students qualified for the trip to Columbus. Juniors Liam Burk and Owen Puhl advanced to the national competition in Phoenix, AZ. They have a way with their words!

RIGHT TO READ WEEK

Right to Read Week was held in February to promote literacy at McKinley Elementary. Principal Beard staged a "Stop, Drop, and Read" event where community leaders visited and surprised every classroom with a story. The students dressed for theme days and enjoyed reading many books. Some classes even got to make green eggs and ham!



SCIENCE FAIR

The 6th grade class participated in the first Poland Middle School Science Fair. Students demonstrated their excellence in the scientific method and presentation in front of judges and the community. Over 100 projects were on display, covering experiments with foods, plants, and electricity.



Jake Hagler won Best in Show with "One Second... I'm Lagging."



Matthew Hymes won 2nd overall with "Under Pressure."



Noah Babyak won 3rd overall with "Bizzare Batteries."

BULLDOG BUDDIES



Future Bulldogs at the Dobbins Early Learning Center had "Pen-Pals" from the PSHS Child Development class who surprised them with a visit. The buddies participated in activities together and formed great friendships.

CLASS VIDEO FEATURES



This year, over 15 classroom projects were featured on the Poland Local Schools YouTube channel. From Mrs. Wilson's third grade "Bottle Flip Challenge" to "Perusing Poetry" with Ms. Aebischer's eighth grade classes, you can watch all the fun at:

[POLANDBULLDOGS.COM/YOUTUBE](https://www.polandbulldogs.com/youtube)



BOYS SWIM/DIVE

8 NE8 CONFERENCE TITLES



CHAMPIONS!



GIRLS GOLF



GIRLS TENNIS



BOYS TENNIS



GIRLS SOCCER



BOYS SOCCER



GIRLS BASKETBALL



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

STATE FINALISTS

LOGAN FLAMENT
CROSS COUNTRY

CHRISTOPHER LATTANZIO
SWIM

DOMINIC ELIA
DIVING

DOMINIC PAGAN
WRESTLING

NE8 CHAMPIONS: BOYS BASKETBALL



8TH GRADE
16-0 (8-0 NE8)

9TH GRADE
15-3 (12-0 NE8)



BACK TO COLLEGE STREET



Above: Poland Middle School Basketball Court with refurbished flooring

The Poland Middle School Basketball court received a well-needed makeover this year. The flooring was repainted and waxed, inviting a new season of junior high school basketball. In November 2022, we kicked off the season by welcoming our community "Back To College Street" for a night to meet all of our basketball and cheer teams.

SOFTBALL SLIDES INTO NEW HOME



For the first time ever, the Bulldogs Softball and Baseball teams played games on the same campus. The Poland Softball Stadium was built on the PSHS campus with improved dugouts and attached bullpens, a scoreboard, press box, and new field. The Lady Bulldogs won their first game on the field and welcomed back Hall-of-Fame members to throw honorary first pitches.



STICKING WITH LACROSSE



The club sport of Lacrosse has taken Poland by storm! Interest in the program has surged in the last three years. Our lacrosse teams had successful seasons on the field with many impressive victories. The popularity of the sport in college yields more advancement opportunities for high school seniors, and PSHS seniors who gained unique experience in Poland are now headed to play lacrosse in college!



Senior Ben Harrell will attend Taylor University on a lacrosse scholarship.



Senior Sarah Forsyth will attend Ursuline College, the first Lady Bulldog to earn scholarship in Lacrosse.



Kindergarten
SOPHIE
FUN

"We get to run around and have fun at recess!"



2nd
CAM
FOOTBALL

"Being on the football team is really fun!"



1st
LEVI
HELPING

"Helping others is good for the country and its people."



3rd
LEAH
CHEERING

"Cheering is really fun!"

13 reasons we love being

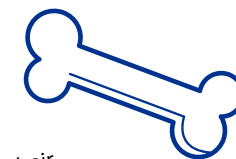


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4th
MADDIE
LOVE

"Who doesn't love their friends and family?"



6th
MADDOX
RESPECT

"Being part of this respectful community is so nice to have."



5th
STONE
FAMILY

"When we fall, we all fall. When we win, we all win. That's family."



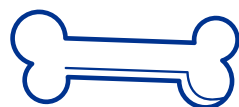
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7th
RYAN
FRIENDS

"I've made so many friends from school."



9th
DOUGLAS
TEACHERS

"Our teachers are devoted to our learning and journey to success."



8th
MCKENNA
INCLUSION

"We're a big family that helps and participates with each other."



10th
KATE
COMMUNITY

"Everyone is so willing to be there for each other."



11th
NADIA
COACHES

"Our coaches empower us and are friends we can rely on."



12th
ANDREW
ATMOSPHERE

"The positive vibe is everywhere. We're always doing something exciting."





POLAND PLAYERS

Continuing a tradition of excellence, The Poland Players displayed their talents in a fall play and a winter musical. "A Christmas Carol" wowed audiences leading into the holiday season.

Luck was on Poland's side in their showing of *Guys and Dolls*. The cast and crew contained over 60 talented students who put the show together in less than 3 months!

BAND & CHOIR



Many PSHS musicians participated in OMEA District 5 Solo and Ensemble contest this year. They prepared and performed challenging pieces and earned many Superior and Excellent ratings.



The Poland Seminary High School bands and choirs performed two concerts and participated in an adjudicated clinic. The groups earned high praise for their talent and challenging repertoire. The middle school and junior high bands demonstrated great progress in the winter and spring concerts. The PSHS Marching Band demonstrated excellence at every showing this season including halftime and parades.

PSHS ART

Students in art classes at PSHS demonstrated their talent in different media, including photography. Artists took to sculpting, jewelry-making, and traditional painting to decorate our halls. This year, we even allowed senior artists to turn our parking lot into their canvases!

- Right:
1. Joseph Hillyer's "Untitled" double exposure photo
 2. A clay penguin and cat sculpture
 3. Johnny & Jenna Spagnola's parking spot
 4. Senior Andy Clark painting parking spot

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EXCEPTIONAL ART SHOW

Poland hosted its annual Exceptional Art Show in April. Young artists with exceptional abilities from Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana County schools were celebrated with displays of their creations.



Left:
Donovan Mosco's
"Jimmy at School"
2D Art



Right:
PSHS Field House
with art displays



Right:
Lillian Sayre's
Arctic Animal
Watercolor Art



Left:
Christian Latimer's
Saran Wrap Heart
Print Art

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



60 PSHS students were inducted into National Honor Society in April. These students represent the values of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

HONORS BANDS



PSHS musicians made their way into OMEA District V Honors Bands. Five junior high and four high school students earned spots in the District V Honors Concert Band. Three musicians from the PSHS Jazz Band earned chairs in the District V Honors Jazz Band. These students are some of the best young musicians in the area.



14 STUDENT ATHLETES
SIGNED
TO COLLEGES

LEANING INTO LITERACY

Poland Local Schools doubled down on literacy this year with many new initiatives. The district hosted the first summer school literacy program called "Making Summer Count: Double Down on Reading."

Literacy education even made its way to Dobbins Early Learning Center this year, introducing our preschoolers to foundational literacy concepts. Literacy remains a top educational priority, and the district will introduce new, modernized curriculum to grades K-5 next year.



2023 VALEDICTORIANS



Congratulations to the 8 valedictorians of Poland Seminary High School's Class of 2023!

(Left to Right):
Daniel Pike, Grace Jaronski, Logan Flament, Katie Justice, Andrew Clark, Bella Beight, Andrew Slaven, Ava Gallo

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!



The 141 graduates of the PSHS Class of 2023 earned over \$3,790,000 in scholarships to attend over 30 different schools/institutions post-graduation. The district is proud of its graduates and wish them success in their futures.

Their achievements were celebrated at the graduation ceremony on May 27.

Class Speaker Logan Flament addressed the graduating class.



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SAFETY GRANTS

Poland Local Schools received multiple safety grants in 2022-2023 that allowed the district to complete the following projects:

- Installed additional security cameras to campus & school buses
- Purchased Raptor Security Computers for safer access & entry protocols
- Improved signage and numbering at entry doors for emergency response teams
- Changed PSHS door locks in routine re-keying

The district is discussing more security projects for the 2023-24 school year.



TRANSPORTATION



OVER 200,000 MILES DRIVEN 330,000+ STUDENTS PICKED UP & DROPPED OFF

FOOD SERVICES

The Food Services department introduced new items to the menu this year, including salads, wraps, and fruit/vegetables. Some PSHS students were invited to a "test kitchen" to vote on new items to be added to the menu.



OVER 85,000 MEALS SERVED

BULLDOG COUNTRY

Welcome to Bulldog Country! Poland Local Schools introduced new signage on the PSHS campus and at Dobbins Central Office. A bleacher jersey was added to the PSHS Stadium visitors stands. Decorative windscreens were added to the PSHS Tennis courts. All properties received beautiful landscaping too.



SENSORY ROOM

Thanks to the generosity of our community and donors, Poland Local School District was able to open a brand new sensory room at McKinley Elementary. The room features a rock-climbing wall, mini trampoline, exercise equipment, and sensory tools for the best "brain-breaks" in Poland.

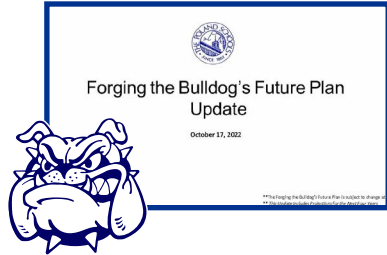


FORGING THE BULLDOG FUTURE

In Fiscal 2023, The Poland Board of Education approved the district's "Forging the Bulldog Future" plan as presented by Treasurer, Janet Muntean and Director of Operations, Matt McKenzie. The plan outlines anticipated repairs/projects and their projected costs. The following projects are scheduled for the coming months:

- Classroom renovations at McKinley for class-size reduction
- Resurfacing parking lot at Poland Seminary High School
- Exploring new bus garage options
- Minor improvement projects

View the full "Forging the Bulldog Future":
POLANDBULLDOGS.COM/BULLDOG-FUTURE



FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATED: 05/27/2023

An objective of the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan was to develop a facilities master plan that will be innovative and varied for the 21st-century learning environment while maintaining the historic tradition of our community. Administrators have hosted community engagement sessions and presented their findings at board meetings and retreats. In Summer 2023, Poland Local Schools will present resolutions to the Board of Education that would formalize the Facilities Master Plan.

The plan includes new elementary school, middle school, and high school buildings. The elementary school would host grades K-5 and be located on the current North Elementary property. The middle school would host grades 6-8 and be located on the current Poland Middle School property. The high school would host grades 9-12 and be located on the current Poland Seminary High School property. The current Dobbins facility would be used as the preschool and administration building. The current McKinley Elementary would be demolished. Plans for the current Union Elementary are to be determined. The McKinley/Middle School Connector, PSHS Field House, Poland Stadium, and softball/baseball fields would be preserved.

FINANCES

The Board of Education met in regular session on May 17, 2023 and approved the following resolutions:

(#2023-45) Declaring the Necessity of Submitting the Single Question of the Issuance of School Improvement Bonds in the Aggregate principal amount of \$105,440,000. for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district building and facilities.

&

(#2023-44) Accepting the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Establishment of the New Scope, Estimated Basic Project Cost and Local Share in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (LAPSED). This would result in the Commission contributing \$17,517,095.03.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
POLANDBULLDOGS.COM/FACILITIES-MASTER-PLAN



K-5

CONCEPT ONLY - NOT FINAL



6-8

CONCEPT ONLY - NOT FINAL



9-12

CONCEPT ONLY - NOT FINAL

Images Source: GPD Group



BIG DOG LITTLE DOG

Leaders from PSMS visited McKinley Elementary during study halls to help younger Bulldogs with activities. This weekly initiative sparked new friendships that inspired positivity and happiness among students.



INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club at PSMS began new initiatives this year, such as recognizing a staff member of the month, local cleanups, and assisting the Poland Rotary with flag distribution. The group of more than 50 PSMS students volunteered over 300 hours in our community, helping at different Poland events and opportunities.



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Poland Local Schools collected over 14,000 food items for the Poland Interfaith Pantry during a two-week canned food drive. PSMS Student Council members delivered the items to the pantry. Last year's drive helped those in need for one full year!

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THANK YOU, PTO

We had so much fun at our parties and events this year!



PAWSITIVELY KINDNESS

The Pawsitive Leaders Club at McKinley and the Kindness Club at Poland Middle helped our community in amazing ways this year. McKinley students created cards for teachers and different media to promote good behavior. The Kindness Club wrote cards to local nursing homes, knitted/tied blankets for those in need, and hosted a necessities and clothing drive.



2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Staff Professional Days	August 15 - 17 + 21, 2023
First Day of Classes	August 22, 2023
Kindergarten Staggered Start	August 22 - 25, 2023
Canfield Fair - No Classes	August 31 - September 1, 2023
Labor Day - No Classes	September 4, 2023
Parent Teacher Conferences - No Classes	October 12, 2023
PEA Day - No Classes	October 13, 2023
Professional Development - No Classes	October 16, 2023
End of First Quarter	October 27, 2023
Professional Development - No Classes	November 20, 2023
Thanksgiving Recess - No Classes	November 21 - 24, 2023
Winter Recess - No Classes	December 18, 2023 - January 2, 2024
Professional Development - No Classes	January 3, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Classes	January 15, 2024
End of Second Quarter / First Semester	January 19, 2024
Parent Teacher Conferences - No Classes	February 15, 2024
Presidents' Day - No Classes	February 16 - 19, 2024
End of Third Quarter	March 22, 2024
Professional Development - No Classes	March 28, 2024
Spring Recess - No Classes	March 29 - April 5, 2024
Memorial Day - No Classes	May 27, 2024
Last Day of Classes - End of Fourth Quarter / Second Semester	June 5, 2024
Teachers' Last Day	June 6, 2024

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Poland Local Schools
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Poland, OH 44514



Mrs. Holly Wilson
Distinguished Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Alexa Sweeney Blackann ('98)
Distinguished Alumna of the Year



Mrs. Lori DeLisio
Distinguished Staff of the Year



The Poland Schools Foundation named Mrs. Holly Wilson, McKinley Elementary teacher, as the Distinguished Teacher of the Year. Lori DeLisio, McKinley/PMS monitor, was named Distinguished Staff Member of the Year. Mrs. Alexa Sweeney Blackann was the Distinguished Alumna of the Year. They were recognized at the annual Recognition Banquet in May.

The Poland Schools Foundation awarded over \$2,500 in mini-grants to teachers at Poland Local Schools this year. Grants supported teachers with interactive materials to improve the learning experience.

You can learn more about the Poland Schools Foundation at:
POLANDSCHOOLSFOUNDATION.COM



Our district was supported by School Resource Officers (SROs) on campus this year. We are very thankful for the Poland Village Police Department and Poland Township Police Department and their support during school days, at extracurricular events, and in our community. We thank every officer who supported our district this year.

