

QUALITY REPORT 2023

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Superintendent's Message

Timothy L. Saxton



As we step into the 2023-24 school year, we're excited to share this annual report showcasing the incredible opportunities that await our students. Our favorite colors will always be maroon and white, but we believe that "blue ribbon blue" will also be used often this year!

Safety First, Always: The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community members remain our top priority. We've diligently worked on enhancing safety protocols, and this school year we will implement a new electronic FOB system for all staff members that includes photo badges that every Spartan employee will wear. From smart technology to vigilant personnel, we're committed to maintaining a safe and nurturing atmosphere for everyone.

Inspiring Spaces: Over the past year, we've invested in extensive building upgrades including LED lighting district wide, partial roof replacements for two school buildings, and by the end of this school year, all buildings will be fully air conditioned. We also continue to develop outdoor learning and social/emotional spaces where students feel welcome and safe.

Endless Pathways: From advanced STEM programs to enriching arts, our diverse curriculum empowers students to explore their passions. BHS is continually developing career-oriented classes and our educators are guiding students every step of the way.

Community Unity: Our partnerships with parents, local businesses, and community groups play a pivotal role in shaping each student's experience. Together, we inspire the leaders of tomorrow. With Safety, innovation, and opportunity at our core, we're set for a year of growth and achievement for our students and our schools!

You may notice our School Board handing out diplomas at Commencement...but you will also see them day to day, supporting students and staff.

Together, they have 48 years experience as Board Members, and take great care as they make decisions that affect our Spartan families.

Whether it's reading in a classroom, shaking hands on senior night, thanking staff as they retire, or sponsoring scholarships--our Board leads our Spartan mission:

Together, We Transform Lives Through Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.

Board of Education Members

John Landers, President

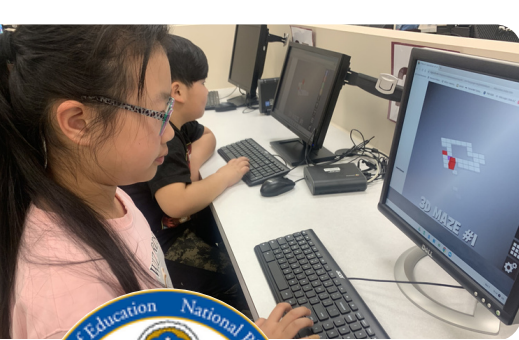
John Fryda, Vice President

Jeff Barone

Vickie Davis

Frank Zetts





National Blue Ribbon Schools On the Verge of a Boardman Trifecta ?

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you as we begin the new school year.

Robinwood Lane Elementary has been selected as one of only 14 Ohio schools to be nominated for a prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools Award in 2023. We eagerly await the announcement from the US Department of Education this Fall, when they will reveal the winners of this esteemed award.

While the competition is fierce, we are filled with hope and optimism that Robinwood will be counted among the recipients and be recognized as one of the nations best!

Boardman is so proud of all our Spartan students, staff and families! We currently have two National Blue Ribbon Elementary Schools: Stadium Drive in 2018, and 2-time national winner West Boulevard in 2011, and 2020. The awards confirm what we already know...Our three elementary schools are the very best in the valley, and the strongest start to the exceptional education that is BOARDMAN!



State and National Recognition

Middle School A.D.
of the Year



SECO Leadership in
Science Education



MLK State Essay Winners



Meredith & Aiden

Abby Russo



Governor's Art Show

So what's a positive outlier?..

Something to celebrate!

Big Spartan
LITTLE SPARTAN



Positive Outliers, according to the Ohio Department of Education, are schools K-12 that perform at higher than expected levels in reading and math on state assessments. They are identifying children's needs, closing learning gaps, and finding consistent success.

Last spring, ODE partnered with researchers from the Ohio Education Research Center at Ohio State, and chose only 25 schools from across Ohio to study their teaching methods and supports. Researchers visited just 25 school buildings, and 3 of them were our elementary schools: Robinwood Lane, Stadium Drive and West Boulevard Elementaries--Each is a Positive Outlier.

Researchers talked with our principals, teachers, counselors, technology aides, and even school nurses to see what we are doing, and how other schools in Ohio can model our successful strategies as best practices.

#SpartanOutliers #SpartanProud



AWARD-WINNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Boardman uses the phonics based 'Really Great Reading' program along with our 'Wonders' curriculum to spark enthusiasm for learning.

New ideas are a constant with our amazing teachers.

For instance, Stadium Drive second graders enjoyed a 'Japan Day.'

Everyone wore white shirts with navy pants since most Japanese schools have uniforms. They learned Japanese words and numbers, origami and Haiku poems. Their favorite was a Japanese lunch of veggie, crab or spring rolls, fried rice and Mochi ice cream!



Raising the Bar

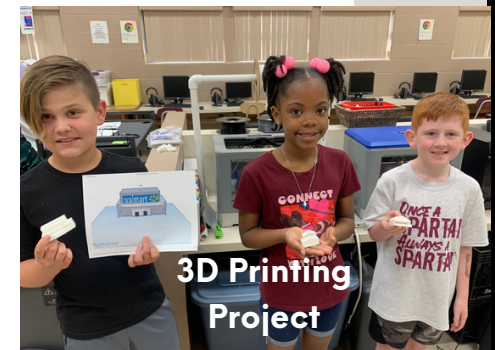
Our Strength starts with great partnerships!

United Way's Success by Six kindergarten readiness program gets our youngest Spartans off to a strong start. The free 3-week summer program focuses on motor skills, classroom procedures, bus safety, and includes time for art, STEM, and fun outdoors.

PTA is a strong network in each elementary building. Educational events like Professor Steve's Magic of Science, along with classroom parties, a joint Spartan Stadium Movie Night, Right to Read and Field Days to name a few.

Boardman Township: Our police and fire are very visible to our young Spartans, bringing police dogs and sharing safety lessons at each building.

Traditionally, West Boulevard 3rd graders take a field trip to the township building to understand community services. They each pick township landmarks and design & print 3D models. They then place those models on a life-size grid map to see how services are spread out across Boardman. It's layered learning at its best!!



INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING IN AN UPLIFING ENVIRONMENT

Robinwood Smart Cookies



Mrs. Yurko's 3rd grade class enjoyed 'dress like an idiom day.' What a fun way to learn about these peculiar expressions made up of unrelated words to the concept they represent. Can you tell the 'Smart Cookies' from the 'Tough Cookie'?



BOARDMAN CENTER INTERMEDIATE



More than 840 4th, 5th, & 6th graders...

- Engaged by Technology
- 2 Fully-Equipped Tech Labs
- 3D Printing
- Coding
- Robotics
- Google Workspace
- Internet Safety
- OH WOW Classroom Visits
- 3 Full Time Counselors
- SEL Center
- New Kindness Club
- Sensory Resource Room
- Orchestra, Band or Choir
- Studio Art, Ceramics, Weaving
- State MLK Essay Winner
- Green Team Billboard Winner

The NEW SEL Center

The SEL Center is a unique space focused on social emotional learning. Here we concentrate on coping skills, relationship building, and positive interactions. Our SEL Center includes a 90-Gallon aquarium complete with corals and tropical fish, a LEGO Center, various games and activities, and new for this school year: A Flex Farm Hydroponic Garden and 4 'Peloton style' exercise bikes.

BCIS IS A SAFE AND WELCOMING PLACE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN, GROW, AND CREATE LIFELONG SKILLS



BE CREATIVE!

'Sandlot' Wins 1st Place
in Halloween Contest



BE HANDS ON!

Little STEAMers work with High
School mentors building catapults



BE ECO-FRIENDLY!

New in 2023!
BCIS Recycling Club



BOARDMAN GLENWOOD JUNIOR HIGH



2022-2023 Banner Year

- \$30,000 in National, State, and Local Grants
- New Recycled Garden & Outdoor Learning Pavilion
- Weather Balloon Launch Featured on INSIDE Edition
- STEAM Night Attracts Families for Hands-On Fun
- Chess Club Doubles as School Wide Interest Explodes
- NEOEA Green School Award Winner as a Leader in Environmental Education
- 40 String Players Performed OMEA Solo and Ensemble Event with Superior/Excellent Ratings
- District 5 Honors Band with 5 BGJHS 1st Chairs
- 50 Students Performed the Musical "Moana"
- Well-Equipped Maker Space and Robotics Programs
- Traditional 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip



BGJHS is one of only 250 schools across the country with the highly respected Bryt Program in place.

Bryt helps students struggling with mental health, addiction, or family trauma that jeopardizes their ability to remain in school successfully.

A full-time clinical counselor and an academic instructor work together in a welcoming classroom setting at Glenwood. More than 40 students have transitioned back into general classes successfully since the program's inception in the Fall of 2021. (Partially funded by Mahoning County Mental Health Board)

National Spotlight



STEAM

Recycled Garden 15K Grant

SPARTAN SPIRIT

7 AAC CHAMPION TEAMS

Girls Cross Country
Boys & Girls Bowling
Boys & Girls Swimming
Girls Track
Boys Tennis

STATE & NATIONAL COMPETITORS

Lexi Beadle /Wrestling
Tyler Cherne, Logan Thompson/Track
David D'Altorio, Brock Farris/ XC
RJ Keating/Diving
Madison Murphy, Lexxi Mihok,
Gina DiNapoli, Petra Crnjak,
Caleb Satterfield /Swimming
Girls Bowling Team
Austin Rule/ Boys Bowling

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Gabby Vennetti/Cross Country
Madison Murphy/Swimming
Caleb Satterfield/Swimming
Kaitlyn Greenaway/ Bowling

**You cannot imagine how talented our Spartans are, but BSTN has proof...
Live streamed and then captured forever on BSTN YouTube.**



PROJECT MAYHEM ROCK ORCHESTRA



BSTN STUDENT PRODUCTIONS 2022-23

48 Sports Events
XC Spartan Invitational
11 College Signings
12 Community Events
30 Concerts K-12
Band Night & Drum Night
2 BHS Musicals
30 School & Community Interviews



WORLD WIDE TRUMPET SENSATION



BOARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL



CONSTRUCTION SKILLS AT WORK



FAIR HOUSING CONTEST WINNER

Several students in BHS's Pre-apprenticeship Woods Program earned skilled trades scholarships in 2023. They also built a sturdy legacy: a maroon storage shed for the high school recycling program.

Digital art skills and marketing know-how helped BHS freshman Dimitra Coutris win YCAR's Banner Contest. BHS Art Department earned a \$3,500 Grant, and Dimitra won \$100 of her own. Dimitra's artwork was displayed outside YCAR's Boardman office.

REFEREE PROGRAM IS A GO



BHS will have a new elective in 2023-24: **Sports Officiating**. The semester-long class would encompass football, volleyball, and soccer officiating in the fall, followed by winter and spring sports in the second semester. The training involves both classroom learning and hands-on experience. The goal is to enable students to be certified and to pursue officiating as a career option.

NEW TECH New Opportunities

A \$15,000 ESC Careers Grant provided 7 new drones for Boardman High School. This includes professional training for our teachers and will open the door for our students to eventually get FAA remote pilot credentials as well as flight training and ground school certifications. Many businesses and industries use drones and are looking for skilled operators.



Classrooms Without Borders

BHS English teachers Randy Nord and Dana Safarek are pictured above with 95 year old Holocaust survivor Howard Chandler. They spent 9 days with Classrooms Without Borders exploring concentration camps in Poland. The two will team teach a new elective Holocaust Studies class at BHS. Mrs. Safarek also hopes to use her experience in Poland as she talks to her journalism students about inaccuracy and distortion.

BOARDMAN HIGH SCHOOL

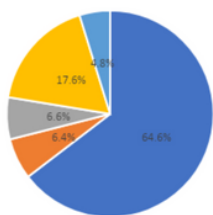
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY



ESSER
Elementary and Secondary
School Emergency Relief

In the last three years, Federal ESSER funds have enabled the district to extend air conditioning to all school buildings. It improves air quality, ventilation, and the overall learning environment for students and staff. (see completion timetable below)
LED lighting upgrades to the exterior of every school building and all parking lots are now complete and provide an extra layer of safety. Annual savings from LED conversion: \$18,000.

Revenues: \$50,689,092.00



General Fund FY 2023

Real Estate Taxes: 64.6%

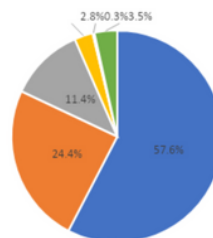
State Foundation: 17.6%

Other Local: 6.6%

Tangible Taxes: 6.4%

Other State: 4.8%

Expenses: \$46,906,076.00



General Fund FY 2023

Wages: 57.6%

Benefits: 24.4%

Services: 11.4%

Other: 3.5%

Materials: 2.8%

Capital: .3%



**BHS Gym Floor Resurfacing
\$62,000**



**Softball Batting Cage
\$9,000**



**BCIS Storm Damage Repairs
\$800,000+ (paid by Insurance)**



Building & Safety Improvements

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AIR CONDITIONING:

- All 3 elementary schools are now fully air conditioned to start the new school year
- BCIS 3rd floor cafeteria tentative Fall, 2023
- Center portable classroom units to begin installation with completion by Spring, 2024
- Glenwood Jr. High electric grid prepared for full school air conditioning in Spring of 2024

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SUMMER UPDATES INCLUDE:

- **West:** new sound panels installed in gym
- **Stadium:** cafeteria painted and new Spartan privacy films on entry doors (provided by PTA)
- **Robinwood:** roof partially replaced with permanent improvement funds: \$222,000
- **Glenwood:** new wheelchair ramp for gym
- **BHS:** new cafeteria tables and interior LEDs

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CENTER INTERMEDIATE: Spring windstorm damage to Center's roof and auditorium were addressed by replacing the roof, and repairing the ceiling in the Auditorium. The auditorium was fully repainted. That cost was fully covered through insurance for the severe weather event.

Boardman Food Services Healthy Standard



Food Services Supervisor Natalie Winkle tested a hydroponic "Flex Farm" in 2023, to grow fresh heads of lettuce in her office. It produced hundreds of salads in the BHS cafeteria!

Now, in the coming school year, Flex Farms will be added at BCIS and BGJHS, so the students can help produce and then enjoy eating what they grow.

A second growing project with the new BHS Garden Club transformed an unused courtyard space into a pesticide-free sustainable garden!

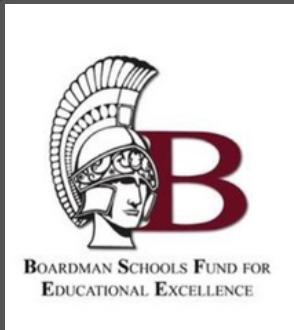


"Tot Chef"

A new \$2,500 Grant will help reinstitute the former "Tot Chef" afterschool program in 2023-24.

Elementary students cut, prepare, cook and clean up the dishes as they learn to prepare healthy meals.

"Providing tasty and healthy meals in the cafeteria everyday is my ultimate goal. I want to entice our kids to make healthy choices for life!" – Natalie Winkle



The Boardman Schools Fund for Educational Excellence awarded 11 teacher grants last year worth a total of over \$18,000. With some assistance from the district, an additional 8 projects were fully funded. This has been our largest group of grant winners yet! BSFEE has awarded over \$100,000 since its inception in 2009.

Student Services



Bart Smith
Coordinator of
Student Supports

Jennifer Scarmack
Coordinator of
Special Education

We begin the new school year welcoming two new leaders to Boardman's Student Services Department.

As Coordinator of Special Education, Jennifer Scarmack will oversee staff and supports provided for more than 700 students with disabilities. She has 20 years of educational experience as a teacher, intervention specialist, and special education supervisor.

Former Glenwood Jr. High Principal Bart Smith is the new Coordinator of Student Supports. His focus will be on behavior and mental health as he works with teachers, administrators and staff to create a positive and supportive learning environment.



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ACADEMICS ATHLETICS & THE ARTS

Class of 2023



We are excited to show off the completed Stadium Donor recognition portico which includes plaques and bricks recognizing our generous donors. The Boardman Community truly stepped up in helping us PRIVATELY fundraise over \$3 Million dollars! Thank you to everyone who helped to make the completion of Boardman Spartan Stadium a reality for Boardman Athletics!

- Boardman Boosters-