



Delaware City Schools 2021-2022 Annual Report



Year in Review & Fiscal Stewardship



Heidi Kegley,
Superintendent

To Our Delaware Community,

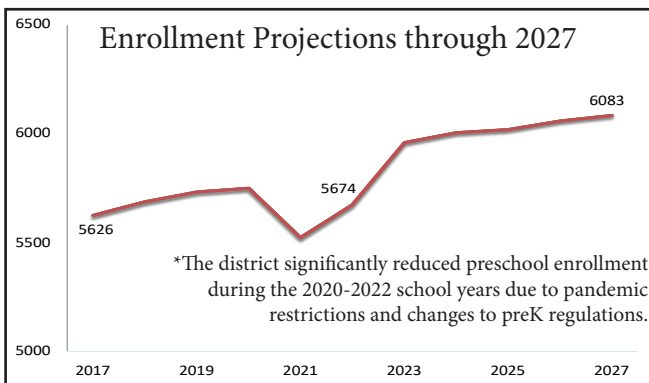
Our Annual Report provides a small glimpse into the wonderful things happening in our Delaware City Schools. Our schools thrive because of the outstanding community partnerships that have been established over the years. I am truly grateful to the businesses, organizations and community leaders who have stepped forward to offer a variety of assistance to our schools, students and families over the past few years.

This past spring, our board of education formally adopted our strategic plan which focuses on academics, whole child development and community engagement. In the upcoming year, we are excited to share the many ways we will be implementing the strategic plan. You can find more about the strategic plan on our district website.

Delaware is a vibrant, growing community and that growth is reflected in our schools. We feel fortunate that families continue to choose Delaware as a place they want to call home. Thanks to our Delaware community, we have completed a series of enhancements at our schools to accommodate our student population. We continue to work with our state legislators on school funding. Because the State does not fully fund the school funding formula, Delaware receives less money than prescribed. We are hopeful that our state leaders will make school funding a priority and provide the dollars our district is entitled to receive.

We have had a great start to the 2022-2023 school year. Our schools are filled with passionate educators, excited students and engaged family partners. We still have challenges ahead, but we will continue to be flexible as we connect with our students and work together to ensure we provide maximum learning for every student. We thank the Delaware community for your continued support and commitment to excellence with our schools and our community.

Enrollment, School Funding & Partners



Enrollment projections show manageable growth in student enrollment over the next 5 years. The next enrollment update will occur in 2023.



PPG was recognized as an Ohio School Boards Association Business Partner for their support of our schools through STEM grants.

Impact of the Unfunded State Formula on DCS		
2022	\$15,573,825	\$7,603,365
2021	\$16,947,306	\$7,612,469
2020	\$16,523,151	\$8,036,625
2019	\$17,296,514	\$7,181,853

The state's inability to fully implement the school funding formula has cost our district more than \$7 million annually.



We appreciate the opportunity to be part of a vibrant community. We love participating in First Friday and having community conversations.

A Message from the Treasurer



Melissa Swearingen,
Treasurer/CFO

Delaware City Schools remains committed to fiscal responsibility and conservative spending. We continually challenge ourselves and our staff to find ways to trim costs while providing excellent educational experiences for our students. We are constantly monitoring our financial circumstances and making difficult choices on how best to spend the dollars allocated to us and to stretch our tax dollars for as long as possible.

For more detailed financial information, we invite you to review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the district's website. Please feel free to contact me at swearime@delawarecityschools.net or at 740-833-1100 with any questions about our district's finances.

DCS Financial Information

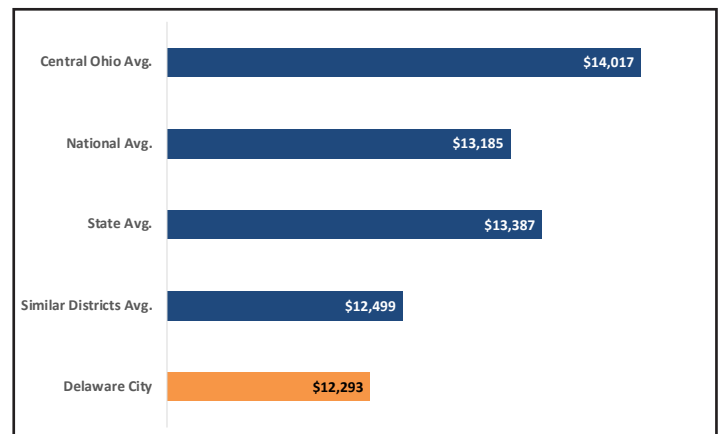
Substitute Renewal Levy

Delaware City Schools will have a substitute renewal levy on the November 8 ballot. The levy was first passed in 2017 to meet operating needs.

Facts about the Substitute Renewal Levy

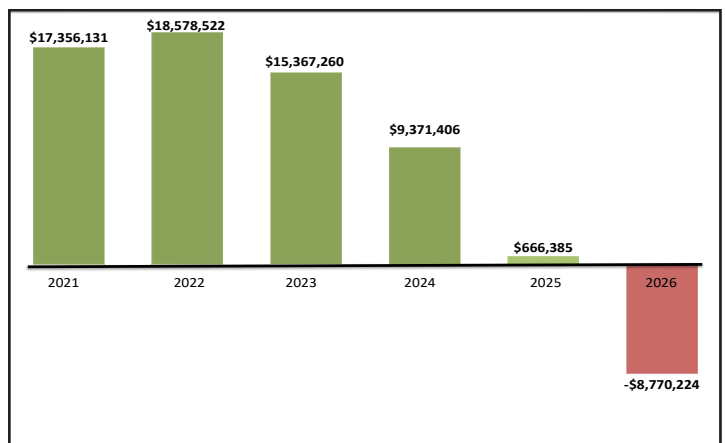
- The substitute levy will renew the emergency levy that was passed in 2017 and supports operations in our district.
- The substitute levy would be collected at approximately 5.8 mills for a continuing period of time.
- The substitute levy would continue to collect \$6.2 million dollars annually.
- The substitute levy would continue to fund operations in our district including teachers, transportation, educational programming, utilities and many other day-to-day expenses.
- The cost of the levy per \$100,000 of home valuation would remain at approximately \$203 annually.
- This is a renewal of an existing levy and therefore represents no increase in taxes for current residents, and it will allow the district to collect additional tax revenue resulting from growth of industry and new homes in our district.

Per Pupil Spending FY2021



Source: ODE Cupp Report

Five Year Forecast Fund Balance*



* As of the May 2022 forecast filing with ODE and assumes the passage of the current renewal levy.

Hayes High School & The Class of 2022



Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2022

65 students graduated Summa
Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)

38 students graduated Magna
Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.99 GPA)

50 students graduated Cum
Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)



The Global Scholars program allows students at Hayes High School to engage in cultural learning and leadership through a variety of educational experiences over a three year period.

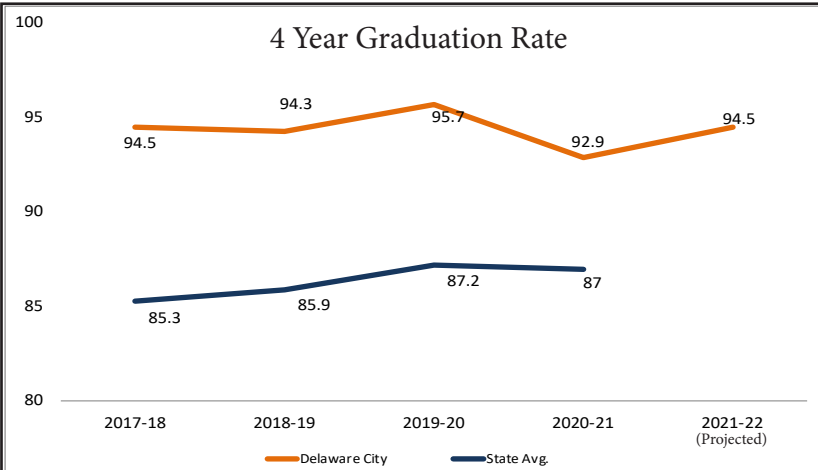


Photo by Glenn Battshill, Delaware Gazette

National Merit Scholars & Awards: 2021 Commended Scholars include: Liam Waselko, Kailyn Smith, and Daniel Gabel. Adam Fronduti has been named a 2022 National Merit Semifinalist and Emefa Sallar was awarded a National African American Recognition Award.

Class of 2022 At a Glance



416 graduates with a
94.5% graduation rate



74 students earned
Honors Diplomas



\$2.7 million in
college scholarships



65% plan to further their
education or enlist in the
military



1584 college semester
credits earned through
College Credit Plus



A highlight for The Pacer Marching Band was the opportunity to perform at the The Ohio State University during the Buckeye Band Showcase. The band had several award-winning performances in the 2021 marching band competition season.



Rutherford B. Hayes High School was named one of the best high schools by U.S. News and World Reports for 2022.



Photo by Kim Salvador

The Hayes Thespians had a triumphant return to the stage with their production of Bye Bye Birdie. In addition to the musical, the drama department also performed Alice in Wonderland and A Charlie Brown Christmas.



Hayes students and staff traveled to Peru as part of a World Languages immersive experience. The group explored Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu, and traveled into the Amazon where they participated in several hikes, a train ride through the Andes, a Pachamama (Mother Earth) blessing ceremony and experienced local and traditional foods.

Achievements & Accolades



Six students from Hayes High School proudly represented the school at the prestigious Business Professionals of America State Competition with Sam Hall qualifying for the National Competition. Students include: Sam Hall, Preston Simon, Josh Ostapko, Raul Mainsah (Top 10 finish), Abigail Bricker (Top 10 finish), and Jack Lenocker.



Four DCS teachers received Rotary Teaching in Excellence Awards for 2022: Mrs. Vroegop, Ms. Lemke, Mrs. Spurlock and Mrs. Provenzano. We appreciate that our local Rotary Chapter recognizes the value of great educators in our community.



Did you know? Delaware City Schools has more than 90 DCS alumni on staff. It's always a great honor when our alumni choose to return to their home district and serve the community they grew up in.



Supporting Military Families

All of our Delaware City Schools have received the Ohio Department of Education's Purple Star designation for outstanding support of military families.

Staff Accolades and Retirements

Superintendent Heidi Kegley was awarded the April Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award by United Way of Delaware County.

The DCS School Counselor team was recognized as "Hometown Heroes" by the Delaware Modern Woodmen Office.

Kate Loker (Dempsey Middle School) was the recipient of the The Ohio Educational Library Media Association's Tech Innovation Award.

Dr. Ric Stranges (Hayes High School) was the recipient of the The Ohio Educational Library Media Association's Service Award for School Administrators.

Delaware City Schools Treasurer's Office received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for excellence in financial reporting.

We thank the following staff members for their dedicated service to our students and schools and wish them well in retirement!

Cindy Degler
Eileen Rogers-Duffy
Shelly Hempy
John Hohman
Sherene Gardner
Siobhan Johnson
Ann Kanode
Stacy Lemke
Tammy Lillibridge
Julie Magnusson

Doug Manley
Kathleen Mergler
Manuella Mylander
Jose Perez
Monika Ray
Butch Rice
Sheri Rice
Jennifer Shaw
Carol Smith
Marilyn Steward



Photo courtesy of Glenn Battishill, Delaware Gazette

Through a grant from the Delaware County Foundation, Woodward fifth grade students are attending a 6-day nature experience at Stratford Ecological Center. The program focuses on hands-on activities around nature cycles in different seasons.



Myaih Cloud pictured with Johnny Bench receiving her state-wide award.

Athletic Accomplishments

- Myaih Cloud was awarded the 2022 Johnny Bench Award, which honors the top catcher in Ohio. She was also OCC Capital Division Player of the Year and All-Ohio.
- Hannah Halstead was a state qualifier in bowling.
- Kelcey Dew and Kasey Wells were state placers in girls wrestling. Devin Halliday was a state qualifier in boys wrestling.
- Chloe Jeffers joined the 1000 point club and was named First Team OCC & All-State in basketball.
- The girls and boys swimming and diving teams were OCC Capital Division Champions. Kaitlyn Sallows was state placer in the 200 IM and 500 Free in girls swimming. State qualifiers included Mark Sulek, Mackenzie Carter, Kara Glesenkamp and Kailyn Smith. Coach Garrett Eiben was OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year.
- Boys golf was OCC Capital Division Champions. Andy Graham was OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year, and Colin Bibler was OCC Capital Division Player of the Year.
- Girls Soccer team was OCC Capital Division Champions. Bradd Smiley was OCC Coach of The Year, and Ava Bruns earned 2nd Team All Ohio honors.
- Brennan Green was Second Team All-Ohio in baseball.
- Jesse Burris was Special Mention All Ohio in boys basketball.



The girls basketball team competed for a district championship and the community came out to send them off for their tournament game.



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Construction Update

In May 2019, our Delaware community approved a no-new-millage bond issue to help our district plan for current and future growth. We are pleased to provide an update on the projects that will benefit our DCS students for many years.

Phase 2 Projects (nearing completion)

- Woodward Elementary is nearing completion on the classroom addition to include preschool rooms and art and music spaces. The office was also relocated to provide for a secure entrance from the visitor parking lot.
- Conger Elementary received a classroom addition, relocated/updated playground and staff parking.
- Smith Elementary had a playground redesign, adding green space and updated playground equipment for safety.
- All elementary schools received accessible playground equipment.



Phase 1 Projects (completed in 2021)

- Classroom addition, music space, athletic storage space at Dempsey Middle School.
- Classroom addition and playground updates at Schultz Elementary.
- Secure office space and renovations to classrooms at Carlisle Elementary.

