

Delaware City Schools 2019-2020 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. This past school year presented challenges like no other year, but I am proud to share this publication with our community which I hope demonstrates our strong commitment to our community through these challenges!

When I became Superintendent in August 2019, I could never have imagined that we would face a global pandemic that would completely change how we deliver education and how we support our families. I have said it before, but we are truly blessed in Delaware. Our DCS staff, families and community stood together during this difficult time to ensure we took care of one another. Our community has shown resilience and a commitment to excellence. Never have I been more proud to be part of this incredible Pacer Family!

As we move forward with the 2020-2021 school year, many challenges remain, but we continue to be flexible as we connect with our students and work together to ensure we provide maximum learning while ensuring the safest possible environment for everyone. We thank the Delaware community for your continued support and commitment to excellence with our schools and our community.

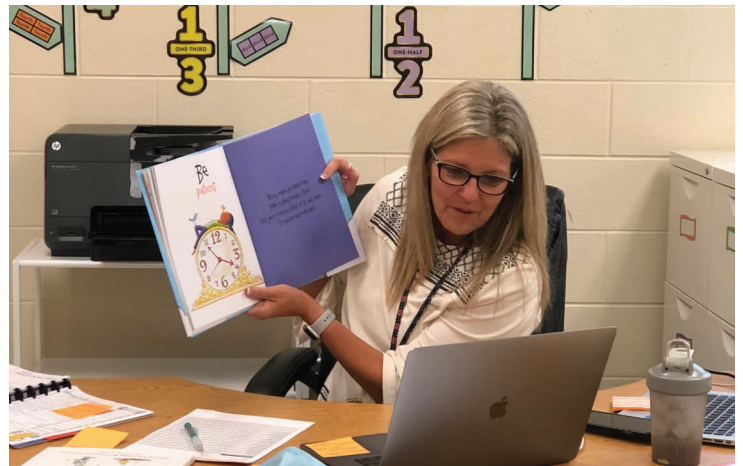
COVID-19 Response

Delaware City Schools has continued to serve our students, families and community through the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March our schools have assisted with many educational and household needs:

- Provided technology devices for any student who needed one for at-home learning.
- Helped more than 150 families access the internet through district provided hot spots or free corporate internet programs.
- Served more than 64,000 meals to students through the USDA meals program. Additionally, more than 4,400 meals were served to adults through a grant from United Way and the Delaware County Hunger Alliance.
- Pacer Pantry had more than 225 visits since March to distribute food, diapers and other household necessities.



DCS partnered with United Way of Delaware County to distribute school supplies. Nearly 1,000 DCS students were assisted with school supplies to ensure they were ready for learning, whether in school or at home.



Nearly 23% of DCS students elected to continue their learning through the DCS Online Academy. Our teaching staff is providing daily, engaging lessons to help our students thrive while they learn at home.



Delaware City Schools has provided more than 64,000 student lunches and breakfasts through the USDA meal program since March. Our food service staff, bus drivers and volunteers have worked daily to ensure the food needs of our students are met.

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 Comprehensive Annual 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

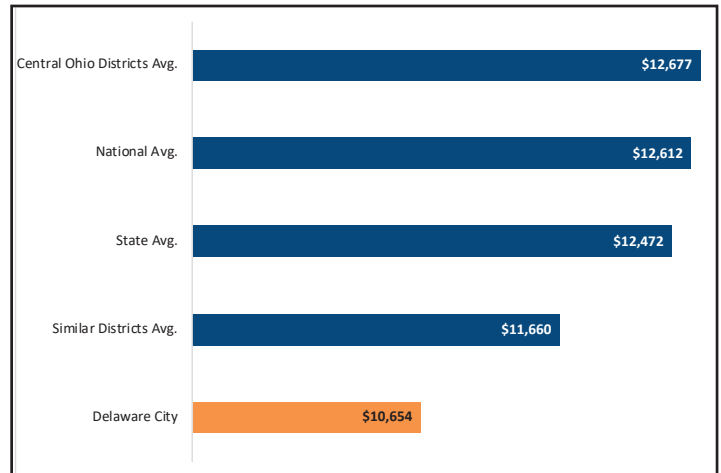
Substitute Renewal Levy

Delaware City Schools will have a **no increase in taxes** substitute renewal levy on the November 3 ballot. The substitute levy was first passed in 2010 to consolidate other previously passed levies. This levy currently represents 27% of the district's property tax collections for general fund operating expenses.

Facts about the Substitute Renewal Levy

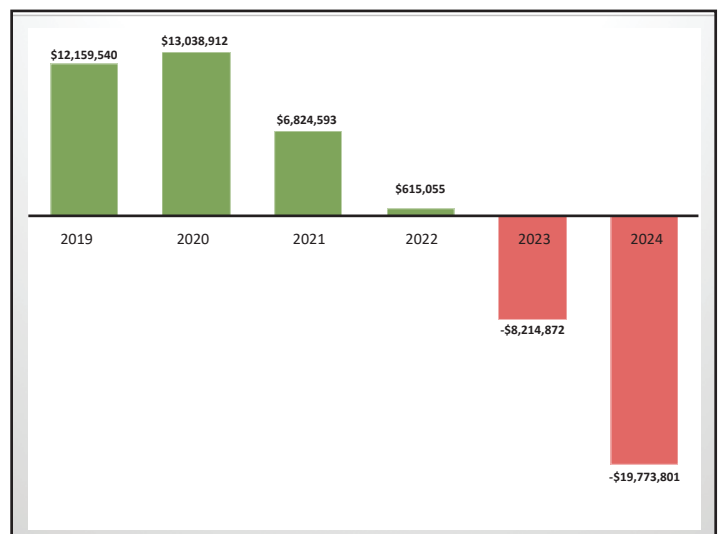
- The substitute levy was passed in 2010 and supports operations in our district.
- The substitute levy would be collected at approximately 11.73 mills for a continuing period of time.
- The substitute levy would continue to collect \$9.4 million dollars annually.
- The substitute levy would continue 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 about \$359 annually.
- This is a renewal of an existing levy and therefore represents **no increase in taxes** for our residents.

Per Pupil Spending FY2019



Source: ODE Cupp Report

Five Year Forecast Fund Balance*



* As of the May 2020 forecast filing with ODE and assumes the passage of the current renewal levy.

Hayes High School & The Class of 2020



Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2020

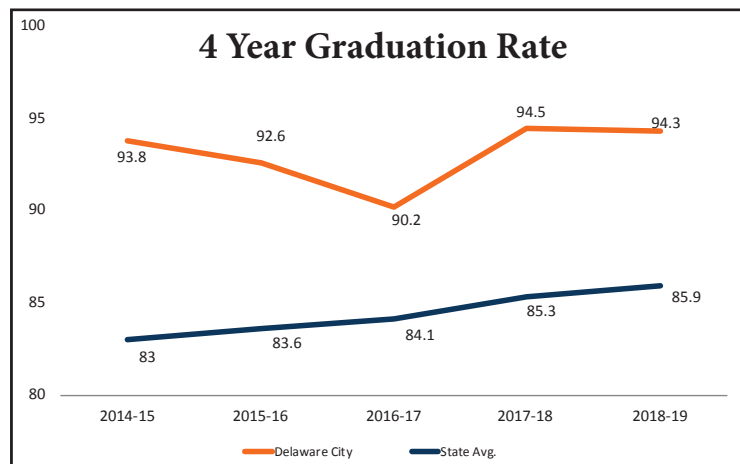
39 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)

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

44 students graduated Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)



Rutherford B. Hayes High School received the Purple Star Award for its work to support the unique challenges faced by military families.



Students and staff from Rutherford B. Hayes High School joined the Delaware community at the MLK, Jr. celebration for a morning of learning and reflection. Students had the opportunity to talk with the keynote speaker at the conclusion of the program.



Rena Ouyang and Rebecca Young were named National Merit Semifinalists in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition to earn National Merit Scholarships. Josh Koehler and Brendan Ogden were also named National Merit Commended Scholars.

Class of 2020 At a Glance



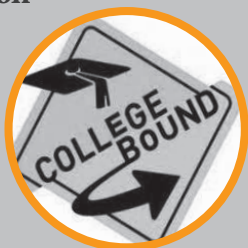
450 graduates with
a 95.1% graduation
rate



70 students earned
Honors Diplomas



\$2.7 million in
college scholarships



66% plan to further their
education or enlist in the
military



1,440 college semester
credits earned through
College Credit Plus



Hayes High School had a record number of wrestlers qualify for the state wrestling tournament. Although the wrestling tournament was canceled, all of these individuals were honored on the Wall of Champions at Hayes High School. In addition, Coach Lamb and Coach Rieman were named Coaches of the Year for Wrestling.



Rutherford B. Hayes High School was named one of the best high schools by U.S. News and World Reports for 2020.



Although the show was ultimately canceled due to COVID-19, our Hayes High School Thespians spent countless hours preparing for the musical *Chicago*. Thanks to the efforts of the directors, one of the final rehearsals was videotaped and the cast and crew were able to have a special drive-in viewing of the production this summer.



Nate Griggs became the 7th Pacer to score 1,000 points in his high school basketball career. The Hayes boys basketball team also earned Central District Runners-up honors for the season.

Achievements & Accolades



Vera Wilder (Schultz) and Cody Stroupe (Smith) earned the opportunity to represent Ohio in the 2020 Invention Convention U.S. National Competition. Vera won 2nd place in the 2nd grade national competition with her toothbrush invention. Cody's invention focused on solving laundry issues with the C-sorter.



Our partnerships make a difference for our students. Conger second graders were delighted to have OWU President Rock Jones join their classroom as a mystery reader. Community guests which include grandparents, local frontline workers, city leaders, and Hayes & OWU athletes visit classrooms throughout the year to share their love of reading!



Six individuals were inducted into the DCS Alumni Hall of Fame: E. Fred Carlisle - Class of 1952; Emily Chenoweth - Class of 1990; Leonard "Mike" Clark - Class of 1953 (not pictured); Donald Keebaugh - Class of 1950; Barry King - Class of 1963; and Kevin L. Reed - Distinguished Service Award.



Dempsey Middle School received the **Momentum Award** for the fourth consecutive year. The Momentum Award recognizes schools that exceed expected growth in all student groups.

Staff Accolades and Retirements

Jenny Nicely (Dempsey) was named the Middle School Counselor of the Year.

Kristin Wilder (Schultz) and Renelle Tompkins (Conger) received Rotary Teaching in Excellence Awards.

Steve Glesenkamp (Athletic Director) was inducted into the OCC Hall of Fame.

Sally Rathje was named the Food & Nutrition Director of the Year by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

Kelly Wagner (Dempsey) was sworn in as the President of the Ohio Association of School Nurses.

Angela Macwhinney received OAPSA's Dr. John Opperman Outstanding Contribution Award.

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

Rochelle Thompson - Smith Elementary
 Kathie Burkman - District Office
 Melody Detterman - Woodward Elementary
 Russ Anible - Hayes High School JROTC
 Kim Ballinger - Dempsey Middle School
 Susan Flahive - Schultz Elementary
 Linda DeWitt - Conger Elementary
 Jackie Washington - Conger Elementary
 Marcia Jones - Schultz Elementary
 Laura Miller - Conger Elementary
 Kirt Cowgill - Hayes High School
 Phyllis Penrod - SACC Staff



Photo courtesy of Glenn Battishill, Delaware Gazette

The Ohio Academy of Science awarded our district's first Harold C. Shaw Outstanding School Award to Hayes High School. This prestigious award is given to less than 5% of participating schools for demonstrating excellence at State Science Day.



The Pacer Marching Band had a season to remember!

- Grand Champions - Lancaster Invitational
- Featured High School Band at the Ohio State Marching Band Skull Session
- Multiple Class AA awards including music, visual, general effect, guard and percussion
- Superior Rating at OMEA State Marching Band Finals
- 3rd place - Outback Bowl Parade Competition



Through a Teach Ohio Arts Grant from the Ohio Arts Council, Smith Elementary students worked with two professional artists to portray Delaware's history. From settling in Delaware to the flood of 1913 and the origin of the Little Brown Jug, students were involved in all aspects of creating the dramatic play.



The Dempsey Service Club organizes and participates in many service projects throughout the year. One project that is close to the hearts of many students is preparing weekend food bags to help ensure our students and families have access to food on weekends when school lunches are not available.



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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 1 Projects (currently in progress)

- The former technology center (and original Greif building) has been removed at Dempsey Middle School to make way for a classroom addition that will include additional music space.
- Schultz Elementary continues to be one of our fastest growing schools. The classroom addition and expanded kitchen will provide needed space for current and future students.
- Carlisle Elementary will have a secure office and public entrance to meet current best practices in school safety. Renovations to the former office area will provide extra classroom and small group space.



Phase 2 Projects

- Classroom addition at Woodward Elementary
- Classroom addition at Conger Elementary
- Redesign/expansion of the Smith Elementary playground
- Additional seating at the Hayes stadium

