



# Delaware City Schools 2017-2018

## Annual Report & Quality Profile





## Year in Review & Fiscal Stewardship



Paul Craft,  
Superintendent

Dear Delaware Residents,

Our annual issue of Cornerstone provides an opportunity for us to let our stakeholders know about the wonderful things happening in Delaware City Schools. This community and its school district continue to move forward in incredible ways.

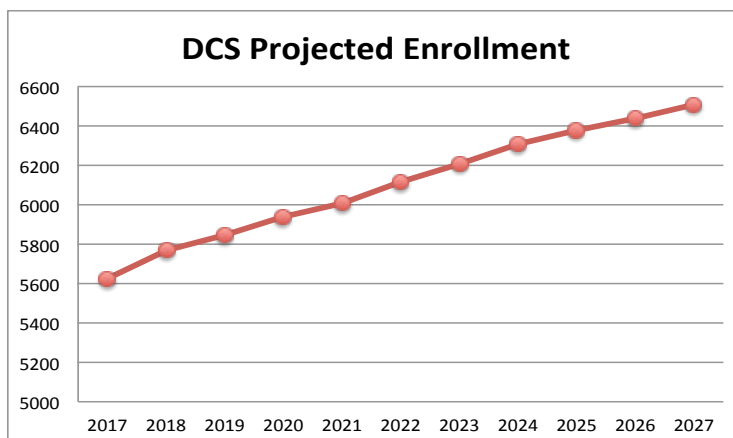
You can feel the pride and energy as you walk through our dynamic city and, I hope you agree, as you read through the pages of this report. Great communities and strong school systems go hand in hand. Quality schools serve as a major consideration for families and businesses as they make the choice on where to locate and offer tangible impacts on Delaware property values and community spirit.

This past year has illustrated the progress that our school district has shown over the years. This year's Hayes graduating class achieved the highest graduation rate since Ohio started issuing district report cards more than twenty years ago, finished a record number of college credits while still in high school and had the highest average ACT scores of any class in the history of the school. The 2018 U.S. News and World Report ranking of U.S. High Schools placed Hayes High School in the top 8% in the state ahead of many of our respected neighboring high schools.

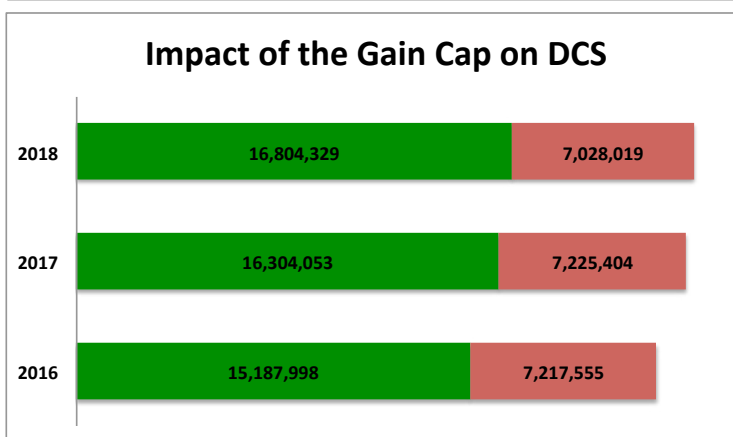
The school year was filled with challenges and accomplishments, and next year looks to be more of the same. Steady increases in enrollment will stretch our facilities in the years to come. The state legislature's continued failure to fully fund growing districts like ours through the use of gain caps that are costing the district more than \$7 million in formula funding each year add to our challenges. We will be reaching out to many of our stakeholders this year for support in pressuring our legislators to end that unfair practice.

None of the achievements of the district, staff, or students illustrated in this report would be possible without the continued support of this wonderful community. We remain committed to providing a quality education at a cost that is sustainable to our taxpayers, as evidenced by the fact that we continue to spend less per pupil than nearly every other district in central Ohio and almost 15% below the state average.

I hope you enjoy reading through the annual report. We look forward to an incredible 2018-19 school year!



**Enrollment continues to grow along with the Delaware community. Student enrollment will continue to increase over the next 10 years.**



**The state's failure to fully fund growing districts like Delaware, coupled with the use of gain caps, has cost DCS more than \$7 million per year in state funding.**

## A Message from the Treasurer

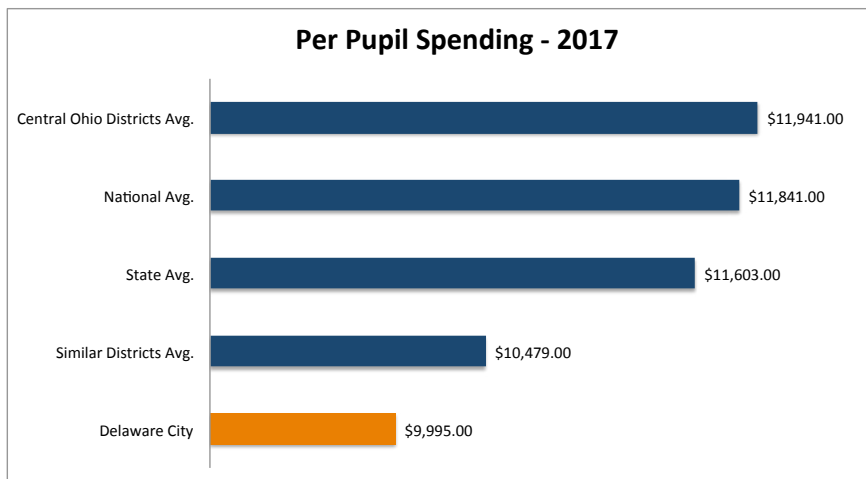


Melissa Lee,  
Treasurer

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 website. Please feel free to contact me at [leeme@delawarecityschools.net](mailto:leeme@delawarecityschools.net) or at 740-833-1100 with any questions about our district's finances.

## Per Pupil Spending

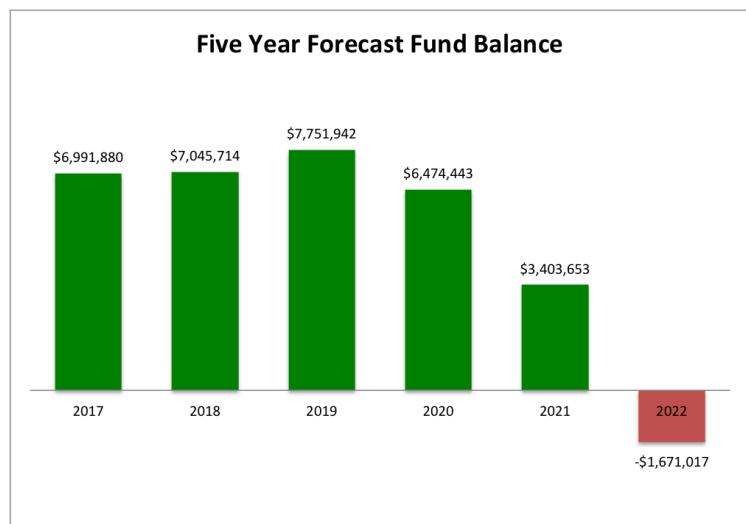


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## Five Year Forecast Fund Balance

The District's most recent five-year forecast was approved by the Board of Education in May, as required by Ohio law. The forecast shows the District maintaining a positive cash balance through FY 2021. This graph assumes the renewal of the district's substitute levy in 2020.

Through frugal spending we continue to stretch our tax payer dollars to provide the best educational value. A detailed copy of the District's most recent forecast can be found on the district's website.



# Hayes High School & The Class of 2018

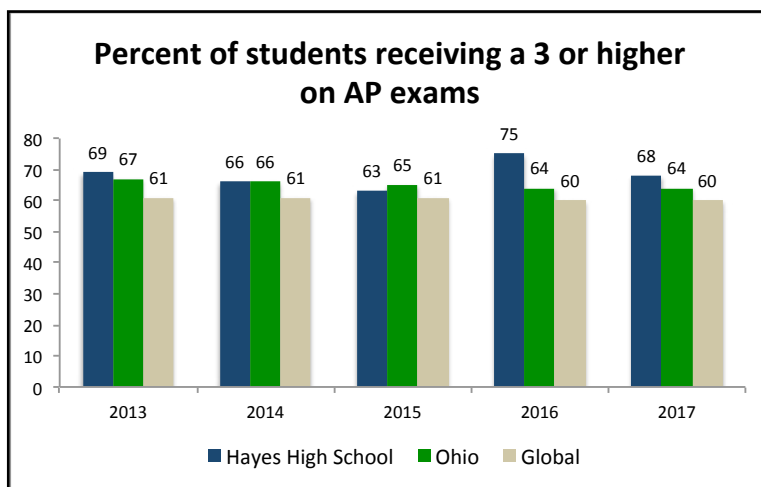
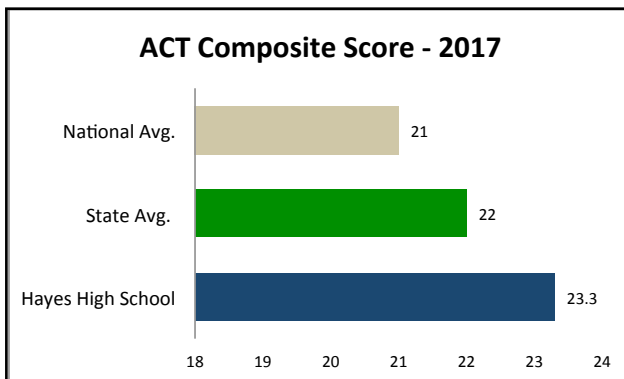


## Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2018

**Valedictorian:** Madelynn Wilson  
**Salutatorian:** Charlie Zimmerman



Andrew Young, National Merit Finalist  
Anthony Matus, National Hispanic Scholar  
Commended Scholars: Courtney Buck, Marcus Haase and Kelly Horvath.



The number of Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings continues to increase at Hayes. AP courses offer students an opportunity to deepen their content knowledge and potentially test out of college courses. 289 students participated in one or more AP courses this year.



Hayes High School ranked in the top 8% of high schools in Ohio by U.S. News and World Report. The ranking is based on the school's performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.



## Class of 2018 At a Glance



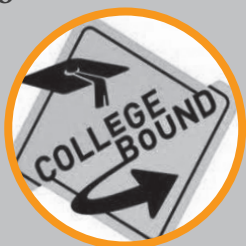
**405 graduates in  
the Class of 2018**



**70 students earned  
Honors Diplomas**



**\$1.3 million in  
college scholarships**



**73% plan to further their  
education or enlist in the  
military.**



**83 students earned  
Presidential Awards**

## House System Seeks to Connect Students at Hayes

Students and faculty at Hayes High School are assigned to one of eight “Houses” and remain with their House during their time at Hayes. The House system was designed to promote connectivity, collaboration and community service.

The House system allows students from different grade levels and areas of interest to connect with other students and faculty whom they may otherwise not get to know during their time at Hayes.

Each House is named for a historic one room school house that operated in Delaware County: Ridge, Prospect Hill, Fairview, Fulton Creek, Sugar Grove, Houk, Lockport and Steamtown. Each House is assigned a faculty dean and has its own crest and color.

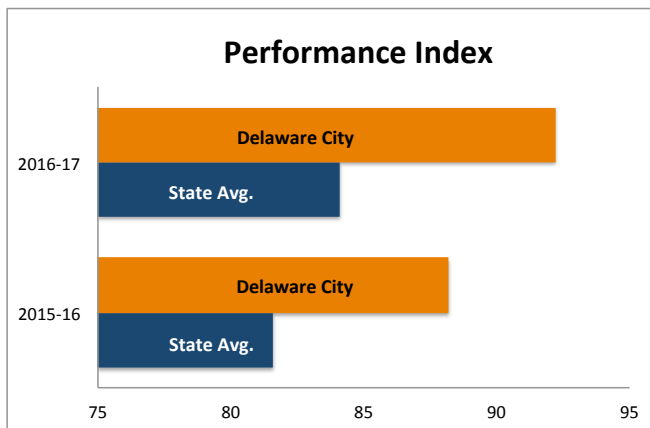
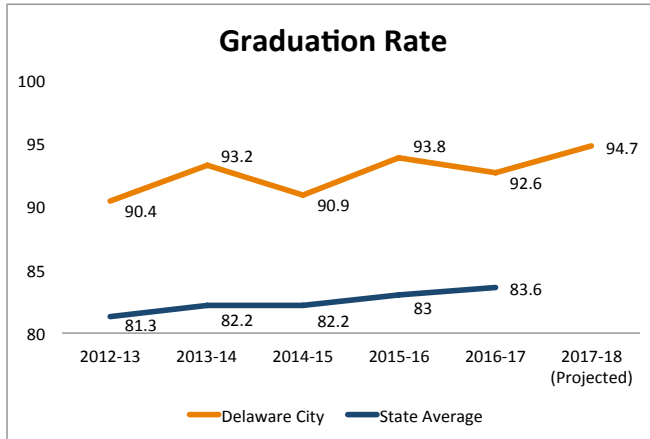
Sugar Grove House Dean Vicki Koogler has been teaching at Hayes High School for 38 years and said the House System is the single most exciting program she has seen implemented during her career. “Making a 1600 student high school feel smaller is a hard task, but House allows parents to know that they are not sending their student to a high school where they are just a number. They are sending their student to a second family where someone will be checking in with that student every day.”

House games are the annual culminating event where students compete in a variety of academic, artistic and athletic challenges in hopes of winning the House Cup trophy. The 2018 House cup winner was Sugar Grove.



# Academic Achievement

By nearly every academic measure, DCS performs higher than our peer districts and the state averages.



- » More than 99% of 3rd grade students met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- » DCS has earned an Overall Grade of “A” the past two years on the state’s Value Added Measure, meaning our students are making more than expected progress each year.



In recognition of a commitment to quality and an ongoing dedication to the learning and development of children, Delaware City Schools Preschool program has earned a **Five-Star Step Up To Quality Award** from the state of Ohio. The DCS program couples our special needs students with typically developing peer models. Peer models are needed for the 2018-19 school year. Learn more about the DCS preschool program by visiting our website.

## W.I.L.L. Program Paving the Way to Graduation for Students



The Willis Innovative Learning Lab or as it is more commonly known, W.I.L.L., is in its second year of existence as a credit recovery and independent learning program. Approximately 40 students attend classes for a half day session where they do intensive lessons to get back on track with graduation credits.

Aaron Cook oversees the program and says, “the program is successful because of the dedication of the students and the support of the W.I.L.L. staff.” This year 25 out of 27 senior students completed their graduation requirements, and the other two students are expected to graduate in the upcoming school year. The 92% graduation rate far exceeds the state and national average for credit recovery programs.

The W.I.L.L. program is different from many programs because students work under the supervision of teachers every day rather than working from home. “Each day our staff has the opportunity to see the student, understand what barriers that student is facing and connect the student with additional supports” said Cook.



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





## Students Launch Effort to Save the Penguins!

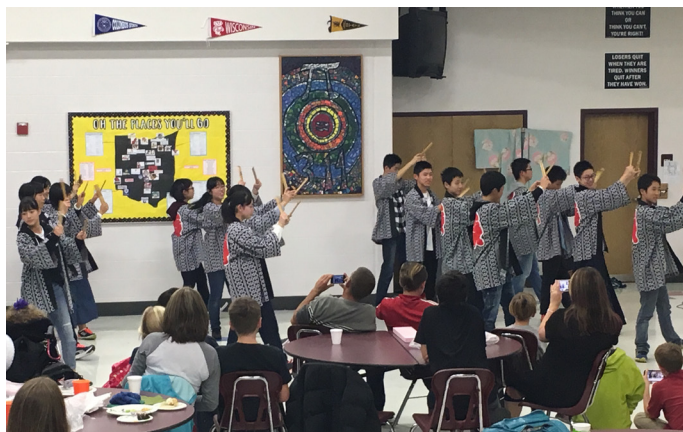
First grade students at Schultz Elementary want to help save the penguins in Antarctica. After learning about environmental factors that are threatening the habitat of penguins, students sought additional information to understand how they could help.

First grade teacher Kirsten Grodian said she wanted to experiment with Project Based Learning with her class after attending some professional development workshops last year.

Grodian said, “The students really immersed themselves into the project and they wanted to learn more. One question led to another and the students got very serious about effecting change

for the penguins.” They worked with a penguin expert from the Columbus Zoo to more fully understand the challenges that the penguins are facing. When the students learned that car emissions can impact the environment in Antarctica, they decided to take local action.

The students wrote and produced a skit and made posters to ask parents not to leave their car running while waiting in the school pick up line. The students also presented their project to the Board of Education and asked the district to consider installing “No Idling” signs near the school buildings, which will happen later this summer.



This school year marked the 20th year of Dempsey Middle School hosting students and teachers from Sakata, Japan. The week is filled with educational experiences that allow our students to share about American culture while our entire student body has the opportunity to learn about the Japanese culture.



The laying of the wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a memorable experience for our eighth grade students when they visit Washington D.C. Students compete in a voluntary essay competition in order to be selected for the honor of participating in the wreath ceremony.



## Arts & Athletics

### Athletic Achievements

The Athletic Programs at Hayes High School and Dempsey Middle School offer students the opportunity to develop their talents in a variety of sports.

Hayes High School fields teams in 26 varsity sports with **more than 600 students participating** in one or more sports. Delaware competes in the Cardinal Division of The Ohio Capital Conference which has 32 member schools throughout Central Ohio.

### 2017-18 State Qualifiers & Honors

- State Qualifiers - 200 boys freestyle swimming relay team (Zach Ward, Kael Gannon, Lucas Pape, and Andrew Parker)
- State Qualifiers - 200 girls freestyle swimming relay team (Lauren Ertz, Valerie Keller, Danielle Ward, and Rena Ouyang)
- State Qualifier - Mason Sutandar (wrestling).
- Torie Young placed 8th in the 400 dash at the OHSAA State Track and Field competition.
- Madeline Hayes placed 10th in the pole vault at the OHSAA State Track and Field competition.
- Terin Kinsway was OHSAA Honorable Mention All-Ohio in basketball.
- Amaia Daniel was OHSAA First Team All-Ohio in softball.

**OCC Division Championships:** Girls Bowling, Boys Bowling, Wrestling and Softball.

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Thirty-nine athletes are moving on to play in NCAA Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, or NAIA athletics.

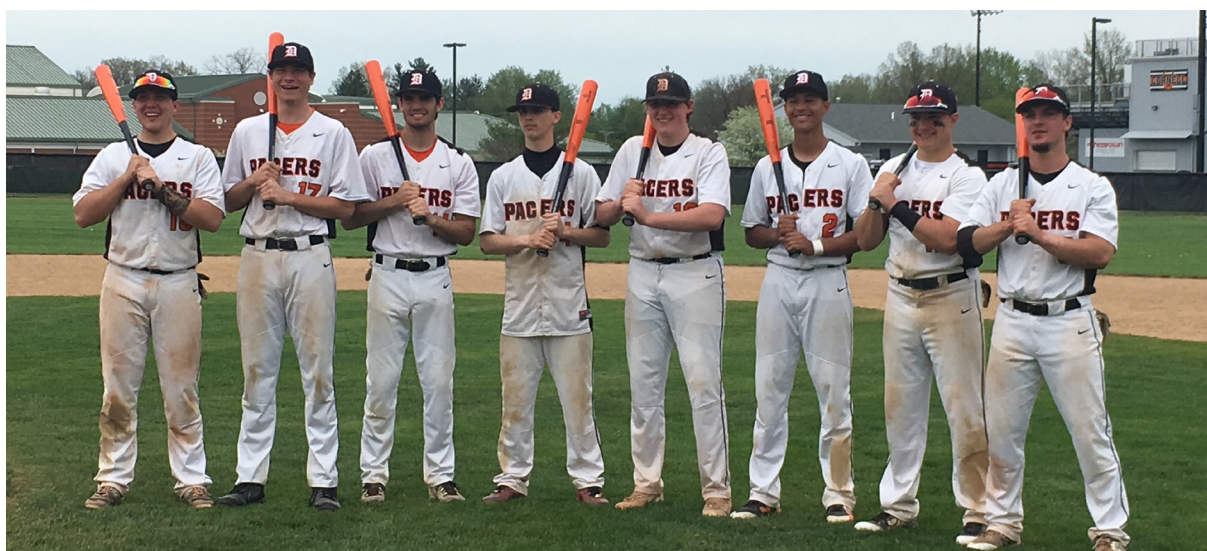


**Celebrating Sportsmanship!** Chloe Jeffers and Ryan Gray were 2018 Dempsey Middle School Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award winners. Paul Frentos & Anna Wells were Hayes High School winners.

Delaware Hayes graduate, Conner Derstine, was awarded one of the four OCC MS Scholarship Awards.



The Hall of Fame Program recognizes alumni who have made significant achievements in their field of study, athletics and the arts. The 2017 inductees were Jacob Edwards '07, Paul Gaus '67, Terry Johnson '52 (awarded posthumously), Stephen Reed '66 and Ezra Vogel '47.





## The Arts

Students in grades K-12 have the opportunity to develop their skills through high quality visual and performing arts programs. Our award winning programs offer opportunities for performance at local, state, national and international venues which provide students with excellent opportunities to hone their skills and build confidence.

**More than 1000 students in grades 5-12** participate in our visual and performing arts programs.



The Hayes Orchestra performed at the Church of Saint Paul The Apostle during their spring trip to New York City.

## The Band Steps off In Ireland

The Hayes Marching Band accepted an invitation to perform in the Lahardane, Ireland St. Patrick's Day Community Parade. In addition to several performances, students were able to go sightseeing and stayed with host families in Ireland. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience Irish culture and make connections with other musicians. It was truly a unique experience for our DCS students!



Drama students delighted audiences with their production of Shrek, Peter Pan and other productions this year.

## Accolades and Awards

- Symphony Orchestra - Superior rating at OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event.
- Hayes Players Chamber Orchestra - Superior rating at OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event.
- Symphonic Choir - Superior rating at OMEA State Choir Adjudicated Event.
- Dempsey Singers earned first place overall in the Cedar Point Music in the Parks competition.
- The Hayes Marching Band received several Superior ratings at competition.
- Hayes Art Students earned numerous awards in prestigious art competitions including the Congressional Art Show, the Governor's Show and the Scholastic Awards.





## Leadership, Staff & Community Service



### Art students create a replica of Pluggy's Town

In partnership with the Delaware County Historical Society, Hayes art students created an artistic model depicting how historians believe Pluggy's Town likely looked. Pluggy was a Native American Chief who established a village where Mingo Park now stands.

The detailed model will be displayed at the Meeker Homestead Museum and become part of the curriculum for elementary students.

## Community Partnerships

Through community service projects, our students and staff give back to the Delaware community. Students often organize school wide fundraisers. Below are just a few of the organizations/projects our schools supported this year:

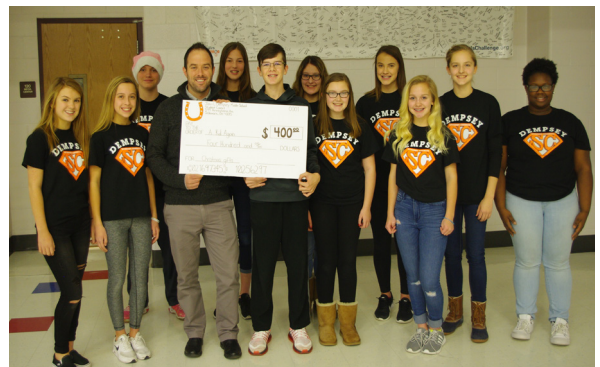
- Family Promise
- People in Need
- SourcePoint/Meals on Wheels
- Humane Society of Delaware County
- Habitat for Humanity
- Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio
- American Red Cross through blood drives
- Red Out for Heart Health Awareness
- Sleeping bags for homeless shelters
- Pacer Pantry
- United Way of Delaware County



Carlisle students collected supplies for a school in Houston, TX affected by the hurricane.



Safety Scenes is an important program to engage our fifth grade students in many safety related topics including bike safety, pet safety, weather emergencies, using 9-1-1, seatbelt usage and so much more.



Dempsey students donated money to the "A Kid Again" organization to ensure students with severe medical issues could receive Christmas gifts.

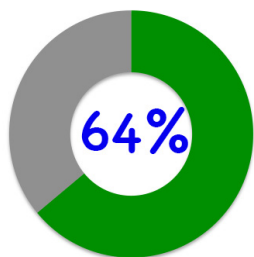




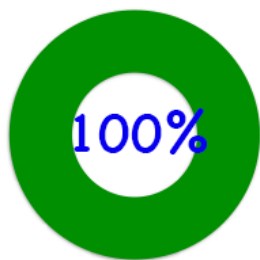
Giving back is part of our school culture! We encourage both students and staff to engage in community service.

## We invest in Staff!

We value our teachers and staff. They are the key to our district's success. We invest in training and provide support so each classroom can have a highly trained and caring teacher to provide maximum learning for our students.



We encourage our staff to continue their education and to be life long learners. 64% of our certified staff have a Master's degree or higher.



All of our teachers meet the Ohio Department of Education's highly qualified standards.

- » Jennifer McCoy was named a Rotary Teacher of Excellence for her work in Special Education.
- » Superintendent Paul Craft was awarded the Hometown Hero Award for his military and community service.
- » Jonalyn Snyder was named the Ohio Strings Teacher Association's Studio Teacher of the Year.

## Retiring Staff Members

We thank the following DCS staff members for their years of dedicated service, and we wish them well in retirement!

Anthony Amato Sr. - Maintenance Dept.  
 Jeanne Doty - Administrative Assistant  
 Michael Golden - Hayes Social Studies Teacher/Coach  
 Vicki Koogler - Hayes Family/Consumer Science Teacher  
 Douglas Manley - Hayes JROTC Instructor  
 Alma "Louise" Miller - Bus Driver  
 Kelly Muir - Physical Education Teacher  
 Lisa Rehark - Conger Teacher  
 Cynthia Rice - Food Service  
 Deborah Sears - Bus Driver  
 Sharon Wolford - Food Service



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# Back to School Information

## Summer Calendar

June 4 - August 10 - Summer Lunch Program  
July 27 - Supplies for Scholars at Willis Education Ctr.  
August 7 - 6th Grade Back to School Day at Dempsey  
August 8 & 9 - Schedule Pick Up at Dempsey  
August 8 & 9 - Schedule Pick up at Hayes  
August 13 - Elementary Back to School Night  
August 13 - Freshman Orientation  
August 15 - First Day of School

## School Supply Lists

School supply lists are now available on the district website and have been sent to area retailers to allow families to take advantage of sales throughout the summer. United Way of Delaware County will once again partner with DCS to host a school supply give-away on July 27 at Willis Education Center starting at 9:00 a.m. (while supplies last).

## Email Communication

If your child is transitioning to a different school, you may want to change your email preferences. Schools communicate important information throughout the summer months. Visit our website to change your preferences.

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