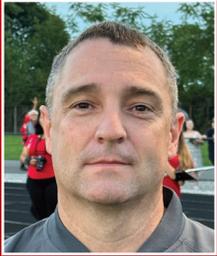




# RED REVIEW

Winter 2024

## Shaping Our Future Together: A New Strategic Plan



Bellevue Schools has always been committed to delivering the highest quality education to its students. To continue meeting the wants and needs of our entire school community, from families to employers, it's time for us to update our strategic plan. The goal of this plan is three-fold:

1. Develop a shared vision, mission and core values.
2. Communicate the direction of the district to all stakeholders.
3. Provide direction for the next five years.

Education — how students learn and the skills and knowledge required by today's employers — is changing rapidly. This new strategic plan will require us to be adaptable and to innovate so that we can improve our outcomes while simultaneously preparing our students to have Intent, Integrity and Purpose.

I look forward to working with key stakeholders to develop a plan that will take Bellevue Schools to the next level.

Alongside this important work, we continue to have an impact inside and outside of our classrooms each day. Throughout this newsletter, you will learn about a new requirement for high school students coming next year, how we are teaching our students and families to safely navigate the technologies that are available to us today, and how we are improving literacy through new curriculum, staff training, and a book vending machine at our elementary building.

Thank you for your continued support.

Troy Roth  
Superintendent

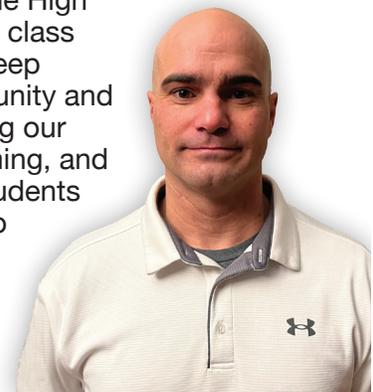
## New Required Financial Literacy Class Starts Next Year

Bellevue High School students have had the option to take a Personal Finance elective course for the past several years. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, however, all high school students will be required to take Financial Literacy.

The course will meet the new ½ credit of financial literacy graduation requirement and will help students make informed decisions about their finances. Topics will include the following: financial responsibility and decision making, planning and money management, how to be an informed consumer, investing, credit and debt, risk management, and insurance.

## Welcome New Director of Building & Grounds

Bellevue is pleased to announce Zach Meacham as the new Director of Building & Grounds. His employment begins on March 1. A proud Bellevue High School alumnus from the class of 1998, Zach brings a deep connection to our community and a commitment to ensuring our schools are safe, welcoming, and well-maintained for all students and staff. We're thrilled to have him join our team. Welcome aboard, Mr. Meacham!



# Financial Update



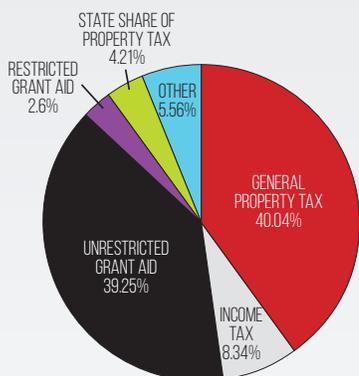
Bellevue Schools wrapped up Fiscal Year 2023 in a sound financial state. Ohio's schools are primarily funded by state funding and local taxpayer dollars. The Fair School Funding Plan, which went into effect in Ohio's 2019 budget bill, is designed to fund schools based on a community's capacity to pay.

Related to our expenses, we route the majority of our dollars directly back into our classrooms in the form of staff and supplies. Like all districts across the state, we must use the last of our COVID-19 funding by September of 2024. Additionally, we continue to see an increase in costs for goods and services due to inflation.

See below for a breakdown of our revenue and expenses.

Tammy Flicker  
Treasurer

## 2023 REVENUE



### INCOME TAX REVENUE

Income paid by residents and unincorporated businesses residing in the district that file Ohio individual tax returns.

### RESTRICTED GRANT AID

Funding for students with disabilities, English learners, gifted students, economically disadvantaged students and those participating in career-technical education.

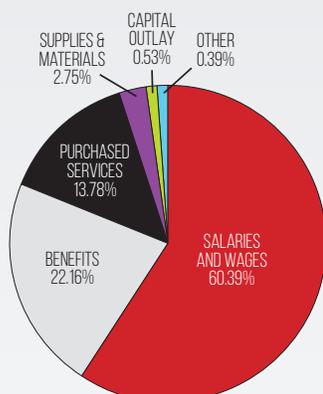
### STATE SHARE PROPERTY TAX

Homestead and rollback income.

### OTHER

Interest on investments, donations, building use income and fees.

## 2023 EXPENSES



### PURCHASED SERVICES

Utilities and maintenance agreements.

### CAPITAL OUTLAY

Expenses for improvements to grounds, equipment, technology and buses.

### OTHER

Debt payments and interest payments.

# Grants Support Literacy Improvement

Bellevue Schools is working hard to improve literacy instruction for students across all grade levels. To aid in this mission, we have rolled out a new curriculum to address both word recognition and language comprehension skills.

We are also working toward certifying nine teachers in introductory dyslexia training. The district was able to secure \$32,800 in grants to make this possible, including:

**\$25,000**

from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation

**\$5,400**

from the Erie County Community Foundation

**\$2,400**

from the Huron County Community Foundation

This is one of the many ways we work with Integrity, Intent and Purpose to prepare students for a successful future.

# Winter Sports Update

Congratulations to our middle school basketball players and wrestlers! Both seventh and eighth grade girl's basketball teams finished undefeated in the Sandusky Bay Conference (SBC)-Lake Division and both earned a No. 1 seed in the tournament.



At the high school, our Lady received an upgrade this year now adorn the space. The project will accommodate the girl's athletic needs. On the court, the girls once again won the SBC-Lake Division and are now consecutive league champions. They will have the opportunity to host...

# Breakfast with the Arts

Join Bellevue High School for a Breakfast With the Arts event March 1 from 9-11 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. Attendees will hear musical performances, view student art, and enjoy a tasty breakfast. The event is free and open to the public.



## VR Comes to Bellevue

Bellevue Middle School staff recently benefited from having a Technology Integration Specialist come speak about the benefits of virtual reality (VR) in the classroom. The specialist showed teachers how to incorporate VR goggles into lessons and highlighted additional VR resources they can use to increase student engagement.



## Technology Training Empowers Students and Families

As part of our commitment to educating kids on how to use technology safely, we recently completed a Digital Empowerment Project. Captain Scott Frank visited students in grades 3-8 to share the risks involved in technology. That evening, parents attended a talk on internet safety and setting goals and limits as a family.



## Breakfast of Champions

Bellevue Middle School hosted its annual Breakfast of Champions on January 31. The event recognizes students who have shown strong work ethic in the classroom and had good attendance this school year.



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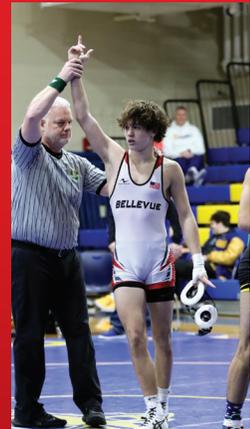


The eighth grade boy's basketball team finished the regular season 12-3 and earned a No. 2 seed in the tournament.

The boy's basketball team continues to pile up wins and are positioning themselves for a post-season run. A change in OHSAA rules means the higher-seeded team will host each sectional game.



The wrestling team has also found success this winter. They were crowned champions of the Brookside Brawl and are looking to compete at the SBC championship and OHSAA sectional tournament.



Red varsity locker room renovation is complete. New 18"x24" lockers replaced previous lockers that did not hold athletic bags and equipment. The lockers will once again sit at the top of the gymnasium on the hunt for their 14th sectional championship. We will once again compete at this year's sectional games.



Last but not least, the middle school wrestling team earned first place in the Bellevue Invitational.



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## New Book Vending Machine Launches at Bellevue Elementary

An all-new book vending machine adorns a hall of Bellevue Elementary thanks to a partnership with the Sandusky County Communities Foundation and our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team.

The machine is wrapped in student artwork and provides books to students who are at their BEST during the school day. Additionally, February's word of the month is caring and students who display a caring attitude can be nominated for a chance at a coveted gold coin to use at the machine.



Scan the QR code to see our unveiling of this latest educational tool!



## Bells at Bellevue

Bells are not your everyday course offering in high school. With a name like BELLevue High School, however, how could it not? A beginner and advanced bells course is taught by longtime teacher Mr. Strayer, who has spent 33 years of his 34-year career at Bellevue.

Through the years, various bell students have performed the “National Anthem” at the Toledo Mud Hens and Walleye games and had other unique opportunities to play alongside alumni and local high school bands.

