



HUDSON EXPLORERS CONNECT

News and Updates from the Hudson City School District

FALL 2023

The Facts About Issue 9

On November 7th, Issue 9 will be on the ballot for the Hudson City School District. Issue 9 is a 5.5 mill operating levy. Operating funds are used for day-to-day expenses such as utilities, salaries, benefits, supplies, and transportation. The money is essential to maintain and continuously improve the Hudson City Schools' high-quality academic programming, extracurricular activities, student wellness and safety, and athletics.

- ✓ The Hudson City School District has not asked voters for new operating funds since May 2011. Comparable districts have passed two and three new operating levies during the same period of time. Passage of Issue 9 would produce an immediate reduction in deficit spending with collections beginning in January 2024.
- ✓ It is important to note that this levy will be based on current property values for 2022, not the new assessed values that take effect in 2024. A homeowner would expect to pay \$16.04 per month for every \$100,000 in home value. A levy calculator on our district website can calculate the cost of the levy for each parcel of property.
- ✓ Funds from operating levies must remain separate from money generated from bond levies or permanent improvement levies. The bond issue, passed in 2017, provided the necessary funding to construct the new Hudson Middle School and provide upgrades, renovations, and/or additions in all other school buildings. Permanent Improvement Funds are used for capital improvement projects, maintenance and repairs of school property, and certain equipment items that are designed to last five years or more.

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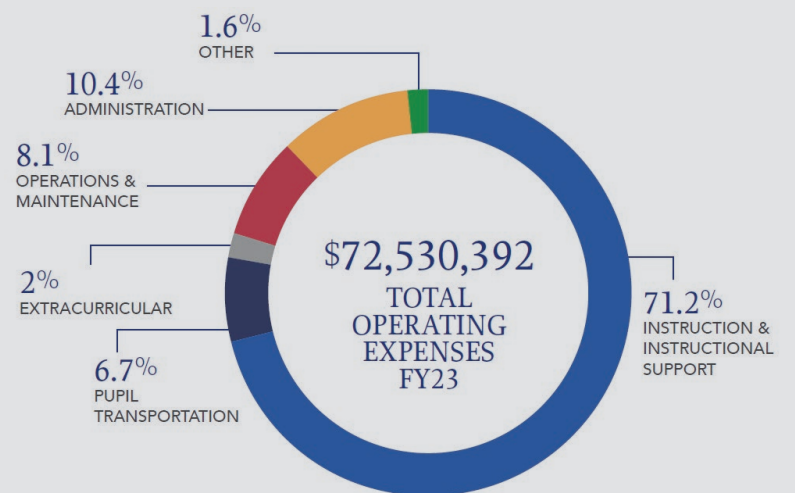


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Operating Expenses

The chart below shows the district's actual operating expenses for Fiscal Year 2023.

When the categories of instruction, instructional support, pupil support, transportation and extracurriculars are combined, 79.8% of all expenditures are directly tied to the student experience.



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: HUDSON A "FIVE-STAR" OVERALL DISTRICT

The Ohio Department of Education released the 2023 Ohio School Report Card in September, and we are proud that the Hudson City School District received an overall five-star ranking, the highest a district can receive.

Hudson City Schools achieved a Performance Index of 105.1 which places the district 20th in the state out of 607 districts with five stars, and the top district in Summit County. The Performance Index score accounts for the level of achievement of every student. ODE previously gave districts letter grades before switching to the star rankings for the 2021-2022 school year.

Class of 2024 Boasts 15 National Merit Scholars

Congratulations to the eight seniors who are National Merit Semifinalists with the National Merit Scholarship Program for 2024.

This group of academically-talented seniors earned this prestigious distinction, based on their PSAT scores. They are: JJ Wright, Noah Price, Sarah

Ma, Thomas Ricard, Sherry Du, Maxwell Niswander, Erica Liu, and Samuel Vogel.

The students on the semifinalist list represent the top one-percent of each state's high school seniors. Semifinalists now have the opportunity to advance to the Finalist level of the competition and compete for scholarship money.

The other seven students honored have been recognized as Commended Scholars, and rank among the top three to four percent of students in the country based on their PSAT scores. They are: Gerald Plunkett, Matthew Banko, Elliot Losh, Rossteen Kheder, Charles Ross, Luca Carvalho, and Jason Tong.



WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OUR HIGH-ACHIEVING STUDENTS.



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McDowell Hosts Walkathon

Our smallest students at McDowell Early Learning enjoyed taking part in this year's Walkathon on September 28.

Students walked around the school and participated in various movement and problem-solving stations with their classmates. The walkathon was this year's PTO fundraising event. Students collected donations, which will assist with PTO-sponsored activities throughout the year. These include Right to Read Week, Assemblies, Field Day, and more.



"Charlotte's Web" Day at Ellsworth Hill

Second-grade students at Ellsworth Hill Elementary carried on the tradition of Charlotte's Web Day in September.

The school is transformed into Zuckerman's farm as students wear creative homemade costumes, such as Charlotte, Wilbur, Fern, Avery, and even Templeton the rat!

This classic story is read by each second grade class. Upon completion and thoughtful discussions, students get to enjoy this special day.

Portrait of an Explorer Days in Full Swing

The district's Portrait of an Explorer Days are back this year, with activities to assist our students in developing key character traits. They are: Adaptive Problem Solver, Critical Thinker, Ethical Citizen, Lifelong Learner, Engaged Collaborator, and Empathetic Contributor.

For the first POE day this year, teachers and students worked on adaptive problem solving skills. At East Woods Intermediate, a school assembly took place which focused on mistakes that turned into great inventions. One of the mistakes examined was the story of the Day Glo brothers who accidentally discovered fluorescent colors. They invented many uses for the fluorescents, which fueled their business. The Day Glo company is located in Cleveland.



New Art Pieces Unveiled at Hudson Middle School

Several new art "cubes" now grace the grounds of HMS, thanks to an Artist in Residency experience.

The art project actually began in 2018-2019 when Artist Angelica Pozo worked with students to design tiles that show acceptance and connectedness.

The tiles were packed away until the new HMS was completed, but the project was delayed due to the pandemic and skyrocketing concrete prices for the cubes. Recently, Pozo, along with HMS art teacher Nicole Rice and volunteers, were finally able to finish the artistic cubes.

The former 7th grade students who initially designed these tiles are now seniors at Hudson High School! We want to thank the Hudson Schools Foundation and the Tom & Gail Tobin Family Fund of American Endowment Foundation for generously supporting this initiative.

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