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A STATE OF THE SCHOOLS PUBLICATION by NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS | 2024



# WEARE NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

- 10,357 students
- Largest employer in Noblesville with 1,800+ employees
- Seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school
- 27% students are low income

- 18% students have physical/emotional/ learning disabilities
- 18% students are academically gifted
- 12% students are multilingual with over 50 different home languages
- Over 300 teams and clubs

As residents and taxpayers we want you to be informed about what's happening in your schools. To stay up-to-date on school news throughout the year, please sign up for our monthly email newsletter *In the Know* with this QR code or at noblesvilleschools.org.



#### SUPERINTENDENT DR. DANIEL G. HILE

Dr. Dan Hile joined Noblesville Schools as superintendent in July of 2022 and serves as the top executive for the district, leading all operations and staff. Please feel free to reach out to Dr. Hile if you have questions, concerns or ideas to share.

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You can also invite him to attend your community meetings by visiting the "leadership" section of noblesvilleschools.org.

Watch Dr. Hile's annual STATE OF THE SCHOOLS address to learn more about what's happening in your schools.

#### **FINANCES**

We take our role as stewards of your taxpayer dollars very seriously and are committed to transparency.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

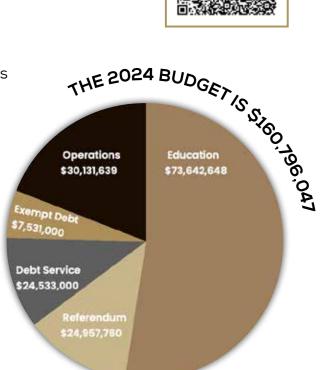
- Decreased tax rate for fifth year in a row
- Balanced budget
- Credit rating in the top 8% of school districts provides low interest rates and strong bond capacity
- Largest funding increase toward new teacher contract in the history of Noblesville Schools to attract and retain top educators
- New benefit changes to streamline efficiencies and reduce taxpayer cost



We are so appreciative of the support provided by our community through our operational referendum. These critical funds allow our district to provide competitive salaries and benefits that recruit and retain outstanding educators and staff, and also allow our district to ensure the safety and well-being of the children we serve.

Our current referendum will expire at the end of 2026. Expect to hear more about this topic in the coming years as decisions regarding next steps for our referendum are made.

For a list of how referendum funds are being used, please visit the "business department, budget/finance" area of noblesvilleschools.org.







SHOUT OUT

to bus driver Walt Edwards.

whose quick thinking stopped a student from crossing the street just as a car blew past the school bus stop arm. The car's driver was caught on camera and footage was shared with the police. Our 1,800+ staff members show great care for our students.



Explore our employmentopportunities!

#### WE'RE HIRING

The best teachers and staff mean the best education experience for students. We continue to focus on innovative recruiting, employee recognition, and competitive compensation to attract and retain strong employees. Please visit the "careers" area of noblesvilleschools.org or use the QR code above.

### THE NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your school board is made up of five elected members representing the Noblesville community. Visit the "leadership" section of noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about board members and to access board agendas, minutes and policies.

Board members attended the Indiana School Board Association annual conference for continued learning to best serve Noblesville. To find emails for the board, visit the "leadership" area of noblesvilleschools.org.

(L-R) Dr. Joe Forgey, Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert, Laura Alerding, Misti Ray.





The Class of 2023 **EARNED OVER \$5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS**, including a full-ride Lilly Endowment winner.





#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The academic achievements of our students make us a top performing district in Indiana and nationally.

- 98% graduation rate
- 50% academic honors + technical diplomas
- Top 5% in state for SAT
- Top 10% in state for ILEARN
- Over 300 total courses offered at NHS (Noblesville High School) including 64 honors, Advanced Placement, and college credit classes

To learn more about our **FIRST-CLASS CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND EDUCATORS** visit the "academics" section of noblesvilleschools.org

## WHAT'S NEW?

Noblesville Schools is always looking for ways to better serve students, families and taxpayers. Here are just a few examples of what's new this year in our schools.

- Expanded STEM hands-on learning equipment for elementary students
- Enhanced civics education for middle school students and new national partnership for innovative civics education coming in 2024
- Hungry Heroes program that invites first responders to have lunch with students
- Adult education initiative coming in 2024
- School projects and celebrations in honor of the Noblesville and Hamilton County bicentennials
- Enhanced grant funding to support student + staff mental health needs
- Dedicated space for multilingual family support



**ELEMENTARY STEM LEARNING** will be enhanced thanks to funding from the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.



New this year, a dedicated space was created in the administration building for a **MULTILINGUAL FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER** to better serve the rapidly growing population of multilingual families in Noblesville.



#### CONSTRUCTION

We have experienced significant growth in certain areas over the last several years and are addressing over-capacity facilities with expansion and renovation projects.

All of these construction projects are being funded through bonds (loans) and do not raise the tax rate, or use referendum or education dollars.

NHS will break ground in early 2024 on a major academic expansion that will add 70,000 square feet of new space in support of STEM and career technical education, as well as the renovation of 37,000 square feet for a performing arts expansion.

Construction is also underway at NHS on an athletic expansion to add new courts, girls locker rooms, classrooms, office space, and enhancements for wrestling, cheerleading and volleyball.



Major academic and athletic expansion plans are in the works at NHS to support enrollment growth and increased student interest in programs.





#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We partner with the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses to support the economic needs of Noblesville and provide real-world skills to prepare our students for college, careers and life.

We're leaders in workforce development with

- The largest high school internship program in the state
- Multiple career, trade and technical offerings for students to earn real-world experience and certifications while still in high school
- Higher education partnerships that save our families thousands of dollars each year in college tuition
- Career fairs and job boards that connect local businesses with student employees





#### IN THE NEWS



 The IndyStar recently featured Noble Crossing Elementary media specialist Taryn Hassler's innovative and engaging approach to library learning.



 Hinkle Creek Elementary's Nathaniel Truitt was named WISH-TV's 2023 grand finale Golden Apple winner for excellence in teaching.

#### CELEBRATIONS

Our students and staff are frequently recognized at state and national levels for academic, athletic and performing arts achievements.





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**1.** Noblesville Schools celebrated national honors in music education for the eighth consecutive year.

**2.** NHS jazz director Bethany Robinson is one of only 25 teachers in the United States to have been named a national GRAMMY semifinalist for leadership in music education. She was also recently named the Indiana High School Music Educator of the Year.

**3.** NHS teacher Andrew Wilkins is one of only 38 educators in the United States to be nationally recognized with an Outstanding Teacher Award for his leadership in STEM education.

**4.** Noblesville Schools celebrated national recognition in STEM for the sixth consecutive year.

**5.** Over the past year, the NHS Millers won back-toback state championships in both boys and girls soccer and first time state championships in girls track and unified track. Since 2019, NHS has added 13 athletic state championships to the record books, bringing the historical total of NHS state championships to 23.

# **OPPORTUNITIES** TO GET INVOLVED

- Follow Noblesville Schools on social media
- Sign up to receive our monthly digital publication In the Know.
- Explore noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about curriculum, finances, school news and leadership.
- Attend school events and performances
- Host a student intern
- Volunteer to be a mentor under the "community" area at noblesvilleschools.org
- Apply for our Miller Ambassadors community leadership experience
- Support the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation and our parent teacher organizations
- Attend school board meetings or watch online
- Sponsor, donate or advertise with Noblesville Schools



#### THE MILLER AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

invites community leaders and district parents to learn about all facets of running a district, including business management, academics, student services, operations and more.



Learn more about
Miller Ambassadors

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact your child's teacher, school principal or district leadership with questions about Noblesville Schools. You can find emails and phone numbers for staff and leaders at noblesvilleschools.org.



#### THE NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

is a nonprofit organization that funds programs to assist Noblesville Schools students and educators in the pursuit of excellence.

Learn more about NSEF and get involved



#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

We're proud of the strong partnership we have with the Noblesville Police Department and the important role that SROs (school resource officers) play in our schools. Whether overseeing facility safety, mentoring students, or teaching health and safety curriculum, our SROs serve as important role models and are an integral part of our school community.



White River Elementary hosted Noblesville first responders for a special **"HIGH FIVE FOR HEROES"** event on the anniversary of the September 11 tragedy.

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#### KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will open March 4, 2024. As that date nears, the noblesvilleschools.org website will have enrollment instructions. Please be sure to register early so you and your child can attend our kindergarten orientation sessions.

We're excited to welcome the Class of 2037 as kindergartners for the upcoming school year!





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#### **< YOU'RE** INVITED!

We welcome the public to join us at many of our events. Thank you for your support of our students!



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