



LAKEWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Lakewood Schools Community,

It has been a difficult few weeks for our Lancer community. We grieve and pray for the families of staff and students who we have lost and who are battling illness and injury. It is in times like these that we must come together and support each other in our Lancer Family.

With that said, it is hard to believe that we are already three-quarters of the way through, and our students are preparing for the final quarter of the year. Many great achievements have happened since the Fall newsletter and I'm happy to share them with you.

First, Lakewood Local Schools (LLS) is a recipient of the State of Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Career Technical Education (CTE) Equipment Grant Program, which helps schools purchase up-to-date equipment so they can better prepare students to be career-ready upon graduation. LLS received \$530,916.01 and is one of 56 districts/schools receiving grants totaling more than \$67.7 million. Read more about the grant inside.

The winter brought much success across our District. Our school STEM teams performed well in various competitions at The Works' STEMfest in early March. Mrs. Vayansky received the Leaders for Learning Award from the Licking County Foundation...congratulations! Our LHS and LMS Bands put on a fantastic show in October at Band Night, and our fall play, 12 Angry Jurors, was another great success. And congratulations are due to our athletic successes from the winter, especially the JV and Varsity Girls Bowling Teams who both were LCL Champions, the Varsity Girls Bowling Team who was District Runner-Up and a State Qualifier, Wrestling LCL Champions Keegan Jacks and Tyler Christman – with Keegan placing 6th in the State, and Isaiah Mitchell who was an Indoor State Track Meet Qualifier.

As we move into Spring, many exciting things are on the horizon. The LHS and LMS spring musicals, Anastasia the Musical and Disney Newsies Jr., respectively, are coming up. The LHS production will take place the weekend of April 12-14, while the LMS production will be on May 9. We're also looking forward to the spring sports season, with Lancer Baseball, Softball, and Track & Field programs striving for continued success. Lastly, the Class of 2024 will end their Lakewood Lancer career with Commencement on Sunday, May 26, from The Court in Lakewood High School. Please join me in wishing them well as they plan for their future beyond high school!

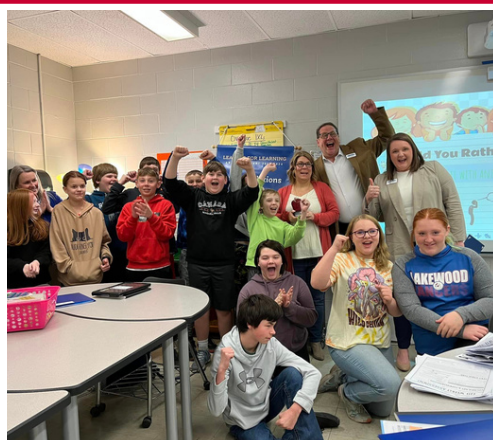
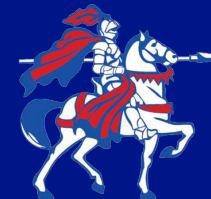
Thank you for your continued support of our Lakewood Lancer students and staff members. With their hard work and dedication, and your encouragement, it is and will always be Lancer Time!

Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Superintendent





Lancer PRIDE Spotlight



Sixth-grade ELA teacher Michelle Vayansky receives Leaders for Learning award from the Licking County Foundation!

Second-grade students from LES shared writing assignments at BOE Meeting.



JIS Spelling Bee finalists: 4th - Paul Raff, Makaela Rayburn & Carter Abbott.
5th - Annabella Hanson, Ally Moore & Allison Artin.



JIS STEMfest winners: Logan Fraley - 1st place in the Power the Plant challenge. Lillie Suttles, Lilyan MacDonald & Madison Woodman - 3rd place in the Sustainable Design challenge.



OMEA District 10 High School & Middle School Honors Band performers!

LHS Quiz Bowl: End of season tournament winners & Regional qualifiers.

Kylee Stack and William Kohut representing LHS at the Newark Rotary club.



Colin McNichols: 2024 Drum Major of the Lancer Marching Band.



JIS STEM Club present work at BOE Meeting.



Lancer Athletic Highlights



Grace Sturgell representing Lakewood in the LCL All Star game.

JV & Varsity Girls Bowling were both LCL Champions, and the Varsity Team was District Runner-Up and a State Qualifier.



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Wrestling LCL Champions: Keegan Jacks and Tyler Christman. Keegan achieves 100 wins and 6th place finish at State Championship.

LMS athlete Carson Schehl, won the OAC Divisional State Tournament.



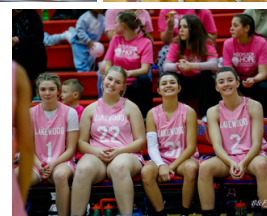
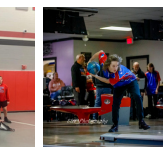
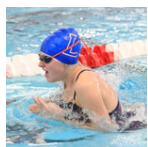
LHS boys and girls basketball play at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers!



Scarlett Yugovich and Kara Weekly: District Qualifiers



Isaiah Mitchell: Indoor State Track Meet Qualifier.





LLS Awarded \$500k+ CTE Equipment Grant



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Lakewood High School currently offers the following courses in its CTE programming: Engineering Design, Robotics, and Manufacturing Operations. Through the grant, the district will train teachers and purchase technical equipment for the high school Innovation Center and middle school Industrial Technology room, furniture, and computers.

LLS will be expanding its existing Engineering and Science Technologies program with an increased focus on Advanced Manufacturing by adjusting its curriculum to offer a 12-point credential and a fourth course. As part of the program expansion, LLS would also implement College and Career Ready Labs at its middle school to expose students to the courses they can take in high school and generate more interest in the CTE Engineering and Technologies program, thus creating an aligned 7th-12th grade pathway.

Lakewood Middle School currently offers a Pre-Engineering Technologies course and the district will use part of these funds to incorporate Paxton Patterson College and Career Ready Labs into this program, such as CAD, Digital Manufacturing, Flight and Drone Technology, Robotics, and Structural Engineering.



"With the industry and development that is on the horizon for our area, it's even more important that we provide vibrant teaching and learning experiences and give students the training, knowledge, and skills they will need to succeed." -Superintendent Dr. Mark Gleichauf



Strategic Plan Updates

In early 2023, the Lakewood Local Schools Board of Education convened a diverse group of stakeholders including community members, parents, district staff members, and district administrators to consider and chart the future direction of the District. The resulting strategic plan includes a vision statement; a mission statement; core values; and five new, over-arching goals with clarifying goal statements.

For each of these goals, Action Teams have been formed and each group is creating strategies and tactics to achieve the goal. You may have seen an action by the Community Pride & Engagement Action Team - a survey to gauge the community's thoughts and feelings about pride and engagement topics. Please consider participating. The survey will close on April 26.

Community Pride & Engagement Survey

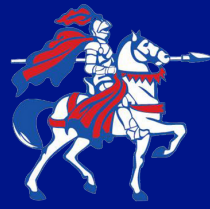
Your Feedback is Valuable!

<https://forms.gle/VzG5x3YMC6ipmzBQ8>



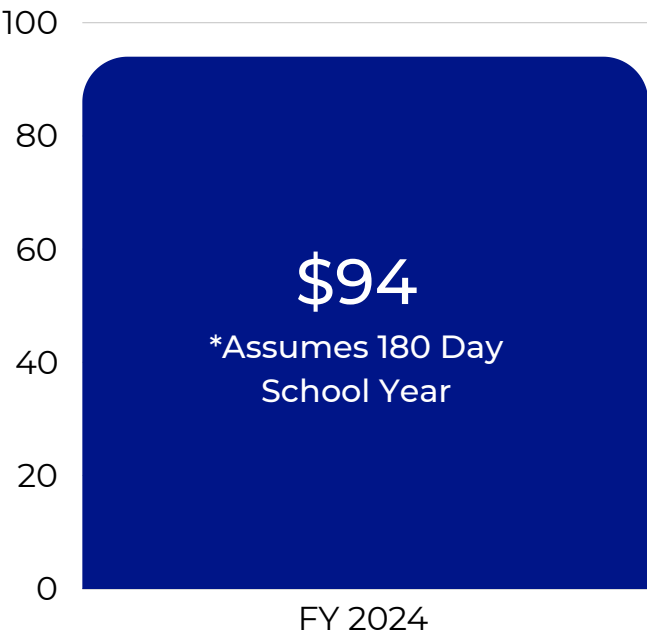


District Finances

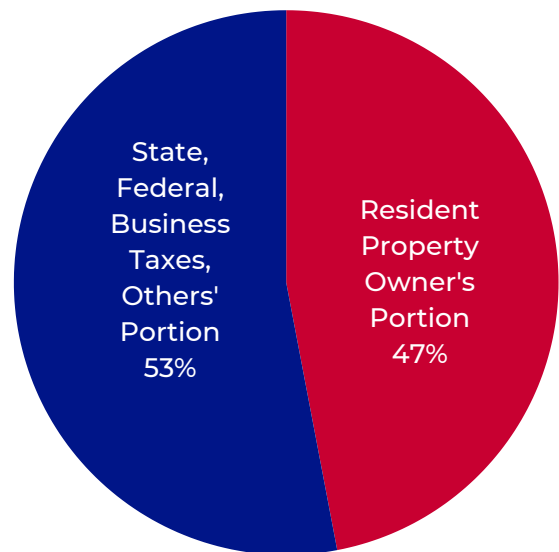


To keep our community informed about the District's finances, we wanted to share information about the cost to educate a student per day in our District (\$94), as well as what portion of that cost is the responsibility of resident owners in our District (\$44).

Daily Cost Per Pupil



FY 2024 Per Pupil Expenditure Support



Note: Local share is calculated using a ratio of Class I property value, effective tax rate relative to total calculated property tax revenue.

Did you know?

Last school year, the District expended \$3.5 million in federal awards. Of that amount, \$951,000 was for Food Service activities, \$1.6 million was for COVID-19 ESSER activities, and \$949,000 was for Federal Title programming.

How Does Sports Betting Revenues Affect School Funding?

Unlike casino taxes which are allocated to individual school districts on a per-pupil basis, sports betting tax revenues are placed in a separate state fund which can be used for “public and nonpublic education purposes” at the discretion of the legislature. These revenues improve the bottom line of the state, even if they are directed to public schools through the state foundation formula, this does not result in any additional funding for Ohio school districts as the state is obligated to make these state foundation payments regardless.

The sports betting revenues are similar to lottery profits. They both free up an amount of money from the state General Revenue Fund (GRF) that the state can then choose to use in any manner they see fit. Neither the lottery nor sports betting will result in a net increase in revenues for Ohio’s public schools.

Casino revenues received based on a per-pupil basis and received directly by the District for this school year is \$110,118.

If you have questions, please reach out to the District's Treasurer, Glenna Plaisted, at (740) 928-1928 or gplaisted@lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us.



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Planning Ahead

Spring Learning Resources

- Sir Reads-a-Lot Video Series:
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6hFwP8O0RW8KIKxwOxI7yPsaDoEIERBg>
- Camp Invention Activities for Families:
<https://www.invent.org/programs>
- The Works Event Calendar:
<https://attheworks.org/calendar-events/>
- Highlights for Kids:
<https://www.highlightskids.com/>
- Preparing for College:
<https://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/schools-page/lakewood-high-school/counseling-office/preparing-for-college>
- IXL (LMS student resource to practice math, social studies, science and ELA): <http://ixl.com/> (and login)

Key Dates for 2023-24 School Year

- April 8: No School (Calendar Update)
- April 27: Prom
- May 9: LMS Reality Store Event
- May 23: Senior Awards Night
- May 26: Graduation
- May 27: No School (Memorial Day)
- May 30: Students' Last Day
- Late Start Dates:
 - April 17
- June 3-28: Lakewood Summer Program

Full calendar available on our website:
www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us/calendars.aspx



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