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THE DANVILLE DIFFERENCE

The Importance of Budgeting

Making Every Dollar Count Toward a Better Education

-FROM THE CFO-



It's that time of year again in Central Indiana — fall has arrived. Aside from the pleasant cooler nights and perfect football weather, it's also budget season. Now, I can sense that the mere mention of budgets might not sound exciting, and that's perfectly understandable. However, allow me to shed some light on why our school's budget holds real significance for you.

To grasp the importance, let's start with a brief overview of how the budgeting process unfolds in public schools. It all begins in late summer, where diligent work takes place at the district level to shape the upcoming budget year. We commence by projecting the funds we expect to receive and then construct our expenses accordingly.

The primary sources of revenue for public schools are the State Tuition Support, which fuels the education fund — covering teacher salaries and classroom supplies — and Local Property Taxes, which contribute to operational expenses and debt payments. While the state largely determines the allocation of educational fund dollars, local tax dollars provide more local control, governed by the school board and the local taxpayers, including you.

Here's some exciting news: for the sixth consecutive year, our net assessed value has seen an increase. This value, determined by the county assessor, represents the worth of real and personal property within our tax jurisdiction. Once this figure is established, a tax rate is set, which includes both the operations fund tax rate and the debt service fund tax rate. The chart below illustrates this growth in Certified Net Assessed Value and the reduction in the overall tax rate for Danville Community Schools. Since 2018, there has been an impressive \$0.2442 reduction in the overall tax rate—a remarkable 16.1% decrease.

Our commitment to maximizing every dollar for our students remains unwavering. We continuously seek efficiencies and strategies to further lower this rate, all while we're in the midst of building projects at South Elementary and preparing to break ground on the High School in April 2024.

So, even if budgets don't thrill you, remember that we are diligently working to stretch our resources to the fullest, ensuring your dollars go towards providing the best teachers, facilities, experiences, and education for the students of Danville.

Corey Herbert
Danville Community School Corporation CFO

Year	Total Tax Rate	Increase From Last Year	CNAV (OPS and Debt)	Increase From Last Year CNAV
2017	\$1.40		\$753,733,842	
2018	\$1.52	8.54%	\$747,703,662	-0.80%
2019	\$1.36	-10.27%	\$778,084,980	4.06%
2020	\$1.37	0.45%	\$805,363,978	3.51%
2021	\$1.34	-2.32%	\$847,756,623	5.26%
2022	\$1.35	0.90%	\$912,862,088	7.68%
2023	\$1.32	-2.50%	\$1,034,016,551	13.27%
2024 (Proj)	\$1.28	-2.36%	\$1,131,109,796	9.39%

Homecoming 2023

Another exciting Homecoming in the books! We had spirit week at each school, a pep rally at DCHS, the parade, the football game and an awesome DCHS dance! This tradition is one that our whole community gets to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in the celebrations with us! We love being part of such an incredible community filled with so much hometown spirit and pride.



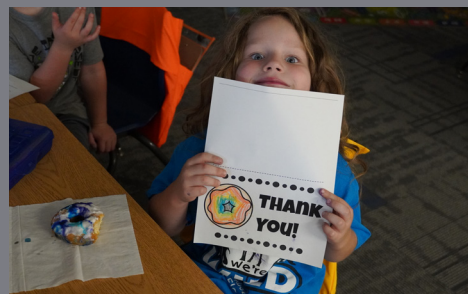
Maximizing Student Success

Our students have been hard at work inside the classroom! From science experiments to art projects to math stations, there has not been a single dull moment for our students and teachers. It's personalized experiences like these that help us maximize every student's success!



A Career-Driven Summer

What do you want to be when you grow up? That's the question our PACE kids set out to answer this summer. Each week, someone new from the community would come in and tell them about what they do. Farmers, teachers, dentists, and more! The students had fun and learned a lot too. Now, the fun is continuing with PACE before and after school each day.



Sweet Community Collaborations

We had SUCH a fun project take place at North Elementary! Our first-grade students put their crayon technique to the test by coloring different donuts, and then Reds Donuts made real donuts for them and delivered them to the school! They even displayed the artwork at the shop itself.



Learning About Safety

Our DCSC Police Department is constantly finding new ways to educate and inform our students about safety. In the photo above, Chief Oliphant is visiting a classroom to talk about important safety tips, who to call when you are in trouble, and how to safely find help when you need it. He even showed them some of his safety tools!

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Important Dates for 2023-2024

October 23 · Professional Development Day - eLearning Day
November 22-24 · Thanksgiving Break
December 21 · Last Day of Semester 1
December 25-January 5 · Winter Break
January 8 · First Day of Semester 2
January 15 · MLK Jr. Day
February 19 · President's Day, possible make-up day
January 25 · Professional Development Day - Waiver Day of Instruction
March 1 · Professional Development Day - Waiver Day of Instruction
March 25-29 · Spring Break
April 8 · Professional Development Day - eLearning or Waiver Day (TBD)
May 23 · Last Day of School
May 24 · Graduation



Construction Updates

Curious about what is going on over at South Elementary? Or maybe you want to know more about what's to come at DCHS? Visit <https://www.danville.k12.in.us/domain/221> or scan the QR code below to see videos, photos and newsletters about our Master Campus Plan!



2023 Board of School Trustees Meeting Dates

Parents, students, staff, and members of the community are invited to attend the meetings of the Danville Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees. Meetings are held in the Danville Community Middle School training room. Enter at door 1 and follow the placed signs to assist in locating the room. Here are the dates for the remaining 2023 meetings:

- November 13
- December 11

Power of the Past, Force of the Future

Danville Community School Corporation

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Celebrating 60 years of...

- Education
- Building a strong community
- Working as a team
- Making the Danville Difference



*Class of 1971 homecoming float senior year
Photomynce*



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Celebrating Student Success



Garrett Hayse, a senior at DCHS, was named an Indianapolis Colts Indiana High School Academic All-Star! All players on this year's team are ranked in the top 5% of their class. This is an extremely impressive accomplishment both athletically and academically. We are so proud of you, Garrett!

DCHS students Calla Herald and Kooper Stone have earned IHSVCA Academic recognitions. Calla earned the IHSVCA Academic All-State Silver Award, which recognizes players with GPAs between 3.50 and 3.74, and Kooper earned the IHSVCA Academic All-State Gold Award, which recognizes players with GPAs of 3.75 and above. Congratulations! We are so proud of all of your hard work and dedication.



The DCHS Competition Cheerleading Team received 1st place at the UCA Hoosier Regional competition, and that earned them a Bid to Nationals! These girls exemplify hard work and dedication to their sport, and we could not be more proud. Congratulations!

Congratulations to these DCHS football players for the following academic accomplishments! We look forward to seeing your continued success on and off the field.

- Garrett Hayse: IFCA Academic All-Star
- Jace Scrafton: IFCA 3A Junior All-State Team
- Evan Lawrence: IFCA Top 50 All-State Team



Jack Hearld was also recognized at a recent Board meeting! He earned a spot on the IHSAA Boys' Cross Country All-State Team earlier this year after an outstanding run at State. Jack's dedication and skill has broken school records and earned him recognition all across the state. Congratulations again, Jack! We are still so proud!

The DCHS Theatre Department went to a regional one-act competition on Dec 2 at Noblesville HS. They placed in the top 3 at the competition, and Isla Cromer won the award for Outstanding Lead Performer! This award is only given to 2 performers and takes into consideration all of the shows that performed that day. It is a huge accomplishment, and we are so excited to celebrate with her!



Big Things on the Horizon

An Update on DCSC's Master Campus Plan

-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-



This past summer, Danville Community Schools kicked off the Master Campus Plan process by breaking ground at South Elementary School. To date, 14 classrooms are in the process of being added to the southeast side of the school, with cinder block walls nearly complete. Work is in progress to relocate the administrative offices and school resource officer to the front of the building, with a new secure entry in the works. Work has begun to expand the gym for full use of the playing floor and to accommodate additional bleacher seating. Over the summer, interior renovations will begin to expand the cafeteria space for students and to completely renovate the existing classroom areas of the building. Renovations will continue through the 2024-25 school year, with completion scheduled in the summer of 2025.

As we approach spring break, we will begin phase 1 of the high school projects. Over spring break, construction crews will mobilize to begin adding 14 classrooms onto the northeast side of the building. At the same time, the south Warrior Way drive will be closed off to allow for safety as construction will begin on the southwest side of the building, where a new pool and weight room will be added. The current pool in the center of the building will be totally renovated into new performing arts areas for band and choir. This summer, initial work will begin to renovate portions of the academic wing, adding permanent wall structures to enhance student safety. Work is already underway to develop temporary new front office areas inside of the present-day entrance 17. Following spring break, this will become the new front entrance as crews work to remodel the interior of the building, including a new secure front entry, interior classroom spaces, library and front offices.

The high school project will span three years from the time of groundbreaking, with all parts of the building being touched at some point. All classrooms will be significantly renovated, including our career and technical education areas and an expansion of the greenhouse. The cafeteria will receive a generous expansion and a student commons area developed to provide space for students to interact. Athletic areas will be updated to include improvements to softball, tennis, track and Warrior Stadium.

As part of the Master Campus Plan, we will be going back into North to update a couple of remaining items that had to be delayed due to budget limitations during the recent renovation. This includes restroom updates, replacing heating and cooling units in classrooms, replacing some of the remaining exterior doors, and providing upgrades to the gymnasium lighting and flooring.

The value added in safety improvements and the learning environment are significant. We are taking great care to look toward the future including being intentional to introduce natural light into the building, provide for space needs, and to allow the free flow of student traffic in the buildings. We are so appreciative of our community's support of the project and grateful for the tax contributions to make these facility upgrades for our students possible. Special attention is being given to be as efficient as possible in the construction process. This entire set of projects is being completed while Danville Community School Corporation is also lowering our school debt service rate to taxpayers. Thank you for your support, and please look for more good things to come as we work together to provide a quality educational experience for the young people in our community.



Incredible Staff and Students!

Here are all of our Students of the Month and Outstanding Warriors of the Month for the first semester!

September



Deven Shane



Miles Roeder



Bailee Frost



Garrett Hayse



Christi Swanson

October



Wyatt Henry



Zoe Hunter



Kali Eubank



Penny Long

November



Jaina Deford



Grayson King



Maiya Schane



Nick Vanscoyk



Abby England

December



Olivia Agan



Ivey Carlson



Elias Fredriksz



Sofia Windmiller



Grace Redwine



Angie Cooper

Special Staff Recognitions

Nurse Breanna Hull won the DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune SYstem) Award through Hendricks Regional Health, which is an "award that celebrates the compassionate care nurses provide every day." Congratulations!

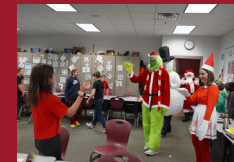


Officer Kim Kiritschenko won Reserve Officer of the Year through Brownsburg Police Department. She has been a part time officer with them for 14 years, and we are happy to have her at DCSC to keep us safe. Congratulations!



Bringing Holiday Cheer to Students

Superintendent Dr. Shafer, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Morgan Walker, CFO Corey Herbert, Director of Facilities Richard Land, and Communications Coordinator Abby England all dressed up and handed out candy canes to every DCSC student to enjoy before winter break. It's the district's special way of spreading holiday cheer and boosting spirits for everyone!



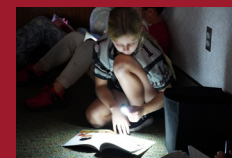
Serving the Community

Our DCMS and DCHS FFA students served 151 full Thanksgiving meals at Shared Blessings (including a turkey- thanks to a donation from Hendricks County Farm Bureau!) to local families this year. This was made possible through the food drive that took place at both schools, where they collected 2,647 cans and \$1,110.82. This is the largest number of meals they've been able to pack and the most families they have ever served through this food drive!



Engaging Students in the Classroom

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One Team; One Mission



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Danville Community Schools 2023-2024: A Year to Remember



It has been a great year in the Danville Community School Corporation! Here is a brief look at all of the amazing things our Warriors were up to this year. At Danville Community Schools, we are ONE TEAM with ONE MISSION. For our full Year in Review, visit <https://www.danville.k12.in.us/community/the-danville-difference> and scroll to the bottom of the page or scan the QR code below!



Community Survey

Danville Community School Corporation strives to engage with our constituents multiple times throughout the year to gather valuable insights and feedback. This helps us ensure we are serving everyone as effectively as possible. We are now inviting all members of the Danville community to participate in a brief end-of-year communications survey. Your feedback will help us prepare and make improvements for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts!

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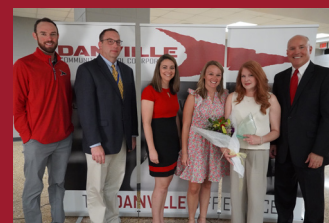
Elementary Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Lori Wynn



"Mrs. Wynn has been a god send to us. She truly believes and gives all she has to her students. She has changed my daughter's life by guiding her and having patience and giving her a little extra grace when needed. She gets on their level and learns how they learn to help them exceed. Mrs. Wynn Is an expert in her field who advances growth for students of all backgrounds and abilities. We could never show her enough how thankful we are to her. She has wonderful communication skills and is so understanding of their struggles. This is my daughter's first year in all day general education and it couldn't have been possible without Mrs. Wynn giving all she has to help her to be able to do that. Her ways of including my daughter to make friends with her peers in a way my daughter is comfortable. My daughter is going to leave first grade with friends which we worried wouldn't ever come but Mrs. Wynn made that possible! I have always been my daughter's person and Mrs. Wynn has been her person by making her feel safe and listening to her and trying to help her through her anxiety. I couldn't think of a better person to be nominated for teacher of the year!" - DCSC Parent

Secondary Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Sonja Dashiell

"Mrs Dashiell has been a lifeline for me and my Mrs Dashiell has been a lifeline for me and my son through his entire high school career. She has been more than a teacher. I feel she is one of the main reasons my son has made it this far. He has had her every year since he started high school. She understands his special needs and she always meets him where he is. She treats him with respect and dignity even in some trying times. I feel comfortable with him coming to school because of her. You can tell when someone's heart is in teaching and she is one of those angels. If anyone deserves this award and recognition it's her and dignity even in some trying times. I feel comfortable with him coming to school because of her. You can tell when someone's heart is in teaching and she is one of those angels. She is kind and truly understands the kids. She has on many occasions helped me to understand things and made me feel at ease on the things I still didn't understand. If anyone deserves this award and recognition it's her." - DCSC Parent



Support Staff Member of the Year: Mrs. Christi Swanson

NOMINATION #1: "Christi is so easy to work with! The Special Services Office often makes requests for students that require transportation at times other than regular bus route times. Christi always goes out of her way to try to accommodate any request we make for student transportation and she does it with a smile. Instead of responding with a no, she is always up for brainstorming ideas on how to make the times work for the student and the transportation department. We have also worked together when substitutes are needed for bus aides. She's often driving the bus herself or filling in as an aide if a substitute cannot be found. This fall I suggested we add Special Transportation to the services we bill to Medicaid. This requires more paper work for the drivers for the Special Ed routes. Christi was very supportive and willing to do whatever was needed to make it happen. She even used transportation records to go back a few months to bill for the fall semester when we didn't plan to start until February. She is the best!" - Staff Member



NOMINATION #2: "Have you ever met that person that is so encouraging, positive, motivating and always there to help no matter what time of day? A person that goes above and beyond in every part of their life in order to better themselves and others? Danville Community Schools Transportation Department has that person as an employee. If you have never met Christi Swanson you are missing out. Christi is always going above and beyond. She is committed to her job and her staff members. She is always looking for ways to improve. She takes pride in and strives for excellence in everything she does. Christi is always thinking of others and finding ways to encourage them to better themselves. She is always that smiling, positive face that makes you want to smile in return. Christi always follows through with a task in a way that makes you want to join in and help. She sets a high standard for professionalism and achievement. Her dedication and enthusiasm is so motivating to others. She is definitely an asset to our Danville Family!" - Staff Member

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January



Henry Jackson Andie Ellerman



Chleo Schut



Lori Wynn

February



Colt Walden



Harper Rader



Rylan Kaiser



Maklyn Knuckles



Penny Wright

March



Ravneet Kaur



Wyatt Isenberg



Abrie Hix



Allie Dotson



Rene Gillaspay

April



Karli Crabtree



Zella Bradley



Elizabeth Lahey



Diana Mota Xolo

Special Staff Recognition

Congratulations to Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Stierwalt, Mrs. Swartz, and Mrs. Grundlock for completing a Science of Reading course through the Department of Education! As we told the students who joined in the celebration, our teachers are always learning too, and we love to see the hard work and dedication that they put in every day!



DCSC Advocates Day 2024

We hosted our first ever Advocates Day on April 22, 2024! We had an amazing group of people sign up to join us for a day of tours, informative sessions, and a true behind-the-scenes look at how we are serving our students. Overall, the day was a huge success, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for this program. Hopefully, many of you will also be able to become Warrior Advocates in the future!



SAFE Training

The Danville Community Schools Police Department put on an amazing event to teach high school girls about Situational Awareness for Everyday (SAFE) in an effort to help them protect themselves and those around them. The day started with a message from Officer K about situational awareness and general safety tips. Then, Sheltering Wings had two amazing presenters join for a presentation about safe relationships (including friendships) and more situational awareness tips. Finally, the day ended with a self-defense course! It was an extremely informative event that we hope to see grow in the future.



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As we officially turn the page on another successful year at Danville Community School Corporation, we are very proud of our 186 graduates from the class of 2024 and wish them the very best as they take on new life ambitions and challenges. We also want to congratulate our Elementary Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lori Wynn, and our Secondary Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Sonja Dashiell. These teachers exemplify the caring and committed staff we have as a whole in our schools.

As we move into the summer, construction has gotten into full swing as 14 additional new classrooms are nearing completion at South Elementary, and construction on 14 additional new classrooms at Danville Community High School is getting underway on the northeast end of the building. Entrance to the high school campus will be significantly limited this summer as workers are completely renovating the North and West parking lots in order to have them ready for fall when we return to school. These changes will allow us to separate bus traffic, student traffic, and parent traffic to increase safety on our campus. Additionally, work has begun on the southwest corner of the building to build a new pool, replacing our existing pool that has served us well for about 50 years. As the new pool nears completion next year, the current pool area will be converted into sparkling new fine arts areas for our band and choir students. We look forward to the great spaces these will provide for student learning in the near future. In the meantime, we are appreciative of everyone's patience as we work through the challenges of construction and the anticipation of great things for the future. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Dr. Tracey Shafer