



# Delaware City Schools 2023-2024 Annual Report





# Year in Review & Fiscal Stewardship



Heidi Kegley,  
Superintendent

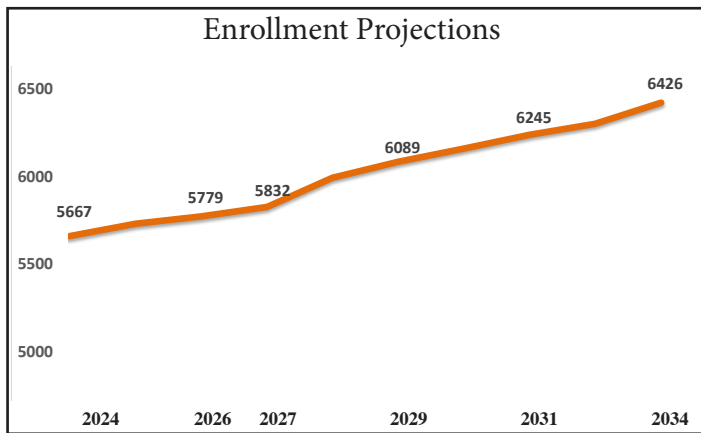
To Our Delaware Community,

Our Annual Report provides a small glimpse into the wonderful things happening in our Delaware City Schools. Our schools thrive because of the outstanding community partnerships that have been established over the years.

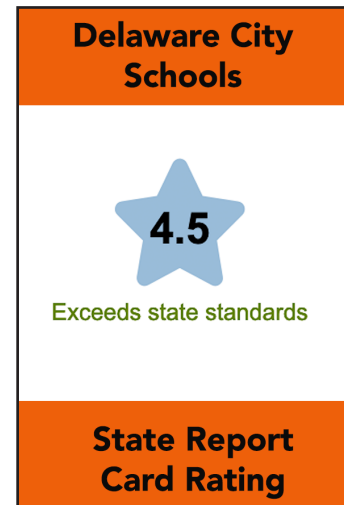
Over the past year, a dedicated group of community members have joined together on the Facilities Committee to plan for the future. Not only is the committee looking at physical structures, but also at quality of educational spaces to help our students grow academically and be workforce ready. A progress report of their work will be available after the new year, and you can find information about their work on our website at [www.dcs.k12.oh.us](http://www.dcs.k12.oh.us).

Our schools are filled with passionate educators, excited students and engaged family partners. We thank the Delaware community for your continued support and commitment to excellence with our schools and our community.

## Enrollment & Academics



Enrollment projections show steady but manageable growth in student enrollment through 2034. The enrollment study will be updated regularly to monitor the impacts of community growth on the schools.



Delaware City Schools opened the PacerSpace in 2024. Elementary students have the opportunity to visit and engage in hands-on STEM activities while gaining valuable exposure to potential careers paths.

### Pathways to the Future

Delaware City Schools received a Career Technical Education Equipment (CTEE) Grant from the State of Ohio. The district will receive \$1,026,817 to support the creation and expansion of workforce readiness programs and Career Pathways in advanced manufacturing (robotics, engineering & manufacturing), health sciences, and a teacher/paraprofessional academy. In addition, three career exploration labs are included in the grant to introduce students to a variety of career opportunities at Dempsey Middle School and Hayes High School.

Delaware City was one of 34 school districts in Ohio to be included in the second round of grant distributions totaling approximately \$29 million dollars. Delaware City Schools is thrilled to be a recipient of the CTEE grant and we look forward to enhanced collaborations with our local business community and education partners to expand our workforce readiness programs and provide additional opportunities for our students.

# A Message from the Treasurer



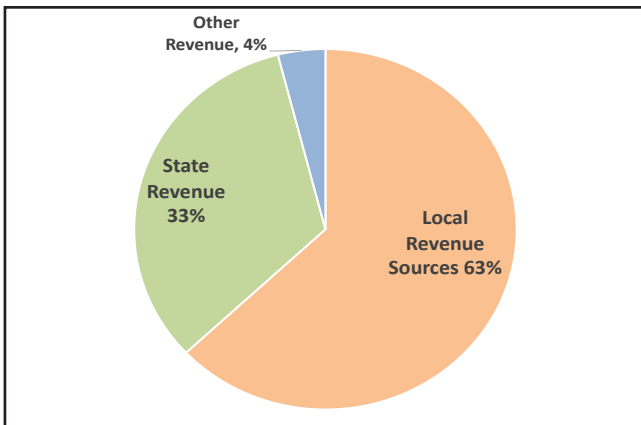
Jill Corwin,  
Treasurer/CFO

Delaware City Schools remains committed to fiscal responsibility and conservative spending. We have continually challenged ourselves and our staff to find ways to trim costs while providing excellent educational experiences for our students. We are constantly monitoring our financial circumstances and making difficult choices on how best to spend the dollars allocated to us as evidenced by our five-year forecast with an expected positive fund balance through at least 2029.

For more detailed financial information, we invite you to review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the district's website. Please feel free to reach out to our office at 740-833-1100 with any questions about our district's finances.

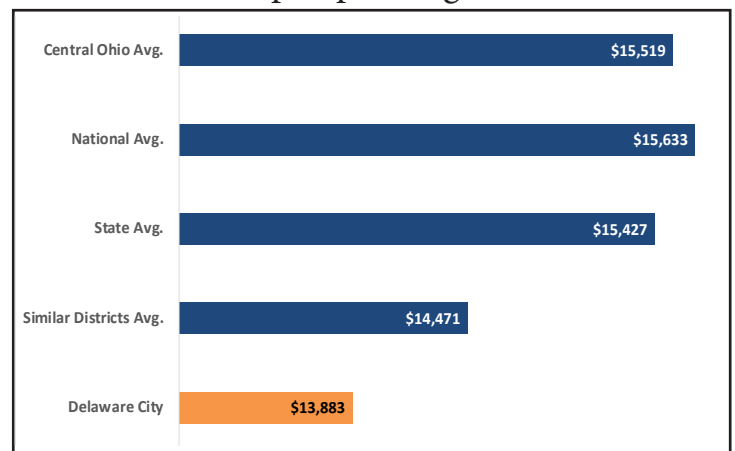
## DCS Financial Information

District Revenue Sources



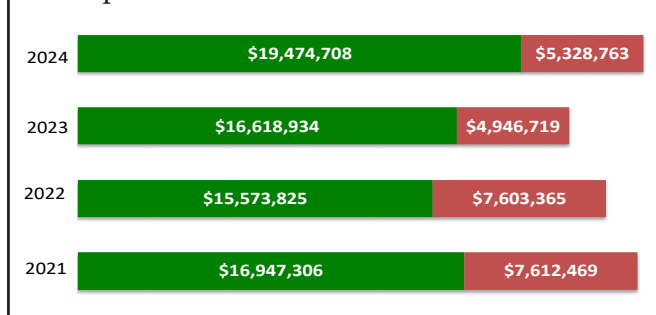
Like many school districts, Delaware City Schools relies on local tax revenue as the primary source of funding.

Per Pupil Spending FY2023



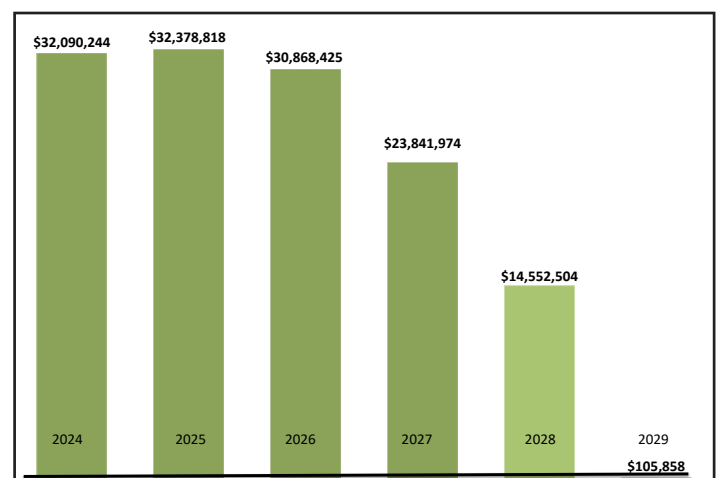
Source: ODE Cupp Report

Impact of Unfunded State Formula on DCS



While the state has made some progress in school funding, the inability to fully implement the school funding formula is still costing our district more than \$5 million annually.

Five Year Forecast Fund Balance\*



\*As of the Nov. 2024 forecast filing with ODE

## Hayes High School & The Class of 2024



### Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2024

64 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)

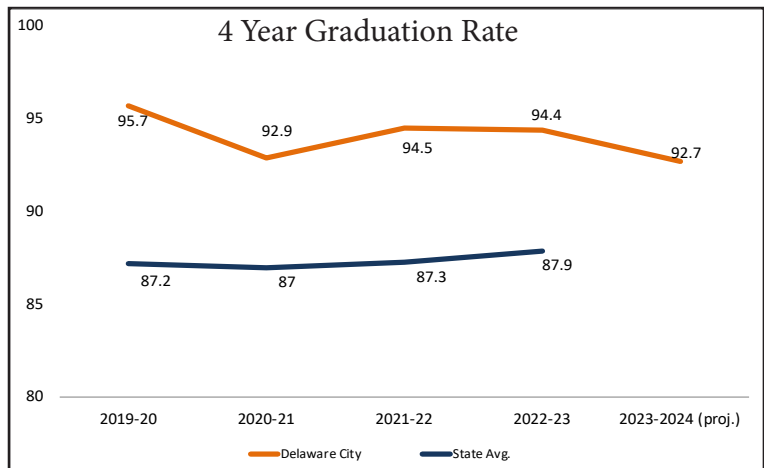
33 students graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.99 GPA)

49 students graduated Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)

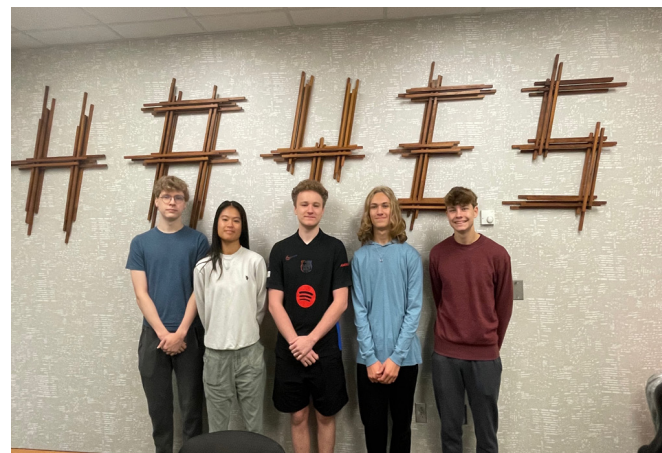
50 students earned the Presidential Award of Excellence



Rutherford B. Hayes High School was named one of the best high schools by U.S. News and World Reports for 2024.



The Talisman staff earned many awards in 2023-2024 including the prestigious School Newspaper Online (SNO) Distinguished Site Award and an All-Ohio designation for their website.



National Merit Recognition: Alex Jordan was named a National Merit Semifinalist. Kiki Chen, Max Harrison, Jason White and Alex Zahniser were named Commended Scholars.



# Class of 2024 At a Glance



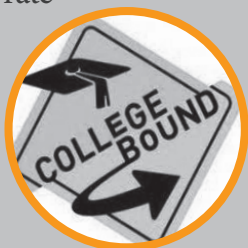
409 graduates with a  
92.7% graduation rate



89 students earned  
Honors Diplomas



\$4.8 million in  
college scholarships



55% plan to further their  
education or enlist in the  
military



1,815 college credits  
earned through College  
Credit Plus



Seventeen students from Hayes High School qualified to compete in the State Business Professionals of America Competition. Three students qualified for the National Competition: Brock Berlin, Eric Gitson and Sydney Smith.



AFJROTC had a successful competition season earning many awards. In addition, cadets support many school and community events with color guards and parade participation.



The Delaware Hayes Marching Band attended workshops and performed at Disney during Spring Break, capping off a year of Superior performances.



Four students earned Global Scholar Diplomas by completing rigorous requirements: Gretchen Esterly, Kayla Jackson, Zoey Morse & Tavi Steffel.



## Achievements & Accolades



DCS earned national recognition for student data privacy practices. We are one of a few districts in Ohio and the U.S. to meet the rigorous standards to protect student data. The DCS technology team continues to lead the way with best practices in this area.



Laura Frisch, Jennifer Larrison, and Kati Bogdanovitch received Rotary Teaching in Excellence Awards for 2024. We appreciate that our local Rotary Chapter recognizes the value of great educators in our community.



Misty Murfield was recognized as one of only two Ohio recipients of the prestigious RISE Award (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees). The award is bestowed by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Development.



Supporting Military Families

All of our Delaware City Schools have received and maintained the Ohio Department of Education's Purple Star designation for outstanding support of military families.

## Staff Accolades and Retirements



Hayes teacher, Josh Lee, was named a "Guardian for Good" for his extraordinary work to support students.



Abby Wimbiscus Black was named the Ohio School Orchestra Teacher of the Year.

We thank the following staff members for their dedicated service to our students and schools and wish them well in retirement!

Francine Butler  
Stephen Cohen  
Julie Halmbacher  
Cherie Hardman  
Lisa Harmon  
Joyce King

Rose Long  
Gary Milner  
Sally Rathje  
Cathy Sheets  
Betsy Tefend





Hayes High School had seven athletes qualify for the State Track and Field competition in 2024.



Twenty-one student athletes signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.



The student and community support for our sports programs reached “fever pitch” during the boys basketball tournament run. Thank you, Delaware, for showing up in so many ways!

## Athletic Accomplishments 2023-2024

- Girls Soccer: OCC Capital Division Champions; Nate Weakland OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year
- Football: Jake Lowman & Austin Koslow 2nd Team All Ohio, Logan Frye 3rd Team All Ohio, Connor Dutton Honorable Mention All Ohio
- Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving: OCC Capital Division Champions; Garrett Eiben OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year; Swimming OHSAA State Qualifiers: Natalie Fiant, Kara Glesenkamp, Mia Saksa, Anna Lance & Rebecca Rauh
- Wrestling: Neleash Danzy OHSAA 4th place
- Boys Basketball: OCC Capital Division Champions, District Champions, Regional Champions & OHSAA Final Four; Adam Vincenzo OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year & All Metro Coach of the Year; Jesse Burris 1st Team All Ohio & Landon Vanderwarker 3rd Team All Ohio
- Boys Lacrosse: Anthony Sanfillipo OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year
- Softball: OCC Capital Division Champions; Mark Thomas OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year; Bronwynn Leighty OHSAA Honorable Mention All Ohio
- Track & Field: Girls OCC Capital Division Champions; Riley Jantz OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year; Kara Glesenkamp OHSAA 7th place High Jump; Chaz Sakala OHSAA 7th place 100m Dash & 6th place 200m Dash; Track & Field OHSAA State Qualifiers: Tania Miles, Madie Gladden, Abrianna Hite, Malaya Sowell & Samantha Schomer





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