



# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE



Brecksville -  
Broadview Heights  
City School District



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## March 2025 Superintendent Update Contact State Legislators to Voice Support for Public Education

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 20th will mark our next Coffee Chat at the Coffee Club in Broadview Heights from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. The engagement and conversations that have emerged from these events have been informative and useful to me and our administrative team. Join us, as others have, to make these gatherings valuable.

### No School for Students This Friday! Spring Break March 24th - March 30th

There will be no school for students this Friday, March 21st as a professional development day for teachers will take place. Spring break in our district begins on Monday, March 24th and runs through Friday, March 28th. Classes resume for students and staff on Monday, March 31st. I extend my wishes to you and your families for an enjoyable and restful break. When we return, let's finish the 2024-2025 school year with the same vigor with which we all began the year. Your efforts have been outstanding!

### Use Your Voice to Support Public Education

A matter of the utmost significance has emerged relative to the state's budget and its impact on the BBHCS D along with other public school districts across the state. Accordingly, ***the Board of Education and the administrative team share this information, with a respectful request for our community's help in contacting our statewide representatives and encouraging them to fully phase-in Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan, and prioritize funding for public education.***

State funding plays a crucial role in supporting our classrooms, extracurricular activities, student services, and essential resources. Without adequate funding, our ability to maintain and grow these opportunities for students in the BBHCS D is at risk.

The state's current budget framework, particularly its reliance on Fiscal Year 2022 base costs for school funding, presents a critical challenge to the BBHCS D and public education across Ohio. **Utilizing outdated 2022 base costs is fundamentally unfair, as it fails to account for the significant inflationary pressures and increased operational expenses incurred since then. It is necessary to update to Fiscal Year 2024 base costs within the Fair School Funding Plan to ensure Ohio fulfills its obligation to provide equitable public education.** Without this crucial adjustment, our local communities will bear an unjust and escalating tax burden to compensate for the shortfall in funding from our state government. We implore you to join the Board of Education and administrative team in contacting our state representatives. Please emphasize the urgent need to fully phase-in the Fair School Funding Plan with updated 2024 base costs. This is not merely about maintaining current programs; it's about safeguarding the future of our students and preventing an inequitable shift of financial responsibility onto you, our local taxpayers. Your active participation is essential to ensure our voices are heard and that Ohio truly invests in its public schools.

By contacting our state legislators to fully phase-in the Fair School Funding Plan with updated base costs that accurately reflect the real needs of public schools, you allow them to hear your voice. Without the updated base cost increase, it's very possible that a continued shift of burdening our local taxpayers to fund public education will enlarge. Your outreach can make a difference in securing the resources necessary to continue providing exceptional educational opportunities for our students.

***Your Voice Matters! Share Our BBHCSD Story with our Legislators.***

- **Make the messages personal!** Share your personal story about why the BBHCSD is important to you, our students, and this community.
- **Request Their Help!** Ask our legislators to prioritize public education funding by fully phasing-in the Fair School Funding Plan, so we can continue to *educate, empower, and engage* our students to reach their full potential.
- **Thank Them for Listening!** Our legislators work hard and need our input to make informed decisions. Be sure to thank them for their attention to this matter!

**BBHCSD Provides an Education of Excellence.**

- BBHCSD has earned a 5-star Overall Rating on the State Report card
- BBHHS recently earned the 2024 National Blue Ribbon Award and joins National Blue Ribbon awards earned at the Middle School and Elementary Schools over the years
- World and nationally renowned programs such as Robotics, Gymnastics, Speech and Debate, and more
- Provides students with an education of excellence that places our school district on a state, national, and global level with its academic and extracurricular activities
- Successfully educates over 4,000 students PreK-12

Please call/mail/email your messages as soon as possible to:

**State Representative Phil Robinson, Jr. (District 19)**

[Email](#)

Phone: (614) 644-6041

Address: 77 South High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

**State Representative Mike Dovilla (District 17)**

[Email](#)

Phone: (614) 466-4895

Address: 77 South High Street, 13th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215

**State Senator Jerry Cirino (District 18)**

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Phone: (614) 644-7718

Address: Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, First Floor 127, Columbus, Ohio 43215

**State Senator Thomas F. Patton (District 24)**

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Phone: (614) 466-8056

Address: Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor 042, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Together, we can continue our efforts to educate, engage, and empower everyone in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

GO BEES!

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