

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community Newsletter

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Strengthening the Connection Between Our Schools and Community

Superintendent's Update

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The start of the 2024-2025 school year has launched with success, great excitement, and substantial milestones throughout the buildings in our school district. The purpose of this newsletter is to share a glimpse into those great stories, as we've highlighted several of them in this publication. At all grade levels, extraordinary accomplishments are taking place, and we encourage you to visit our website and social media for a more complete listing of the achievement, student stories, and staff notoriety taking place each and every day.



Brecksville-Broadview Heights 5-Stars on State Report Card!

The BBHCSD improved its overall ranking, once again, and was recognized as the #15 school district in the state of Ohio out of more than 600 schools, earning 5 stars in each of the six measurable components: Our overall performance index elevated to 106.8 last school year from 106.4 the year prior. You can visit the district website at www.bbhcsc.org to find a clickable link to the BBHCSD's report card for a complete summary. Congratulations to the students for their performance and achievement, our devoted staff for demonstrating rigor in the classroom, and our families for continuing to elevate the importance of academics and your support with this achievement.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Named National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to everyone at BBHHS for recently being named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, for high performance and making outstanding strides in academic excellence. This award comes as a result of completing a comprehensive application process that thoroughly summarized the robust Advanced Placement offerings, the co and extra-curriculars, our overall school culture and climate.



Superintendent Harrison with Middle School students

For earning this highest honor, members of the BBHCSD team will attend the National Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition Ceremony held each year in November in Washington, D.C. and will receive a NBRS flag and plaque at a luncheon ceremony. Superb job, once again, to the building leadership, staff, students, and families at BBHHS.

State of the Schools Ceremony on Wednesday, October 30th

Finally, The BBHCSD would like to invite our stakeholders to our **State of the Schools** presentation in the High School cafeteria on **Wednesday, October 30th at 7 p.m.** There, the community will receive an update on the start of the 2024-2025 school year; a more in-depth summary of these accomplishments, and the unveiling of our new strategic plan. Be sure to attend!

Thank you for your continued support of the BBHCSD!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent of School

BEE ENGAGED!

COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT & TREASURER

Come to these local coffee shops on the following dates to have a chat with Superintendent Harrison, Treasurer Yaniglos, and administrators about important topics. Informal. Relaxed. Informative. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

- Thursday, November 21st - Coffee Club in Broadview Heights
- Thursday, December 19th - Panera in Brecksville

MORE COMING IN 2025!



Bee Your Best. Bee the Future. Bee One Community.



High School Football, Flag, Cheer, and Band Students Visit Elementary School

To help promote peer-to-peer pride throughout the district, one of the most fun events during the spirited fall season is when nearly 50 students from the high school football, cheer, flag, and band groups visit the elementary school to walk the halls, participate in an assembly, and interact with their younger Bee classmates. This event aligns with elementary night at a home High School football game and evokes pride and energy on a Friday afternoon. See the nearby pictures as a sample of the inter-grade camaraderie that took place on this highly anticipated and special event for all students.



Middle School Physical Education Students Learn Fencing Basics Due to Grant from BBH Schools Foundation

The spirit of the recent Summer Olympics came to Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School on Tuesday, September 10th, and Wednesday, September 11th, as students in all Physical Education classes had the unique opportunity to learn about the sport of fencing. Representatives from the Cleveland Fencing Academy introduced students to the popular sport through a series of fun tutorials and demonstrations in the gym. On Tuesday, students learned about basic forms and techniques, including the En garde, or starting position, how to perform offensive actions such as an advance and lunge, as well as parry, or block. At the end of each period, the top four students who demonstrated the best technique were selected to compete on Wednesday using electronic foils along with protective headgear and vests. The fencing tutorial was made possible through a generous "For the Love of Movement" grant in the amount of \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester) from the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation. The Health & P.E. Department at the Middle School seeks to provide students with a variety of opportunities to discover ways that they love to move and be active.

BBHMS PE and Health Department earned at \$2,000 grant from the BBH Schools Foundation to help keep kids moving and engaged during the school day!

BBHHS Hosts First Unified Sports Flag Football Event

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Unified Sports Team proudly hosted its very first flag football competition on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the stadium. Several area high schools joined in for some friendly competition on the gridiron, including Strongsville, Max Hayes, St. Edward, North Olmsted, Cuyahoga Falls, and Highland. Each school's team had a chance to be introduced running through the iconic Bee inflatable before the start of the competition. After a stirring performance of The Star-Spangled Banner by members of the BBHHS Chamber Choir, the event kicked-off with multiple games occurring simultaneously on the turf field. Unified Sports provides meaningful opportunities for both students with special needs and their student partners to interact, collaborate, and form friendships through various team sports activities. A special thank you to our Unified Sports advisors, staff, and students for providing a fun, welcoming environment for all participating schools! Go Bees!



BBH's United Team hosted nearby schools recently for organized competition!





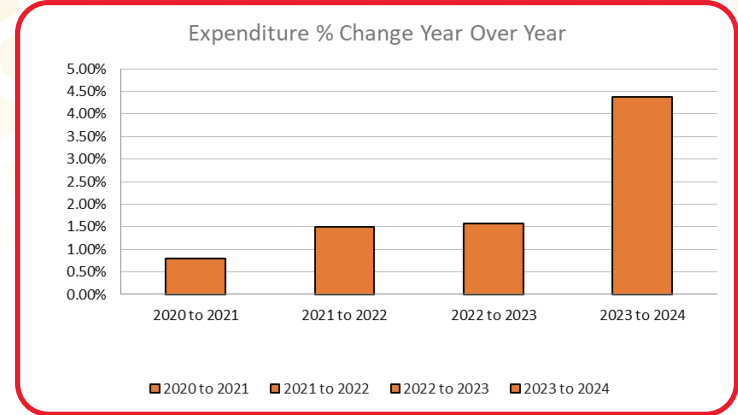
A Financial Snapshot of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District is committed to financial transparency and accountability. This financial summary provides an overview of the district's financial performance for the period July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024, as well as updates on significant factors impacting our finances.

Prior Fiscal Year Recap

The district's FY24 financial results were overall positive. The BBHCSD has been extremely diligent in monitoring revenues while keeping expenditures low in comparison to our peer districts. Below are some highlights to share:

- **Revenue:** Total revenues for the year were \$ 56,734,239.51, primarily generated from local tax revenue (72%).
- **Expenditures:** Total expenditures for the year were \$ 54,700,310.92, primarily spent on salaries and benefits for our staff (82%).
- **Budget Variance:** The district experienced a surplus of \$ 2,033,928.59. This variance was primarily due to better than expected returns on interest and investments as well as savings in employee benefits. As interest rates begin to decline, we will see these enhanced revenues decline over the next year.

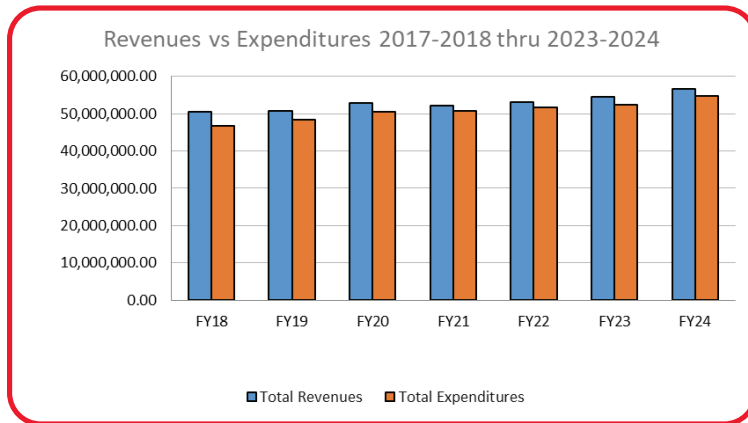


Continued Financial Stewardship and Transparency

Despite a worldwide pandemic, BBHCSD led an enormous effort to invest in technology and more efficient processes along with constructing a new elementary school on budget and on time. Our community is familiar with increased prices and high inflation over the last few years; however, as a district we focused on keeping our expenditures in line as much as possible as evidenced by the chart above.

While the chart above does show a large increase in 2023-2024, we anticipate better numbers this coming year due to the retirement incentive offered last year that will hopefully help our expenditures for many years to come.

The last levy in BBHCSD was in 2017 followed by the Bond Issue for the new BBHES in 2018. For the last 7 years, the district has kept revenues exceeding expenditures as illustrated below:



We continue to monitor revenues and expenditures; however, in the near future, expenditures will exceed revenues.

Cuyahoga County Sexennial Reappraisal

As a reminder, the recent Cuyahoga County Sexennial Reappraisal has resulted in an overall increase in property values within the district. This will likely lead to some incremental increases in property tax revenue for the district (from inside millage only). The district is currently beginning the process to project accurate revenues in time for our November 2024 5-Year forecast submission.

Ohio School Funding Update

Ohio's Fair School Funding Plan, a significant reform implemented in the 2022-2023 state budget, aims to rectify historical funding inequalities and ensure a fairer distribution of resources across school districts. Although the state legislature has been implementing the plan, we remain hopeful

that the final phase will be enacted in the upcoming biennial budget, allowing our district to ultimately benefit from the formula.

Currently, our district relies on the "guarantee," because under the current phase-in of the formula we would receive less. We continue to advocate for the complete phase-in of the Fair School Funding Plan as it's crucial for the overall improvement of education across Ohio and for additional dollars here at BBHCSD. It's important to remember that state funding constitutes about 10% of our total budget. Therefore, it's imperative that we actively engage with state legislators and emphasize the vital role public schools play in our community's well-being and future.

Conclusion

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District remains committed to providing a high-quality education for our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We will continue to monitor developments related to property taxes and school funding and take appropriate measures to ensure the district's financial stability. To learn more about our district finances or to ask questions, look for some upcoming Coffee Talks in Brecksville and Broadview Heights with Jeff Harrison, Superintendent and Craig Yaniglos, Treasurer/CFO.

For more detailed information, please visit our website at www.bbhcscd.org or contact the district treasurer at yaniglosc@bbhcscd.org.



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Don't Forget to Vote on Tuesday, November 5th!

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT:

BBHCSD Welcomes Bob Magyar as Intermediate Principal at Elementary School



EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE.



Bob Magyar is welcomed to the BBHCSD by 3rd grade students!

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools would like to welcome Bob Magyar to our school family, as a member of the Elementary School administrative team. As a veteran administrator, former classroom teacher, and a coach, Mr. Magyar brings a comprehensive background in education, particularly to this new role and responsibility as leader of the Intermediate 3rd-4th-5th grade levels of education. Please meet Mr. Magyar, through this article.

The 2024-2025 school year marks Mr. Magyar's 20th in education, and over the years, he has fulfilled just about every role in the industry. He began as a classroom teacher, instructing middle school social studies. He also has served early on, as an assistant principal at the intermediate, middle, and high school levels. He's served in various districts across Northeast Ohio, including South-Euclid Lyndhurst, Midview, Columbia, and Buckeye Local Schools, giving him a broad sense of interaction with children and educational experiences. In addition, Mr. Magyar has served as a high school and middle school wrestling coach, imparting the valuable lessons that can be obtained from interscholastic competition. He's a believer in teamwork, leadership, communication, hard work, and integrity.

In coming to the BBHCSD, Mr. Magyar embodies the incorporation of the small school model within the Elementary School. He wants the building to feel like a home away from home for the students. Through his experience, he's learned that the environment that can and should exist for a kindergarten student is different than for a fifth grader, and that education at these early and intermediate levels can be more effective than a simple one-size-fits-all model. The small school model helps embrace the need to begin preparing 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students for the middle school educational experience. This is Mr. Magyar's aim in becoming the Intermediate principal for the Elementary School. Already this school year, some early gains are being realized with Positive Behavior Supports Intervention (P.B.I.S.), and the small schools model, where 5th graders are exercising decision-making through picking their own seats at lunch.

Mr. Magyar earned an undergraduate degree from Baldwin Wallace University, and his teaching certificate from Notre Dame College. His wife is an 8th grade teacher, and he has three daughters, who are all active in athletics and their education. He ultimately decided to enter teaching and educational leadership to work with our students, and to help them grow and achieve. In a short time here in the BBHCSD, he's already making a very positive impact. Please join the BBHCSD in welcoming Mr. Bob Magyar to our district and school family.

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