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Local Funding Now Covers Even More as State and Federal Support Falls Short

Over the years, Marysville Schools has worked hard to be financially responsible, stretching every dollar and operating more efficiently than most districts in Ohio. In fact, Marysville spends \$2,669 less per student than the state average. But continued underfunding—combined with rising costs and two recent failed levy attempts—has forced the district to make tough financial decisions.

These decisions include eliminating 30 staff positions, raising participation fees for extracurriculars, cutting elective courses, increasing class sizes, and freezing nearly all hiring. Programs like art, music, physical education, STEM, and the School Resource Officer initiative have been reduced or eliminated.

Heading into next school year, Marysville Schools will be acquiring preschool which was previously supported by the Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities. With the UCBDD no longer able to sustain the program, Marysville Schools will be required to cover the \$3.5 million expense. The current state funding formula would generate approximately \$500k to help offset this cost.

Today, it costs approximately \$13,642 to educate one student in Marysville Schools. The State covers about \$5,400 of that cost. Marysville Schools ranks 19th lowest in the state for per-pupil funding, and while the district remains committed to providing a high-quality education, revenue challenges inhibit the district's ability to sustain current programs and opportunities.

Budget decisions are currently being discussed at the state level, and the district encourages community members to reach out and discuss school funding with their representatives.

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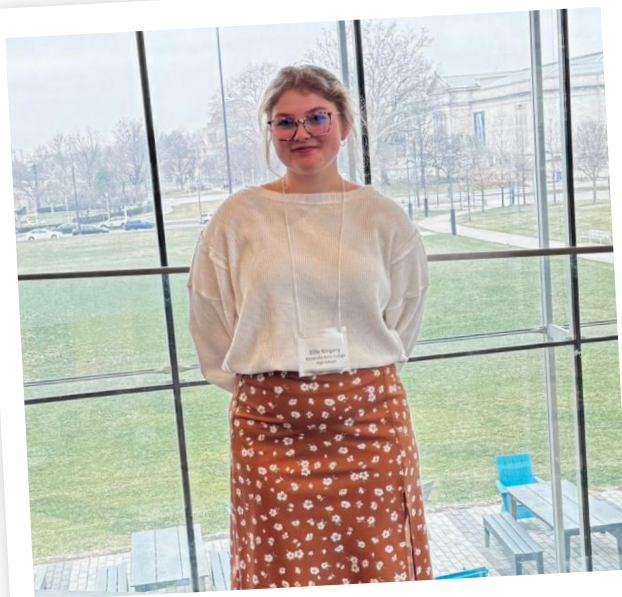
ECHS Freshman Ellie Kingery Reaches Finals of Japanese Speech Contest

Ellie Kingery, a freshman at ECES, reached the finals of the prestigious Japanese Speech Contest on March 22nd. The competition included talented finalists, including college students.

Ellie's speech focused on the potential for growth and collaboration between Ohio and Japan. She eloquently stated, "Ohio can grow along with Japan because we can all grow together when communities have a connection. 'Even a thousand-mile journey begins with the first step [Japanese proverb].' Let's strengthen our bonds now." Her words resonated with the audience and judges, highlighting the importance of cross-cultural understanding and cooperation.

The ECES community congratulates Ellie for this remarkable achievement. Her dedication, language skills, and passion for Japanese culture have set a shining example for her peers. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and look forward to her future successes.

Congratulations, Ellie!





Mill Valley Elementary Staff Recognizes World Autism Awareness Day

Staff at Mill Valley Elementary took part in World Autism Awareness Day, a global effort to promote understanding and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Their participation included sharing information, organizing activities, or displaying symbols of support throughout the school. The day provided an opportunity for the school community to learn more about ASD and how to support all students.

All-State Board Member Dick Smith Represents Marysville at State Championship

Dick Smith had the honor of representing Marysville Schools as an All-State Board Member at the Division 4 State Championship game in Dayton. It was extra special having former MHS head basketball coach Jim Kaufman as his cameraman for the day.



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