



Strengthening the Connection Between Our Schools and Community

Superintendent's Update

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The 2024-2025 school year came to an official close on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, as students and staff from all buildings completed classes not only with exams, final tests, but also with activities, initiatives, and events that showcase the talents of the students in the BBHCS. Activities such as senior awards, the annual KICK-IT event at the Middle School along with Young Authors, and the Unified Sports event at the Elementary School demonstrated learning experiences right up until the very end of the school year. We thank our entire school district, including families, staff members, our community partners, and our students, for finishing the semester strong. You worked hard, truly shined when called upon for testing, competitions, or concerts and performances of various types, and have made this community proud.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!

The BBHHS senior Class of 2025 officially graduated during our 142nd Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 24th, 2025, from the State Theater. Our graduating seniors, honored with accomplishments, awards, and scholarships from the annual Senior Awards Ceremony, demonstrated the impact of individual and collective achievement. Be sure to visit our newly designed website at www.bbhcsc.org for a full list of awards. To those Class of '25 graduates who are college-bound, we wish you well in your continued educational endeavors. For those entering the



*Superintendent
Jeffrey D. Harrison*



The BBHCS extends its congratulations to the Class of 2025!

workforce, a significant emphasis on career preparedness and life skills will hopefully accompany your journeys into your fields of expertise. Some of Class of 2025 graduates are entering the armed forces, and we express our gratitude to their service and devotion to our nation. To those students pressing pause for a gap year, be mindful that you've been equipped here to educate, empower, and engage. Learning is a lifelong ambition. Empowering yourselves and others to succeed will provide strength in accomplishing your goals. Engaging constructively with those you meet along the journey will help shape who you become. Spread your wings and prepare to show the world your very best!

INSIDE THIS EDITION...

Year 1 of our strategic plan is near-complete, and a number of milestones have been checked as 'accomplished, or in progress.' We want to share those milestones with you on Page 4. You'll see a great story from each of the buildings as well. Finally, Treasurer and C.F.O. Craig Yaniglos has a financial update for the community as well.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent of School





BBH Seniors Welcome Class of 2038

During the Week of May 12th, members of the BBHHS senior Class of 2025 personally welcomed members of the Class of 2038 by visiting their homes, providing them a friendly welcome, and giving them their very own New Bee t-shirt to welcome them to the BBHCSD school community! Our students proudly represented themselves and the district with kindness and enthusiasm, as our newest Bees were excited and appreciative of the friendly welcome. The BBHCSD celebrates our seniors for all their hard work, growth, and achievements that they have accomplished over the past four years. Congratulations! Finally, the district gives a big welcome to our newest Bees as they prepare to begin their own exciting educational journey in the BBHCSD!



*As the journey is completed for some, it just begins for others.
Class of 2025 graduates met up with incoming kindergarten students who will graduate in 2038 to inspire them this spring!*



Young Authors at BBHMS demonstrate their literacy, writing, and leadership skills!

BBHMS Hosts Young Authors and Illustrators Book Launch Event

On Tuesday, May 20th, Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School hosted its annual Young Authors and Illustrators book launch event in the cafeteria. Sixth grade students worked diligently over the past several months to create original published works and were excited to share them with parents, teachers, administrators, and Board Members. From short stories to cookbooks, the publications reflected the unique dedication, interests, and creativity of every student. Congratulations to our sixth-grade student authors and illustrators on their fantastic work! A special thank you to our BBHMS families for attending the book launch, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center for publishing the books, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation for their generous support and our sixth-grade teachers for their instructional guidance!

BBHES Hosts First Ever Unified Sports Showcase

BBH Elementary School played host to a very special event that blended members of the Unified Sports team and elementary students in the very first ever Unified Sports Showcase earlier this spring. The program provided a meaningful opportunity for Unified Sports program participants to engage with special needs students at the Elementary School in fun activities, laughter, collaboration, and more! The depth and capacity of the Elementary School Field House was the perfect spot for eight activity stations to unfold, including Rock Hop in the Obstacle Course, Scarf Games, Rolling and Trapping, and Parachute Circle Ball. All stations incorporated specific skill areas such as foundation skills, balance and jumping, walking and running, and trapping and catching. Social and emotional learning skills were also featured within each activity, including self-awareness. Congratulations to the Unified Sports participants for their leadership and confidence in meaningfully working with our elementary students. Way to go, all involved!



Unified Sports team members met with high school and elementary students for a day of activity, fun, and education!





**Craig G. Yaniglos,
Treasurer & C.F.O.**

Welcome to the latest financial update for the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District. In our February newsletter, we shared insights into our district's strong financial position and the impact of the recent property reappraisal. We're building on that conversation, offering a clearer look at how school funding works and sharing exciting news about our proactive financial management and community engagement.

Understanding "Inside Millage" – A Simpler Look

We want to ensure our community has a clear understanding of how property reappraisals affect school funding. As mentioned previously, Cuyahoga County recently completed its sexennial reappraisal of property values. While your overall property tax bill may have changed, it's important to remember that the impact on the school district's funding is specific and limited.

Think of your total property tax payment as a pie that's divided among various local services. The school district receives a portion of that pie. A small, fixed part of our funding, known as "inside millage," amounts to 4.69 mills. When property values are reappraised, only this specific 4.69 mills portion is directly affected by the new values, meaning any inflationary increase within this "inside millage" goes to the district. This is different from any voted millage, and the district has not sought additional operating millage since 2017. So, while the total value of properties in our community may have increased, the direct additional revenue to the district from the reappraisal is confined to this relatively small "inside millage" piece, not the entirety of your school taxes.

Stewards of Your Investment

Over 70% of our district's total revenue comes from your local tax dollars. We take our responsibility as stewards of these funds very seriously. Our ability to prioritize the critical needs of our students and programs while maintaining fiscal discipline is a cornerstone of our approach. This commitment ensures that we can continue to provide an excellent education within our existing resources, just as we've done for years.

Proactively Addressing a Budget Deficit

For the first time in over a decade, the district is anticipating a budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. This means our projected expenditures will be slightly higher than our revenues. We want to assure our community that we are already developing a comprehensive plan to address this situation and aim to return to a balanced budget in the coming years. Our history of prudent financial planning allows us to manage this situation thoughtfully. In comparison to many other districts in the region, Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District has maintained an excellent record of financial planning. We have also been diligent in capitalizing on current market conditions by utilizing high-yield savings accounts and investment opportunities permissible for Ohio public schools, always adhering to state law and board policy to ensure the safety of public funds. We have also continued to analyze vendor contracts, including software contracts, to enhance savings and efficiencies when possible.

Exciting News: Launching Our District Finance Committee!

In alignment with our strategic goals and our commitment to transparency, we are thrilled to announce the creation of a new District Finance Committee! This initiative is designed to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to engage in meaningful conversations about our district's finances. The committee will be open to all, including representatives from our employee unions, district administration, the Board of Education, school support organizations, and, crucially, our community members. We believe that a wide range of perspectives will be invaluable. In the coming weeks, we will share details about the application process for those interested in joining this important committee. Before applying, it is vital to understand the committee's purpose: it will serve as a forum for discussing varying viewpoints and helping to identify areas of financial strength and potential weaknesses throughout the district. The committee's role will be advisory; it will not be a decision-making body and will not directly implement policy changes. Its insights and discussions will, however, help inform administrative recommendations and Board of Education considerations.

A Brighter Financial Outlook

To end this update on a high note, last November, we anticipated a budget deficit of nearly one million dollars for the current fiscal year. However, due to several positive developments, we are now anticipating that deficit to be approximately \$500,000 – a significant improvement. This brighter financial outlook is largely attributable to a larger-than-anticipated number of teacher retirements this year due to some changes in STRS requirements. This has allowed us to hire new, excellent educators at a comparatively lower cost, as is typical. This unexpected wave of retirements has positively altered our financial projections for the next three to five years. We remain committed to responsible financial management, transparent communication, and providing the high-quality education our community expects. We look forward to your participation and engagement as we continue to invest in our future, responsibly.

We Value Your Feedback

We encourage you to reach out with any questions or feedback you may have regarding this newsletter or any financial matters concerning the district. Please direct your comments to Craig Yaniglos, Treasurer/CFO at yaniglosc@bbhcsd.org. Your engagement is important to us as we strive for continued transparency and collaboration.



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BBHCSD's Accomplishments in Year 1 of District's Strategic Plan

These action items were accomplished or launched in year 1 of our strategic plan. More great accomplishments are on the horizon.

EDUCATE

- ✓ **Implement district professional learning plan:** Accomplished through Personalized Professional Learning sessions as approved by Professional Learning Approval Network Team, as well as Building Teaching and Learning Committees & District Teaching and Learning Committees.
- ✓ **Recalibrate Professional Learning Communities:** Ongoing work and part of all building goals. Teachers and building administrators are working on improving their problem-solving processes within collaborative PLCs.
- ✓ **Redesign MTSS:** A multi-year initiative, currently part of BBHES's building goals, and to become goals in subsequent years at both the MS and HS.
- ✓ **Assess all district resources:** Launched in '24-'25 with the new 510 collaborative budgeting and resources allocation process between curriculum and buildings; completed Superintendent-led Strategic Scheduling book study; completed curriculum frameworks (6-12).

EMPOWER

- ✓ **Celebrate staff and student accomplishments:** "Shout outs" and recognition to staff in building newsletters.
- ✓ **Develop leadership opportunities for staff:** Accomplished through the TOAP (two Teachers On Assignment Project) at the BBHES.
- ✓ **Develop essential life skills in addition to classroom skills:** Multi-year work begun by Randi Borosh with Career Readiness initiative in grades 6-12 and serve as building goals at the MS and HS.

ENGAGE

- ✓ **Create strategic partnerships:** Ongoing work with the Chamber of Commerce, Partnership for a Healthy Communities, as well as Career Readiness opportunities.
- ✓ **Identify opportunities for enhanced communication:** State of the Schools presentation, Coffee House visits with Superintendent and Treasurer, Key Communicators Meetings, and launch of new website.
- ✓ **Campus Master Planning:** Progression towards multi-phased implementation with community-based steering committee.