ANNUAL REPORT

GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS

2023



Empowering Minds, Shaping Futures

Message from Superintendent Jamie Grube



Superintendent, Jamie Grube

This year has brought about significant changes and improvements across Groveport Madison Schools, both inside and outside the classroom. Beyond academic achievements, we have enhanced our district infrastructure to support our students and staff better. One notable milestone is establishing our school-based health center in partnership with PrimaryOne Health. This initiative marks a pivotal step in providing accessible healthcare services to our students, prioritizing their well-being.

Additionally, our transportation center's relocation to 4500 S. Hamilton Road represents a significant advancement in efficiency and safety. This move will streamline our operations, enhance transportation services, and reinforce our daily commitment to student safety.

Inside the classroom, we continue to innovate and improve our educational offerings. We have enthusiastically adopted the Amplify CKLA curriculum for grades K-5, designed to elevate literacy skills and foster a love for learning among our youngest students. This curriculum enhancement reflects our dedication to providing a robust educational foundation that prepares students for lifelong success.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the possibilities that lie before us. Our ongoing efforts are guided by a shared commitment to excellence and a deep sense of responsibility to our students and community. Together, we will continue to cultivate an environment where every student thrives academically, socially, and emotionally.

I sincerely thank our dedicated educators, supportive families, committed staff, and engaged community members for their invaluable contributions to our District's success. Your partnership is essential as we work collaboratively to shape a bright future for all students.

I am pleased to present our annual report, reflecting on the strides we have made over the past year and outlining our exciting plans for the future of Groveport Madison Schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Jamie Grube

OUR BELIEF STATEMENT

We believe all Cruisers are valuable. We will unconditionally SERVE, SUPPORT, and INSPIRE. Therefore, every Cruiser will maximize their unique PURPOSE, POTENTIAL, and POWER to produce the results they want.

OUR VISION

Every Student. Every Lesson. Every Day.

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education



BOE President, LaToya Dowdell-Burger



BOE Vice President, Seth Bower



BOE Member, Libby Gray



BOE Member, John Kershner



BOE Member, Kathleen Walsh

We are delighted to share our annual report with you. It highlights the progress and future directions of our school district, particularly in the realm of our master facilities plan.

Significant changes and achievements have marked this past year. We are thrilled to welcome to our administration some remarkable people who have begun to shape our district profoundly with their dedication and passion for education. Their fresh perspectives and invaluable expertise bring a sense of optimism for the future of our district.

Central to our agenda moving forward is the implementation of our master facilities plan. This comprehensive strategy outlines our commitment to enhancing our school environments to serve the evolving needs of our students and staff better. From modernizing infrastructure to improving safety measures and promoting sustainability, these initiatives are essential to creating optimal learning spaces for all students.

As we embark on this journey, we are excited about the opportunities and possibilities that lie ahead. Our collective efforts will ensure that every decision we make is in the best interest of our students and aligned with our vision for educational excellence.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our entire Madison Schools community—parents, students, educators, and staff. Your unwavering support and collaboration are the cornerstones of our success. Together, we will continue to uphold our commitment to providing a world-class education that prepares our students for success in an ever-changing world.

Thank you for your ongoing trust and partnership.

GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS







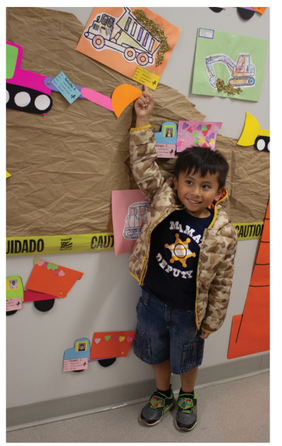






















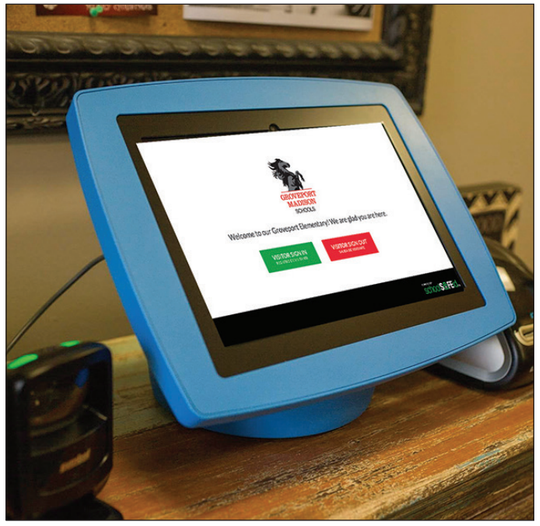
2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

EVOLV SECURITY TECHNOLOGY INSTALLED AT GROVEPORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

In response to rising concerns about safety within Groveport Madison High School, the Groveport Madison Safety Committee and school District administration have taken proactive steps to ensure a secure environment for students and staff alike. Through the installation of Evolv modern security technology, the District aims to address and mitigate potential threats. Evolv is a state-of-the-art system utilizing advanced AI-powered sensors to detect concealed weapons swiftly and accurately, enhancing security measures while minimizing disruption to daily activities. By prioritizing safety and embracing innovative solutions, Groveport Madison High School is reaffirming its commitment to fostering a safe learning environment for all.

The District also installed SCHOOL SAFE ID systems in all schools. Visitors are required to scan their driver's license or state-issued I.D. card. The system completes a quick background check and issues a self-adhesive visitor badge for guests who are approved to enter the building.





"JAVA WITH JAMIE" ALLOWS COMMUNITY TO CONNECT WITH SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Grube offers a more casual way for community members to interact with him one-on-one. His "Java with Jamie" outreach effort takes place monthly, allowing participants an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, or just stop by and chat. "Java with Jamie" events take place one Friday each month. Guests are treated to coffee at local coffee shops and restaurants. Find out more by visiting our website at gocruisers.org.





2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCILS CREATED FOR ALL SCHOOL LEVELS

Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education leads Student Advisory Councils, empowering students to actively address issues impacting their daily school experience. These councils, spanning elementary, middle, and high school levels, focus on matters like instruction quality, meal services, and overall school atmosphere. Through participation, students voice concerns and learn about the processes and protocols involved in actual Board actions, fostering a culture of engagement within the student body. These councils allow students to share their opinions and shape positive changes within their schools.







DISTRICT FORMS A NEW DIVERSITY AND ENGAGEMENT COUNCIL

In 2024, Groveport Madison Schools unveiled a new initiative, the Diversity & Engagement Council (DE Council), comprised of staff members and community partners.

The council's primary objective is to enhance diversity and engagement efforts across the school district. By fostering collaboration and dialogue, the DE Council aims to cultivate a more equitable workplace and learning environment for all stakeholders. With a focus on understanding and celebrating differences, the DE Council underscores the District's commitment to representation and opportunities for all people.

For more information about the Diversity & Engagement Council and to get involved, visit gocruisers.org/DiversityEngagementCouncil.aspx.



2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES NIGHT SALUTES STUDENT DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURALISM

Groveport Madison Schools hosted a vibrant Celebration of Cultures Night in May, orchestrated by the District's Diversity & Engagement Council. Attendees indulged in delicious offerings from food trucks, enjoyed student performances, and engaged in activities from various vendors. A highlight of the evening was a fashion show where students proudly showcased their cultural heritage through traditional attire.





GOLDEN CRUISER CLUB ENGAGES OUR DISTRICT'S SENIORS

For Groveport Madison Schools residents aged 60 or older, the Golden Cruiser Club is more than just a program—it's an opportunity for community engagement and involvement in the school district's activities.

Members enjoy complimentary admission to regular-season home athletic events, school plays, concerts, and performances, ensuring they never miss out on the excitement and talent showcased by the District's students.

However, the benefits extend beyond spectatorship. The Golden Cruiser Club goes the extra mile by organizing exclusive luncheons at the District Service Center (DSC). Here, members are not only treated to delicious meals but also given a platform to engage directly with Superintendent Jamie Grube and District administration. These luncheons serve as forums for discussions on issues facing the school district, allowing seniors to voice their opinions, ask questions, and gain insight into their community's educational climate.

To become a member, fill out an application on our website at gocruisers.org or stop by the DSC to apply!





2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

BUS DRIVER AVERTS DISASTER AND SAVES STUDENTS' LIVES

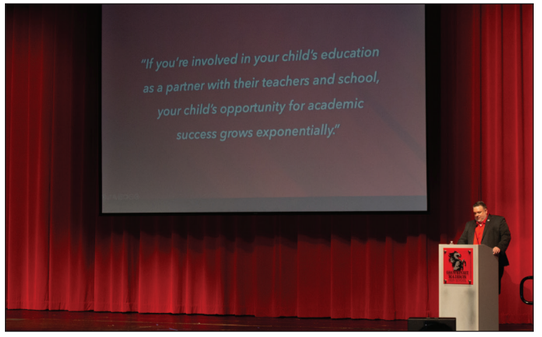
Groveport Madison Schools bus driver, La Shonna Tanyhill, swiftly evacuated 29 students from a school bus just before it caught fire on Pontius Road in May 2024. Relying on her training and quick thinking, she ensured the safety of every child on board, exemplifying extraordinary dedication to her duty.

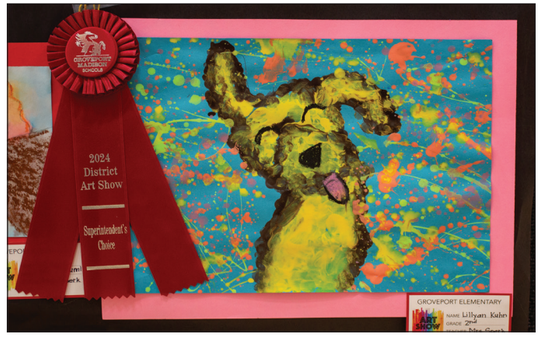
Tanyhill's selfless actions earned her well-deserved recognition from the Groveport City Trustees, GMSD Board of Education, and local news outlets. Way to go, La Shonna!



ANNUAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS CELEBRATION IS INFORMATIVE AND FUN

Superintendent Jamie Grube held the District's State of the Schools Celebration in March. Held at the high school, the event combines the State of the Schools Address, the District Art Show, student performances, community partner organizations, and creative appetizers made by students at the Eastland Fairfield Career and Technical Schools' culinary arts program. This year's event drew over 600 participants. Thank you to all who attended!









2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

BOE CREATES EDUCATIONAL TRUST TO AID STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The Groveport Madison Schools Board of Education founded the Educational Trust in 2023 to help our students in various ways.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Educational Trust will cultivate an environment that alleviates barriers to ensure each student's success from Pre-K through graduation by creating avenues for the community to contribute to the success of every Groveport Madison School District student.

VISION STATEMENT

The Educational Trust will build strong relationships with the community and the various municipalities that align with our District, using the Ohio Department of Education's Whole Child framework to provide support, resources, and programming in and beyond the classroom.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Educational Trust will create avenues for the community to contribute to the success of every Groveport Madison School District student every day.

INAUGURAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

The inaugural Groveport Madison Schools Educational Trust Golf Outing Fundraiser teed off at The Links at Groveport Golf Course on June 14, 2024, with over 80 enthusiastic golfers joining the cause. With the lofty goal of alleviating student lunch debt, participants enjoyed a morning breakfast spread before hitting the greens, followed by a hearty post-round lunch and raffle prizes. The event proved a great success, raising just over $12,000 to support this crucial initiative, underlining the community's commitment to ensuring every student's access to education.













2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

PRIMARYONE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Dr. Janna Vargo

Hello from PrimaryOne Health! My name is Doctor Janna Vargo, and I am the Optometrist at the Groveport Madison School-Based Health Center. I am excited to be working with your schools to provide students with comprehensive eye care. With 15 years of experience in optometry and a passion for working with children, I assure you that my team and I will provide the highest quality of care, including comprehensive eye exams, glasses if needed, and emergency care.

We accept most major insurances, including Medicaid, Molina, and CareSource. For students without health insurance, we offer an Eyes of Hope program through Vision Service Plan (VSP) in collaboration with Prevent Blindness Ohio (PBO). The program provides free eye exams and glasses to qualifying students without vision insurance coverage.

Vision is crucial for a child's success in school. Poor vision affects academic performance, extracurricular activities, sports, and social/emotional development. School-age children should have a comprehensive eye exam once a year. I am here to help your kids thrive and succeed throughout their education journey.

We designed our service to be convenient for you. You can schedule an eye exam at any time by calling 614-586-4304 to reach the school-based health center's front desk or 614-645-5500 to reach the PrimaryOne Health scheduling department. We are open year-round, including summertime, and the vision team will be at the clinic on Mondays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. I look forward to meeting all of you!



GMS TRANSPORTATION CENTER MOVES TO 4500 S. HAMILTON ROAD

In May 2023, the District purchased the former AEP Dispatching Center at 4500 S. Hamilton Rd. (across the street from GMHS) to house our Cruiser Accel Program. Designed to provide an alternative pathway to college and career readiness for sophomores, juniors, and seniors, Cruiser Accel supported the goals of over 200 GMHS students last year.

With the Cruiser Accel Program established, phase two of the property included moving our transportation center from our District Service Center at 4400 Marketing Place to 4500 S. Hamilton Rd. This will allow us more agility and efficiency for student pick-up and drop-off.

Enhancements and upgrades will include a brand new bus routing system called Traversa. This new routing system will improve vehicle tracking and the accuracy of bus stop times while automating many centralized data processes and simplifying reports.

We expect to finish work on our new transportation center by late summer.





Treasurer's Update

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The successful renewal levy in November 2023 has significantly strengthened Groveport Madison Schools' financial stability. The District also saved over $5 million in general funding during the 2023-24 school year, thanks to grant funds that facilitated cost-cutting across various areas, from paper supplies to bus transportation.

The new state funding formula has increased student funding, significantly impacting District finances. This increase, coupled with the successful refinancing of investments, will generate an additional $240,000 in revenue over the next three years, further solidifying the District's financial position.

Groveport Madison Schools is committed to maintaining a watchful eye on expenses and implementing cost-saving measures wherever feasible. This dedication to financial prudence will continue to be a cornerstone of the District's operations.

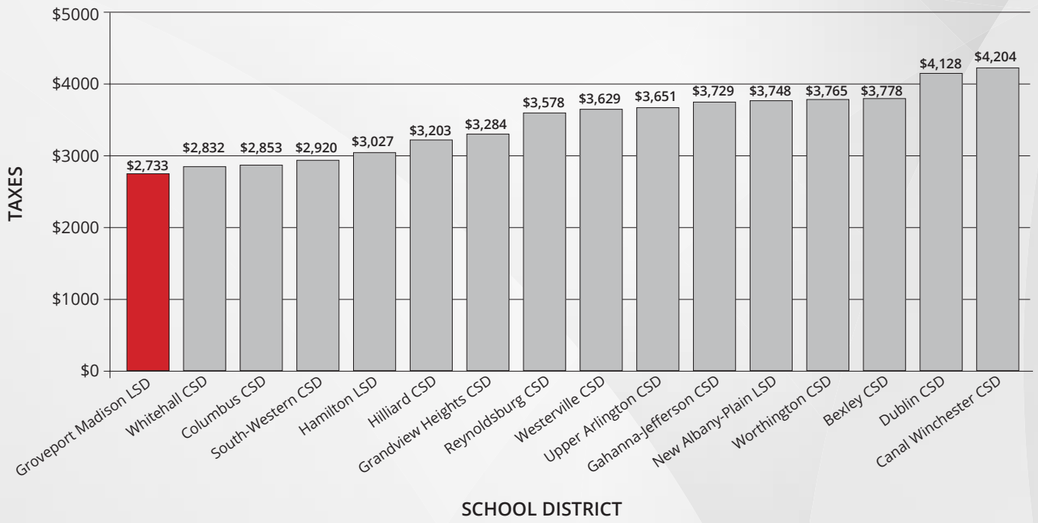


Treasurer, Adam Collier

DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BE MOST AFFORDABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Compared to 15 other central Ohio school districts, Groveport Madison Schools is the most affordable school district in Franklin County.

AFFORDABILITY COMPARISON OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN FRANKLIN COUNTY



- Assumes a median home value of $166,200 and earned taxable income of $74,943, which are the District's 2022 median values.
- Figures include all property and income taxes paid from living in the respective school district. Inclusive of all other appropriate municipal taxes.
- Does not include city income tax or county sales tax. Source: Ohio Municipal Advisory Council and U.S. Census Bureau.

Treasurer's Update

TREASURER'S OFFICE WORKS HARD TO SAVE COMMUNITY MILLIONS

With the collective effort of all departments in the District, Groveport Madison Schools has been able to save millions in general funding. At the beginning of the year, the Treasurer's Office initiated a cost-saving plan, and with the support and cooperation of all departments, we were able to cut expenses that would not hinder students or teachers. The Treasurer's Office took the lead and saved the general fund $3.2 million over the year by reclassifying some funds to grants where applicable and cutting office costs.

The tangible results of our cost-saving efforts are evident. The Transportation Department, with the help of the Enrollment Office, saved over $440,000 in transportation costs by reducing third-party transportation. The Superintendent saved the community $743,000 annually with an administration restructuring. The District's Communications Office was able to save $12,700. The Maintenance Department eliminated a contract, saving the District $26,080, and the Curriculum Department was able to cut $30,600 from the budget. These results reassure us that our efforts are making a significant difference.

The District is working diligently to find ways to save taxpayers money while prioritizing the best possible education for our students. Our commitment to providing quality education is our top priority, and we will continue to explore innovative ways to achieve this goal while being mindful of our financial responsibilities.



DISTRICT'S TREASURER'S OFFICE RECEIVES AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD

In recognition of his commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparent financial management, Groveport Madison Schools Treasurer Adam Collier has been honored with the prestigious Auditor of State Award. This accolade, awarded by the Ohio Auditor of State, commends Collier's exemplary stewardship in upholding the highest accountability standards within the school district.

Collier's exceptional leadership in financial administration has bolstered trust and confidence within the community. Under his guidance, Groveport Madison Schools has maintained a solid financial footing, navigating challenges with efficiency while prioritizing the needs of students and educators.

DISTRICT IS SEEKING BOND ISSUE FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Schools is working on a bond issue that will replace the District's middle schools and add a small addition to the high school. The Board of Education has passed the initial resolutions to ask for and receive assistance from the State of Ohio to help pay for the buildings. The State's share of the cost is 53%, which means the taxpayer's burden is only 47%. Significantly, the bond will cost the homeowner of a $100,000 home 23.4 cents per day—17.4 cents daily for taxpayers over 65. These funds will generate enough money to build three new middle schools and a small addition to the high school.

For more information about the District's Facility Master Planning, visit https://growcruisers.com.



REVENUE*
WHERE FUNDING COMES FROM



LOCAL TAXES	$38,691,307	40.5%
STATE AID	$35,004,236	36.7%
MISCELLANEOUS	$17,164,079	17.9%
HOMESTEAD & ROLLBACK	$2,597,030	2.70%
TUITION	$1,244,043	1.30%
INTEREST	$871,443	0.90%

$95,572,138

EXPENSES*
WHERE FUNDING GOES BY OBJECT CODE



SALARIES & WAGES	$42,595,313	44.4%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	$19,089,610	19.9%
PURCHASED SERVICES	$16,728,541	17.4%
OTHER	$11,248,754	11.7%
CAPITAL EXPENSES	$4,384,681	4.60%
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	$1,937,237	02.0%

$95,984,136

EXPENSES*
WHERE FUNDING GOES BY FUNCTION CODE



CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION	$46,947,664	48.9%
SUPPORT SERVICES	$37,164,663	38.7%
OTHER	$10,670,748	11.1%
EXTRA-CURRICULAR	$884,984	0.92%
FACILITIES	$304,523	0.32%
OPERATIONS	$11,554	0.01%

$95,984,136

OUTLOOK
THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL FUTURE

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The average cost to taxpayers per $100,000 home is only 23.4 cents per day—and only 17.4 cents daily for taxpayers over 65—for the upcoming bond issue.

Adam Collier, Treasurer

*** FISCAL YEAR 2023**

STATE OF OHIO: DISTRICT'S ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS EXCEED USEFUL LIFE

Since the late 1990s, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) has advocated for replacing the District's elementary and middle schools. The OFCC's recent update of the District's Facilities Master Plan revealed that the existing schools need replacement and that the cost of renovating them is projected to be more than two-thirds the cost of new construction, a significant financial burden that underscores the cost-effectiveness of building new schools.

Student and staff safety is a paramount concern, and some of the buildings were constructed initially as "Open-Concept" schools, which lack permanent interior walls and doors. These areas are impossible to secure in the event of an emergency. In addition, the general age of the schools prevents them from being retrofitted with up-to-date safety and security systems, further exacerbating the safety concerns.

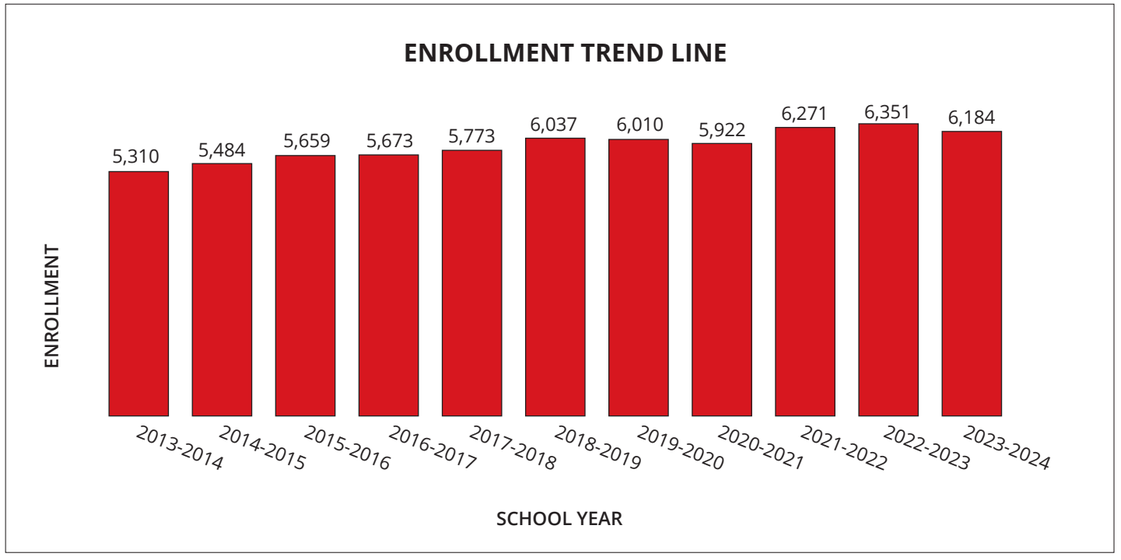
Additionally, many parking lots are undersized and cannot accommodate the traffic they must handle daily.

GMSD SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

BUILDING	YEAR BUILT	AGE
LIL' CRUISER CAMPUS PRE-K	2017	7 YEARS
ASBURY ELEMENTARY	1963	61 YEARS
DUNLOE ELEMENTARY	1967	57 YEARS
GLENDENING ELEMENTARY	1968	56 YEARS
GROVEPORT ELEMENTARY	1923	101 YEARS
MADISON ELEMENTARY	1967	57 YEARS
SEDALIA ELEMENTARY	1969	55 YEARS
MIDDLE SCHOOL CENTRAL	1952	72 YEARS
MIDDLE SCHOOL NORTH	1975	49 YEARS
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOUTH	1975	49 YEARS
GM HIGH SCHOOL	2018	6 YEARS

ENROLLMENT TREND LINE

The number of students attending Groveport Madison Schools has grown by more than 1,000 over the past ten years. The availability of reasonably priced homes and apartments is expected to continue to drive the District's enrollment growth for the foreseeable future.



THE IMPACT OF OVERCROWDING

Overcrowding, a pressing issue, significantly disrupts the learning environment for both students and staff. The District's decision to convert storage areas, offices, conference rooms, and even hallways into classrooms in many schools is a clear indication of the severity of the problem. The elimination of libraries at all elementary schools, while a necessary step, has further disrupted the learning environment. The absence of libraries has led to books and research materials being stored in storage cabinets or rolling carts lining hallways, creating a less conducive learning space.

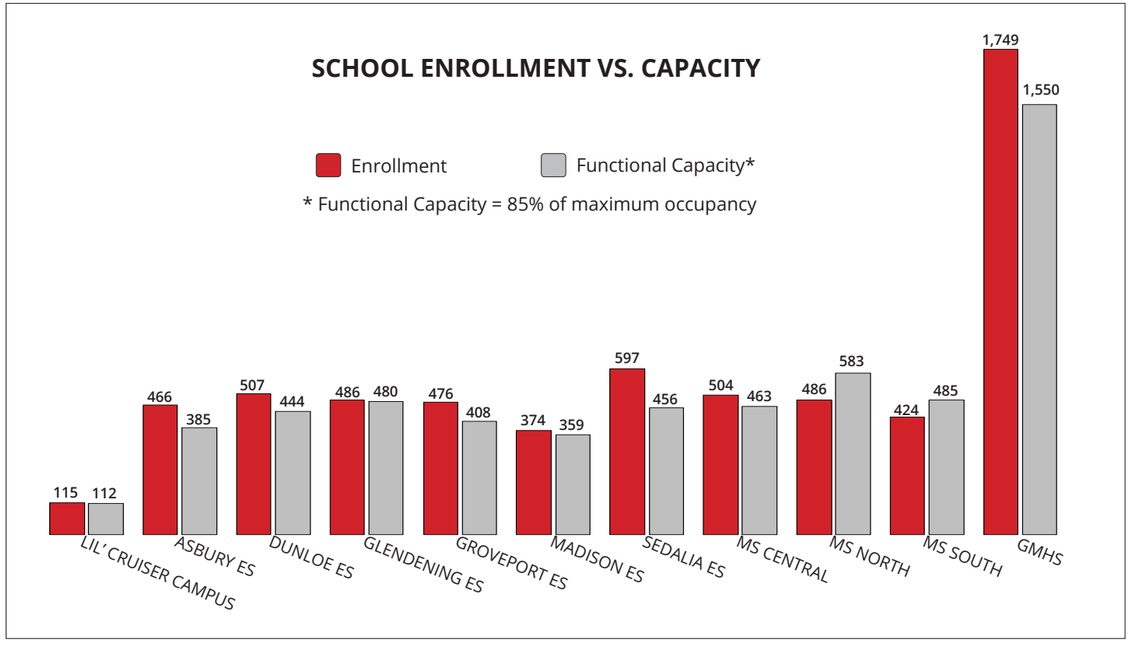
Overcrowding even affects lunchtime for many students, with some eating lunch as early as 10:20 a.m. or as late as 1:30 p.m. Crowded lunchrooms and hallways are also very noisy, creating the perfect atmosphere for potential altercations between students.

There also are concerns about the impacts of overcrowding on student and staff safety. Parking lots and public streets alongside schools are jammed with cars, so much so that buses are sometimes unable to get into or out of the school's bus loop. Students whose classrooms are in modular units must go outdoors to get into the main building, which is of particular concern in an emergency or lock-down situation.

MODULAR CLASSROOMS - AN EXPENSIVE SOLUTION

The District currently has 24 modular classrooms to house our ever-growing enrollment. While modular classrooms can accommodate short-term enrollment growth, they are expensive solutions to temporarily address overcrowding. For example, purchasing and installing a used four-classroom modular unit at Groveport Elementary School costs more than $400,000. In addition, modular classrooms are three times more expensive to operate (because of their energy inefficiency) than brick-and-mortar classrooms.





District Fast Facts

6,184
Total District Enrollment

11
Number of Schools

40 square miles
Geographic area

883,891
Total building square footage maintained

150
Total acreage maintained

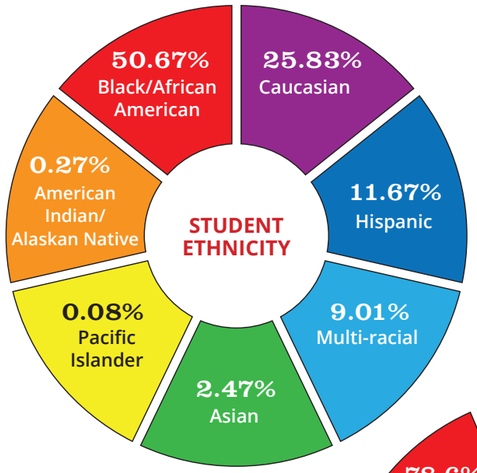
502,527
Total number of breakfasts served

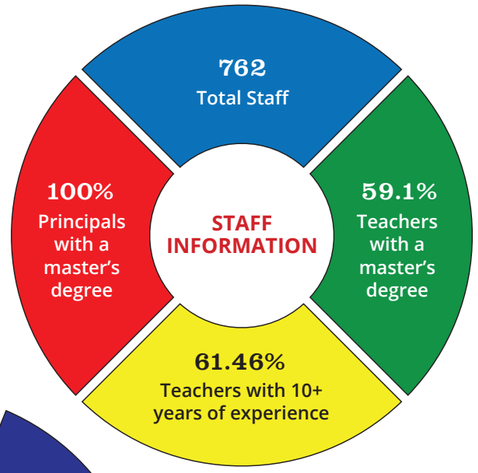
593,376
Total number of lunches served

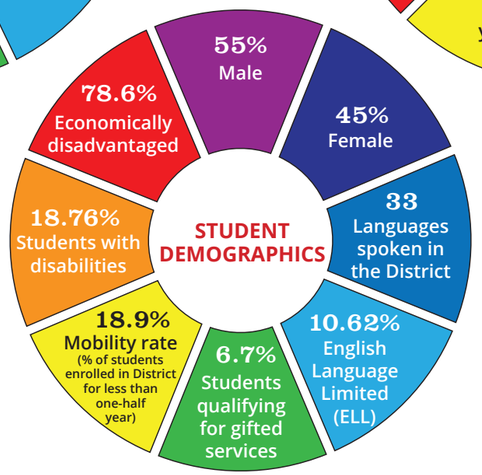
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District bus routes serviced daily

3,844
District students transported daily

435
Non-public and charter students transported daily







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Dunloe Elementary
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Glendening Elementary
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Groveport Elementary
April Bray, Principal
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Sedalia Elementary
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Groveport Madison High School
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Get and Stay Connected!



The Groveport Madison Schools website, www.gocruisers.org, is loaded with information to help keep you connected to District happenings on a daily basis. Find your child's bus route or lunch menus, access your ProgressBook account, and stay on top of school- and district-wide events and celebrations. Make www.gocruisers.org one of your "favorite" websites.

To check out our photos and get the latest news, "Like" us on Facebook @GoCruisers and follow us on Instagram @gmschools.

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