

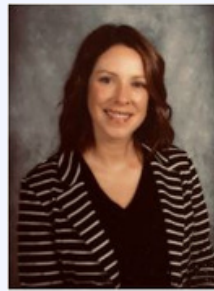


— Lakeview Local Schools — **LAKEVIEW LEDGER** August 2025

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dear Lakeview Families,

As we turn the page to a new school year, I want to take a moment to extend a heartfelt **welcome back** to each of you. There is something truly special about the start of school and no matter how many first days of school I've had, I still get the first day jitters. Fresh school supplies, new faces, and the shared energy that fills our hallways... it's a reminder of why we do what we do.



I am incredibly proud to serve as superintendent of Lakeview Local Schools, and even more proud of the people who make this district such a remarkable place to learn and grow. From our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to nurture and challenge our students, to our families, who partner with us every step of the way—this community is built on trust, commitment, and care.

But it's our students who are at the heart of it all. They inspire us with their curiosity, creativity, and resilience. Whether they're stepping onto the bus for the very first time or preparing for their final year at Lakeview High School, each student is the reason we strive for excellence every day.

As we look ahead, I'm excited for all that this year holds—new opportunities, continued growth, and more moments that make us Bulldog Proud. Thank you for being part of the Lakeview story. Together, let's make 2025 a year of joy, connection, and achievement.

It's a Great Day to be a Bulldog,
Ashley Handrych
Superintendent

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Summer Celebrations

It was a great summer to be a Bulldog as we celebrated community and individual accomplishments throughout the District.

We were honored to celebrate Lakeview Middle School teacher Kara Kasula, who was a finalist at the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Awards Banquet for Excellence in Teaching. Her dedication and passion make us Bulldog Proud!



We also honored our head mechanic, Jimmy Morris, as the Ohio Association of Pupil Transportation Mechanic of the Year.



The Board of Education recognized four local businesses for their support of our students through the Ohio School Boards Association Business Honor Roll:

- Peak Performance Physical Therapy
- Brothers Pizza Cortland
- Integra Excavating
- DiLucia's Banquet and Catering

Thank you for helping Lakeview at every turn!

Bus Routes

Lakeview Local Schools bus routes for the 2024–2025 school year have been posted on our website! You can find them by visiting www.lakeviewlocal.org and clicking on **Departments > Transportation**.

If you have any questions about your child's bus stop, pick-up/drop-off times, or routing details, please contact **Melinda Rausch** at melinda.rausch@lakeviewlocal.org.

We look forward to a safe and smooth start to the school year, but bear with us while our drivers iron out stops and timing.

Permanent Improvement Funding

As students prepare to return to Lakeview High School, they'll be welcomed back to a campus that reflects pride, progress, and a strong commitment to maintaining a high-quality learning environment. Over the summer, Lakeview Local Schools invested in a series of **Permanent Improvement (PI)** projects designed to preserve and enhance our facilities, ensuring safety, efficiency, and long-term value for our community. The high school building is showing its age and requires a significant amount of money to run and maintain.

Here's a look at the key upgrades completed this summer at Lakeview High School:

The high school parking lots received a much-needed refresh through **comprehensive sealing and paving work**. These improvements not only enhance the appearance of the school grounds but also address critical safety concerns related to potholes, drainage, and traffic flow during busy arrival and dismissal times.

Both the **Lakeview Stadium** and the **high school gymnasium** have a new look thanks to fresh coats of paint. These high-traffic, high-visibility areas now reflect the Bulldog spirit with brighter, cleaner surfaces that help foster a sense of pride for both student-athletes and fans.

Lakeview High School is now brighter and more energy efficient with the **installation of new LED lighting** throughout the building. This upgrade not only improves visibility and the overall learning environment but also significantly reduces energy costs. This project was funded through an **Ohio Energy Efficiency Program grant** from the **Ohio Department of Development**, allowing the district to complete the work without impacting local taxpayers.

Comfort and air quality have taken a leap forward with the **installation of new rooftop HVAC units**. These systems were replaced for the kitchen, art room, and band room and will better regulate indoor temperatures year-round and contribute to a healthier environment for students and staff—especially as schools continue to prioritize air circulation and safety.

Inside the school, the **media center floor was refinished**, giving one of our most collaborative learning spaces a fresh and polished look. The updated flooring enhances the room's function and aesthetics, creating an inviting atmosphere for reading, research, and group work. This work was done as a requirement from the Trumbull County Health Department.

To address long-term wear and weathering, crews also completed important **repairs to the crumbling exterior brick** at the front of the high school. This masonry work improves the building's structural integrity while restoring the curb appeal of the school's main entrance.



These projects were made possible through strategic use of **Permanent Improvement funds**, which are designated specifically for long-term facility maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. None of the funding used for these improvements impacts classroom operations or day-to-day learning.

Terry Armstrong, Our New Treasurer

Dear Lakeview Community,

I am excited to join the Lakeview Schools community as the new School Treasurer. I am a lifelong resident of Trumbull County, having grown up in Warren, Ohio. Following working as a Purchasing Agent in the private sector I followed my dream of



becoming an educator having served the past twenty years as a Social Studies Teacher, High School Principal, Superintendent of Schools and the past five years as a School Treasurer. My wife and I live in Trumbull County and are proud parents of a daughter who is currently working on a PhD. I look forward to working with the staff, administration, and board here at Lakeview Local Schools with goals of maintaining fiscal responsibility and transparency while always keeping an emphasis on supporting the students here at Lakeview.

Respectfully,
Terry Armstrong
Treasurer

Lakeview Care Crew & Golden Bulldog Program

With the success of our Care Crew program, we are still hoping to expand and are on the lookout for any retirees that are interested in joining. Care Crew volunteers work on a rotating basis as morning greeters for our students in all three buildings. It's such a rewarding way to start each day! If you have a family member or neighbor that you think would be interested, please refer them to Mrs. Handrych in the Lakeview Board of Education Offices or via email.

And don't forget, all Bazetta and Cortland community Senior Citizens are able to sign up for our Golden Bulldogs program to receive a FREE event pass to all HOME events for the 2025/2026 school year. Visit our website for more information.

Important Dates:

- **AUGUST 14th:** Meet the Bulldogs Night, Food Trucks & Dinner 6:00 PM, Teams & Band 7:00 PM
- **AUGUST 18th:** Open House
 - Grades 1st & 4th 4:00-5:00 PM
 - Grades 2nd & 3rd 5:00-6:00 PM
 - Grades 7th & 8th: 3:00-4:00 PM
 - Grades 5th & 6th: 4:00-5:00 PM
- **AUGUST 19th:** Open House
 - Kindergarten: 6:00-7:00 PM
- **AUGUST 19th:** LHS Launch Day
 - Grades 9th & 12th: 3:00-6:00 PM
- **AUGUST 20th:** First Day of School, Grades 1-12
- **AUGUST 21st:** Kindergarten Staggered Start

