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Washington Court House City Schools Receives 10th Auditor of State Award

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OH (April 25, 2025) — Washington Court House City Schools has once again demonstrated its commitment to excellence in financial accountability and transparency, earning its **10th Auditor of State Award**.

This prestigious honor is presented to public entities across Ohio that achieve a “clean” financial audit — meaning there are no findings for recovery, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or questioned costs. The award also recognizes entities that meet all filing deadlines and follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in their reporting. The audit must also show full compliance with ethics, transparency, and financial reporting standards.

Superintendent Dr. Tom Bailey shared the news during the Board of Education’s regular April meeting, commending the district’s Treasurer’s Office for its consistent dedication to responsible financial stewardship.

“This award is not just a recognition of clean books — it’s a reflection of how seriously we take our responsibility to manage taxpayer dollars in a way that directly supports our students,” the Superintendent said. “Receiving this award for the tenth time speaks volumes about the quality of our team and their commitment to doing things the right way.”

The following Treasurer’s Office staff were formally recognized during the meeting:

- **Becky Mullins**
- **Erica Malone**
- **Buckie Caulley**
- **Cheri Shipley**

In addition, the district acknowledged the contributions of its **Food Service, Grants Management**, and **EMIS Compliance** teams, whose work also factors into the audit process.

While over 600 school districts operate across Ohio, only a select number receive the Auditor of State Award annually, making this a noteworthy accomplishment for Washington Court House City Schools.

The district also continues to maintain the **maximum number of stars** under the Ohio Auditor of State’s **StaRS program**, which highlights excellence in transparency, public records access, and open meetings practices.

Board of Education President **Mrs. Lynch** formally presented the award to the Treasurer’s Office staff at the meeting.

“This is not just an internal success — it’s a win for our entire community,” President Lynch said. “It proves that our district is focused not only on educational excellence, but also on protecting and wisely managing the resources entrusted to us.”

For more information on the Auditor of State Award, visit <https://ohioauditor.gov/awards.html>.