



Delaware City Schools
2024-2025
Annual Report

Year in Review & Fiscal Stewardship



Keith Pomeroy,
Superintendent

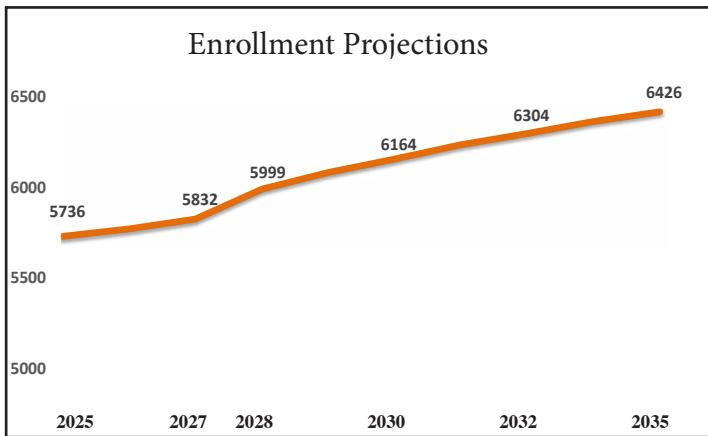
To Our Delaware Community,

It is an honor to serve as your new superintendent, and I am proud to present this year’s Annual Report. Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to begin a listening tour throughout our schools and community—meeting with students, families, staff, and local partners. These conversations have given me valuable insight into the strengths we should celebrate as well as the challenges we must address together.

This report reflects the collective effort and dedication of our school community. We are proud of the academic growth, creative achievements, and accomplishments across athletics and activities. At the same time, we are focused on the future to expand opportunities for students and ensure safe and supportive schools for all.

I look forward to working with our community as we build on our accomplishments and create even stronger pathways for student achievement. Thank you for your partnership, trust, and dedication to our schools.

Enrollment & Academics



Enrollment projections show steady growth in student enrollment through 2035. The enrollment study will be updated regularly to monitor the impacts of community growth on the schools.

Delaware City Schools

Exceeds State Standards

State Report Card Rating



The Career Technical Education Equipment Grant has helped Delaware City Schools expand career labs at Dempsey Middle School and Hayes High School giving students the ability to explore a variety of career opportunities.

Workforce Development & Career Exploration

Delaware City Schools continues to expand our workforce development and career exploration opportunities with the implementation of a career connections lab and mini PacerSpace at Dempsey Middle School in addition to the advanced manufacturing lab, health sciences lab and career connections lab at Hayes High School.

Students have access to explore various career opportunities and participate in job shadowing, apprenticeships and internships to find their career passions.

A Message from the Treasurer



Jill Corwin,
Treasurer/CFO

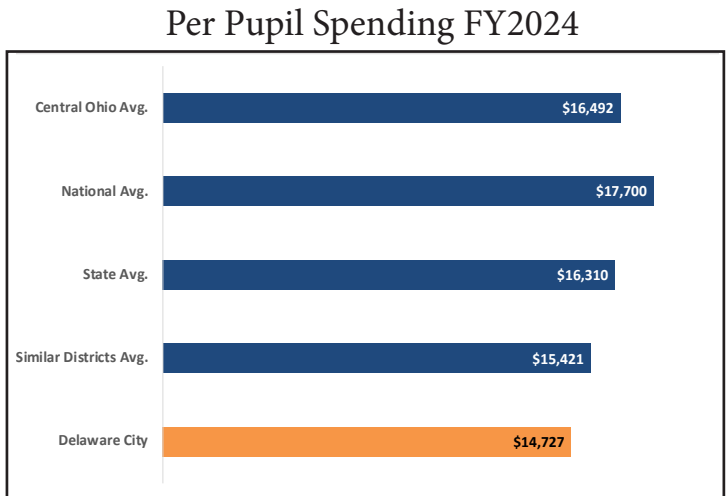
Delaware City Schools remains committed to fiscal responsibility and conservative spending. We have continually challenged ourselves and our staff to find ways to trim costs while still providing excellent educational experiences for our students. We are constantly monitoring our financial circumstances and making difficult choices on how best to spend the dollars allocated to us as evidenced by our five-year forecast with an expected positive fund balance through at least 2028.

For more detailed financial information, we invite you to review the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the district's website. Please feel free to reach out to our office at 740-833-1100 with any questions about our district's finances.

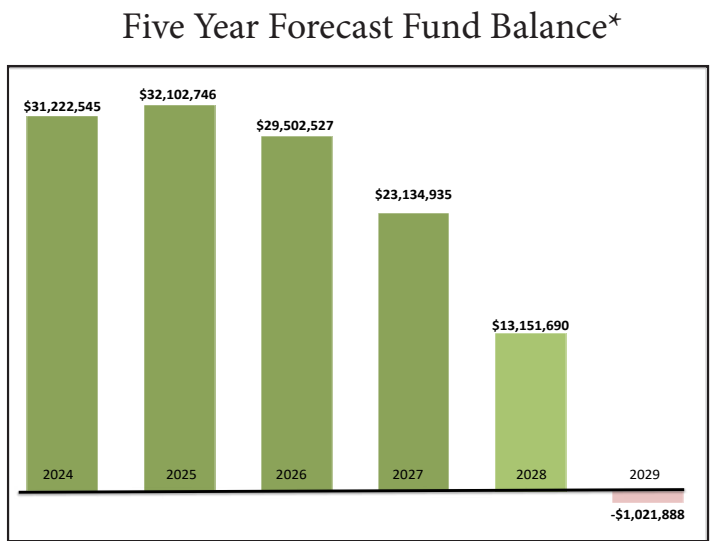
DCS Financial Information

Ballot Information Permanent Improvement (PI) Levy November 4, 2025

- The 2025 PI Levy will generate approximately \$4.5 million per year for permanent improvement expenditures. The district is currently operating on the same amount of PI funds as it was in 1989 although the district has grown by over 2000 students and added two schools (Dempsey & Schultz) since that time.
- Funds from the Permanent Improvement levy will allow DCS to properly maintain our current school facilities. PI projects include roof repairs/replacements, asphalt replacement, HVAC repairs, window and door replacement, classroom furniture updates, athletic facility repairs/upgrades, and many other routine maintenance projects.
- The PI levy will also provide funds to repair and replace aging school buses, computers and curriculum materials/adoptions.
- PI funds can only be used for items that have a usable life span of at least 5 years. It cannot be used for salaries or day-to-day operating expenses. The PI Levy will not be used to build new facilities, but could be used for land acquisition for future facility needs.
- The levy will cost homeowners approximately \$100 per \$100,000 of valuation annually and would collect for a continuing period of time to allow the district to plan for long-term expenditures and larger multi-year projects.



Source: ODE Cupp Report



*As of the May 2025 forecast filing with ODE

Hayes High School & The Class of 2025



Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2025

54 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)

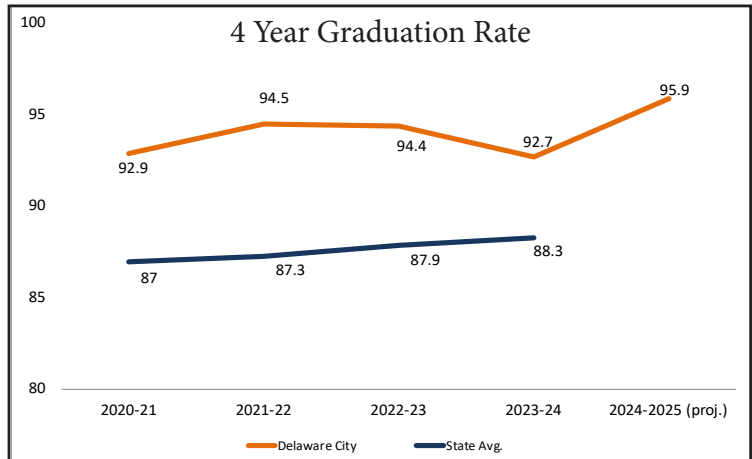
41 students graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.99 GPA)

32 students graduated Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)

49 students earned the Presidential Award of Excellence



Alex Jordan was named a National Merit Scholarship recipient for 2025!



Members of United Electrical (UE) made a generous donation to help purchase caps and gowns for Hayes High School students with financial need. UE is comprised of our bus drivers, custodial/maintenance and food service personnel.



Members of the Ohio State Alumni Band joined Dempsey Middle School for a special performance to honor the career of Alan Notestine at his final concert.

Class of 2025 At a Glance



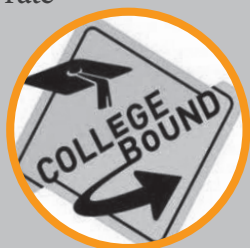
452 graduates with a 95.9% graduation rate



75 students earned Honors Diplomas



\$2.4 million in college scholarships



55% plan to further their education or enlist in the military



1,340 college credits earned through College Credit Plus



The Hayes High School NASA App Development Challenge Team was named a NATIONAL Finalist in 2025. The team visited the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX to present their project and tour the space center.



Hayes Business Professionals of America (BPA) had many students qualify to participate in the State BPA competition with one student qualifying for the National competition.



Hayes High School Thespians delighted audiences with a wonderful production of "Something Rotten" this spring and "Clue" in the fall.



Twelve Hayes High School students earned Global Scholar Diplomas by completing rigorous requirements over a three year period.

Achievements & Accolades



The Dempsey Career Based Intervention (CBI) class was named the Outstanding Youth Group by the Delaware County Friends of the Library!



Jamie Marshall (Woodward PreK) and Tom Hering (Hayes) received Rotary Teaching in Excellence Awards for 2025. We appreciate that our local Rotary Chapter recognizes the value of great educators in our community.



Students at all grade levels have access to high quality arts education. The Carlisle kindergarten students had a great time bringing barnyard shenanigans to life in the Kindergarten "Moosical."



Supporting Military Families

All of our Delaware City Schools have received and maintained the Ohio Department of Education's Purple Star designation for outstanding support of military families.

Staff Accolades and Retirements



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for exceeding the requirements in financial reporting. The district also received the Popular Annual Financial Report Award (also awarded by GFOA) for creating financial information that is readily accessible and easily understandable by the general public.

We thank the following staff members for their dedicated service to our students and schools and wish them well in retirement!

Jim Bibler
 Stephanie Buckingham
 Judy Byers
 Lynne Dougherty
 Mike Feasel
 Tami Gardner
 Leslie Gillespie
 Dara Gillis
 Heidi Kegley

Mark Naegele
 Alan Notestine
 Amy Peery
 Patricia Rice
 Kim Schaffer
 Jerry Stewart
 Kelly Stewart
 Jeanne Stout



The Lady Pacer softball team earned a District title in 2025!



Twenty-seven student athletes signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.



Girls Soccer claimed the OCC Capital Division Championship.

Athletic Accomplishments 2024-2025

- Girls Soccer: OCC Capital Division Champions; Nate Weakland OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year.
- Football: Garrett Brown & Favour Akih 1st Team All-Ohio.
- Boys Soccer: Chaz Sakala 1st Team All-Ohio
- Swimming: Kara Glesenkamp OHSAA State Qualifier 100 Breast; Vincent Hupp, Lincoln West, Nolan Green & Thomas Redmond were State Qualifiers in the 200 Medley Relay & 200 Freestyle Relay.
- Girls Wrestling: OHSAA Sectional Champions; Nelease Danzy OHSAA 7th place; Evelyn Krauss OHSAA State qualifier.
- Boys Basketball: Landon Vanderwarker 1st Team All-Ohio.
- Boys Tennis: Gary Hibinger OCC Capital Division Coach of the Year.
- Softball: OCC Capital Division and District Champions; Mark Thomas OCC Capital Division and District Coach of the Year; Bronwynn Leighty 1st Team All-Ohio.
- Track & Field: Samantha Schomer OHSAA Regional Champion and OHSAA 3rd place 400m Dash; Chaz Sakala OHSAA 3rd place 100m Dash and 5th place 200m Dash.
- Dempsey Athletic Director Jake Bonofiglio was named Central Ohio Middle School Athletic Director of the Year.
- Dempsey Middle School Girls Wrestling staff were named the Central District Middle School Coaches of the Year.



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