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Our mission is to inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential.



This Quality Profile is a summary of the 2020-21 school year. Most pictures were taken during that year. Our Quality Profile is intended to serve as a companion piece to our State Report Card, which was released later than usual this school year.



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Dear Big Walnut Community,

We are pleased to continue to share our annual Quality Profile to provide our taxpayers with a resource that shows all that we do to “inspire and guide each student to his or her maximum potential” each day.



Angie Hamberg
Superintendent

As the 2021-2022 school year continues to present us with new challenges, we are remaining focused on our Big Walnut Academic Vision. Our expectation is that all teachers are routinely personalizing instruction, engaging students, and ensuring student growth.

With labor shortages and Covid-19 lingering, our staff members have been spread thin throughout the day. Often, teachers and other staff members are needed to cover classes when substitute

teachers are not available; this time spent covering other teachers' classes impacts the amount of time staff members have available to plan instruction together, meet the learning needs of all students at optimal levels, and recharge throughout the day. Additionally, our custodians, bus drivers, food service workers, educational assistants, secretaries, and administration are all working extra to cover labor shortages. We appreciate everyone's efforts to continue to support our students the best they can during these staffing shortages.

In addition to our focus on academics at Big Walnut, we also strive to provide a whole-child education to our students. We are very proud to have not only kept our schools open five days a week last year, but to also have completed all of our sports seasons, held drama performances, and provided other student activities.

Moving forward, as we work to accomplish our mission and vision, we will continue to set goals in the following areas listed on the infographic to the right.

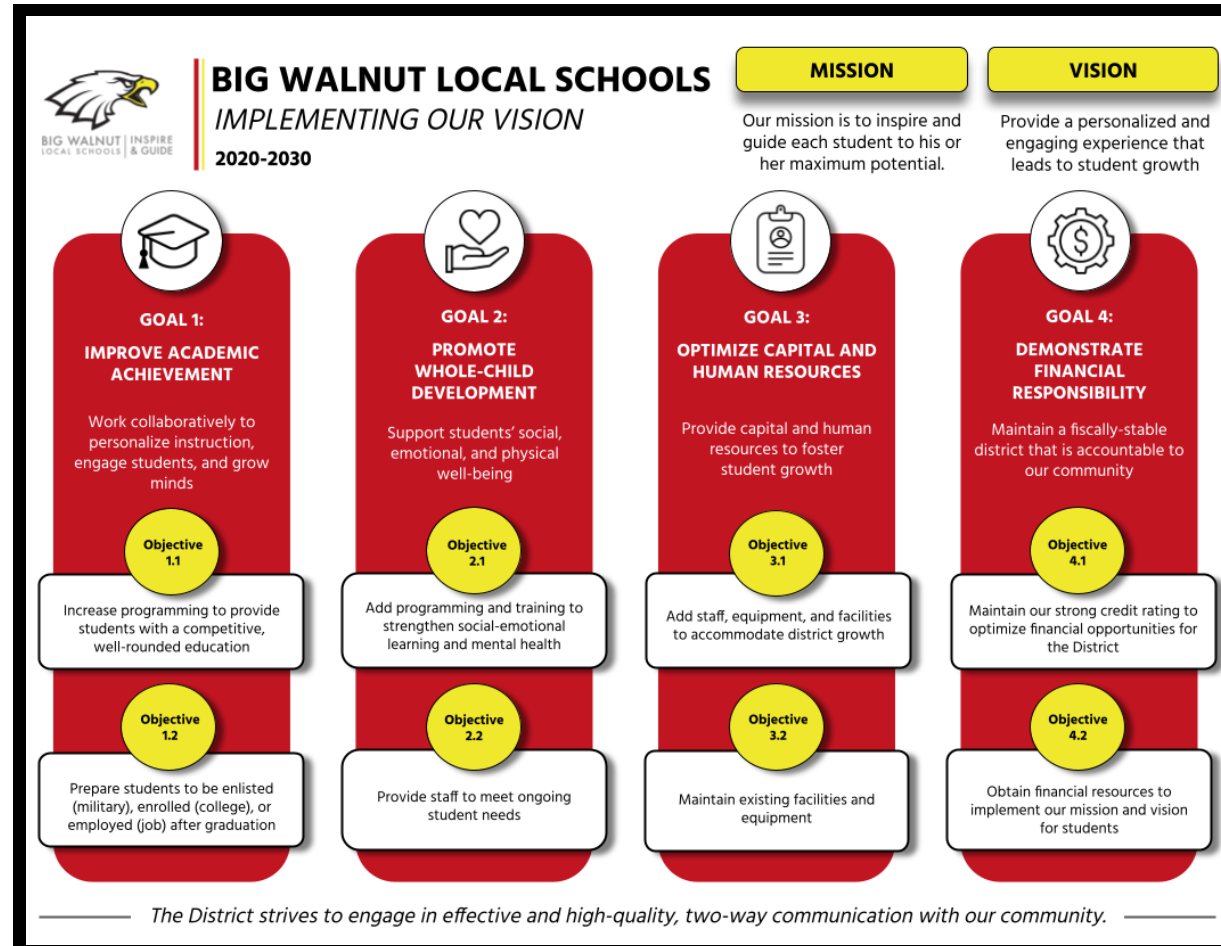
Please visit us at bwls.net, or contact any of our buildings or central office, if you have questions or to learn more about Big Walnut.

Thank you for your continued support!

Go Eagles,

Angie Hamberg

Angie Hamberg, Superintendent



Introducing **OUR NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION**



New members Alice Nicks and Angela Graziosi join Doug Crawl, Sherri Dorsch, and Stephen Fujii as members of BWLS Board of Education. For the 2022 calendar year, Doug Crawl will serve as president and Stephen Fujii will be vice president.

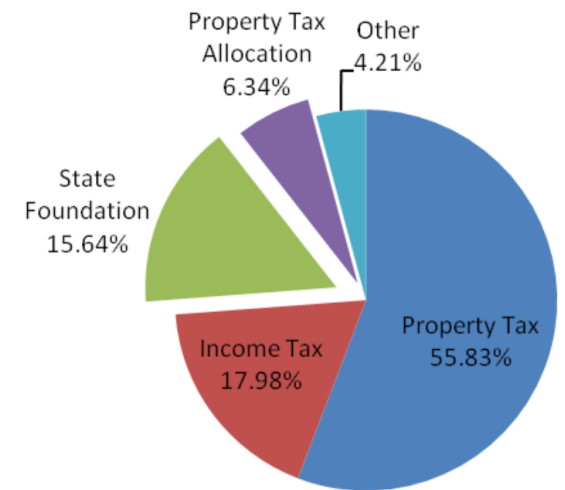
The Big Walnut Local District provides instruction, support, and extra-curricular opportunities to 4,000+ students and employs over 400 individuals to provide these services. In addition to educating our students, we make our facilities available to thousands of community members. We are able to provide these community benefits through the support of our taxpayers.

The majority of our operating funds are local resources such as real estate taxes, personal property taxes from public utilities, income taxes, and other miscellaneous receipts, with additional support coming from the State. These resources are tracked and monitored through numerous accounts, but the three major budget areas are general day-to-day operations, debt/bond-funded building projects, and permanent improvement purchases/projects.

The graphic to the right shows the revenue percentages as they relate to general fund resources, which provide for day-to-day operations, and illustrates the basic flow of resources to major budget areas. The graphics below provide further snapshots regarding our funds and how we compare to other districts.

Our student enrollment continues to increase, and we are committed to providing outstanding benefits for our students while always trying to improve our programming. We will do our best to monitor costs, structure spending, and plan for the future in order to maximize the value to our entire community.

2021 General Fund Revenues



School District Rate Comparison



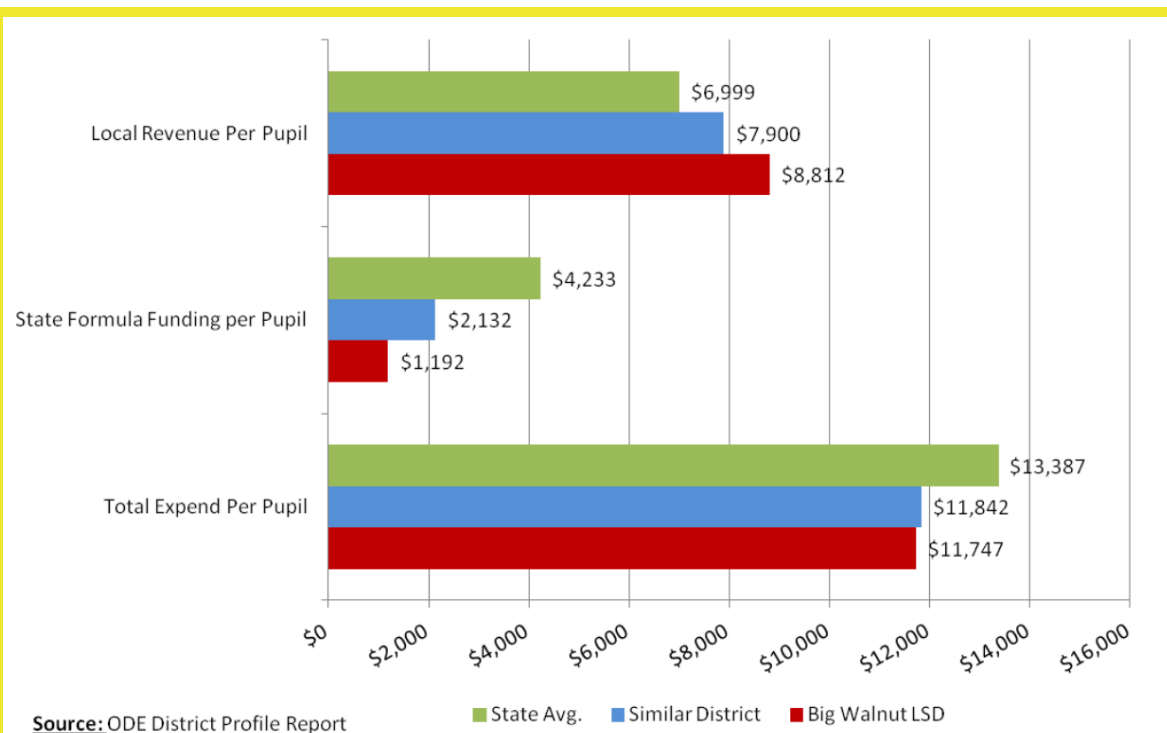
Sources: Delaware County Auditor, Franklin County Auditor, Ohio Department of Taxation



Big Walnut Local Schools has earned the **Auditor of the State Award with Distinction** for excellence in financial reporting, which is awarded to entities that meet criteria of a "clean" audit report. The District has received this award for several years.

Big Walnut performed a debt refunding in February 2021 to provide over \$2 million in anticipated total cashflow savings for our District and community. For the issuing of these bonds, Moody's Investors Service assigned our District an Aa2 rating and affirmed this rating for all outstanding bonds.

	Moody's	Meaning
Investment grade ★	Aaa	Prime
	Aa1	High Grade
	Aa2	
	Aa3	
	A1	Upper Medium Grade
	A2	
	A3	
	Baa1	Lower Medium
	Baa2	
	Baa3	



Source: ODE District Profile Report

State Avg. Similar District Big Walnut LSD

Work on the new high school continued throughout the course of the year in anticipation for students and staff attending in January 2022.



Student dining area



Double classroom with movable wall



The new Prairie Run Elementary opened its doors for the first time to students and staff in August 2020.

Every year, many smaller projects take place to repair and maintain our aging buildings and grounds, as well as to break larger projects into smaller, more feasible options. Over the past year, phone system updates have occurred, technology infrastructure and devices have been updated, repairs were made to running tracks, outdated furniture was replaced, and asphalt has been patched. Each year brings its own challenges with aging systems that fail, and 2021 was no exception. We are appreciative to the community for the passage of the permanent improvement levy in 2017, as it has certainly helped to address many issues over the last 4 years.



The latest major project underway is replacing the roof and rooftop air handling units at Big Walnut Elementary. A partial replacement was completed in the summer of 2021. The remainder of the roof is scheduled to be completed this coming summer.



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Thanks to donor support, we awarded \$93,000 to 75 Big Walnut students and alumni in 2021.

Help us do even more in 2022.

The Big Walnut Education Foundation is a tax-exempt, charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, contributions are tax deductible for income, estate, gift and tax savings purposes.

Further, the BWEF is volunteer driven, so you know 100% of your gift benefits BW students and alumni. Any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

Applications Due April 6th

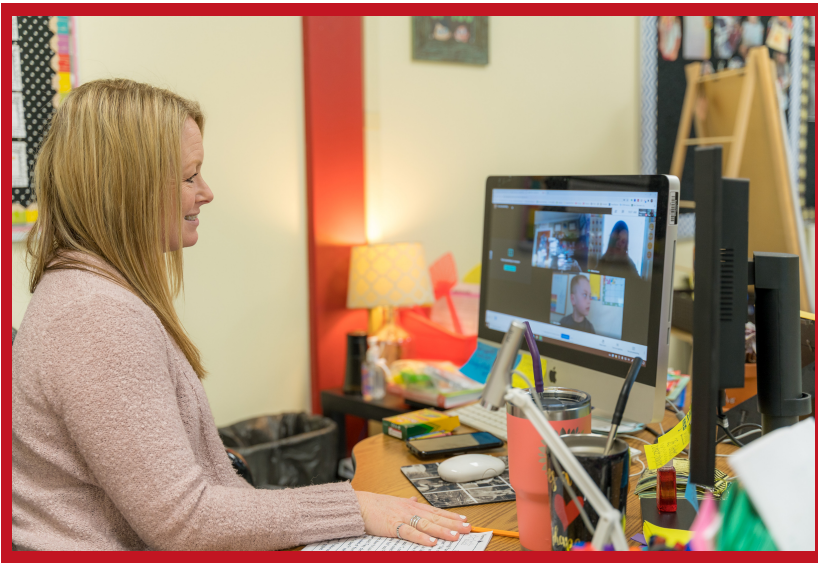




During the 2020-2021 school year, due to changes in the law, we were able to offer our families a virtual learning opportunity across grades K-12. In grades K-4, students were in specific classrooms with one of our BW elementary teachers who held regular Google Meets video conferencing to provide small group instruction and interventions. Students

in grades 5-12 used a digital curriculum called Edmentum, as well as weekly live Google Meet sessions with a BW teacher. It took creativity and flexibility for our students, staff, and families to embark in this new way of learning.

If families' pandemic needs changed, we offered our virtual students the option to come back to in-person learning at the midpoint of the school year. Some families took advantage of this option and returned to in-person learning, while others remained virtual for the remainder of the school year. Our Virtual Learning Program was headed up by Mrs. Ginna Crawford and an amazing team of educators who kept students' needs first and continuously adapted throughout the school year. We were proud that our Virtual Learning Program served over 600 students.



11.4.2020 Enrollment	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total (Building)
BWE	16	21	13	14	9									73
GRE	7	4	7	12	9									39
PRE	13	18	14	22	12									79
SOU	10	16	9	8	6									49
BWI						53	56							109
BWMS								47	54					101
BWHS										44	67	70	45	226
Total (Grade)	46	59	43	56	36	53	56	47	54	44	67	70	45	676



COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

The College Credit Plus (CCP) program is a great opportunity for students and parents to have a transitional experience from the K-12 setting to the post-secondary setting. Serving both the social and academic transition, our CCP program opens up diverse opportunities; students can take the traditional general education courses, make progress toward work-ready certifications, explore areas of interest, or even be a full-time college student. One of the biggest strengths CCP provides is a supportive and guided opportunity for students to experience the available options after high school.



We saw one of our largest years in CCP participation as students worked to stay online, and many online CCP opportunities opened up for the first time.

We had a total of 2,662 credit hours taken through the CCP program.



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CCP courses were offered on the BWHS campus. Each class is part of the Ohio transfer agreement and was taught in an in-person setting by our BW staff. This means they will seamlessly transfer to all Ohio institutions and most all Ohio private institutions. The courses also have a high acceptance of transferring out of State as well.

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Sunbury Chiropractic Center is excited to offer a FREE class with Dr. David Young - **Hearts Inflamed With LOVE, Not Inflammation** on February 12, 2022 from 9:00am-10:00am. Come enjoy a light breakfast while Dr. David discusses healthy lifestyle moves to promote heart health, decrease inflammation, and promote longevity and wellness. Please register at the front desk for this free event. This class is limited to 10 participants.

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READING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



Rachel Coffield
Youth Services Director

Every year the Community Library in Sunbury holds a winter reading program in the month of February in celebration of Library Lovers' month. When I plan this event, I try to think of themes that will bring color and brightness into a dull winter month.

Eight years ago, I planned my first winter reading program – Reading is Hot, Hot, Hot! complete with chili pepper decorations and all. That year we had 61 participants. As time has passed, our theme names have improved (ok, maybe not!), and our

participation has increased dramatically. Last year, we had 480 youth tracking their reading for prizes! This year, we invite you to sign up the whole family. That's right- we have expanded our reading program to include adults, too.

Rather than trying to transport ourselves out of here with a colorful theme, we are going to embrace winter with the theme Reading in a Winter Wonderland. Starting February 1, participants can start tracking their reading to win great prizes.

Preschool and elementary students will earn four small prizes for the first 20 books (preschool) or four hours (elementary) of reading. For every 20 books or four hours, they will enter into the grand prize drawing for a chance to win either a Snow Trails gift card or a movie of the winner's choice with lots of snacks.

For students in grades 5-12, we offer a different selection of four small prizes for reading eight hours. For every eight hours of reading, they can enter into a grand prize drawing for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card or a Snow Trails gift card.

Adults earn points for completing a book or an activity. Each point enters them into a weekly prize drawing for a chance to win a \$10 Amazon gift card. Four points earns a grand prize entry to win a \$50 restaurant gift card.

For more information, and to register, stop by the Community Library or go to www.yourcl.org.

Happy Reading!



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Due to the overwhelming generosity of our community, we continue to fulfill our mission to bridge communities with schools in providing basic needs, removing barriers, and seeking equity for students, so they can engage and succeed in school and life. No matter if it's as simple as socks and snacks, or bigger items like senior pictures, refrigerators or new beds, we were able to fulfill our needs within 24 hours.

The past two years have been a huge success. Starting in 2022, we will offer the opportunity to join our Kindness Council. This provides local sponsorship for businesses, organizations, families, and individuals. This sponsorship opportunity directly benefits our community. All of the contributions go directly to help Big Walnut families in need.

Visit our website to join our Kindness Council and for more information about Big Walnut Bridges: tinyurl.com/bwbridges.



In May 2021, Big Walnut teamed up with Big Walnut Apparel to show our support for our military families. Community members were able to purchase shirts, buy yard signs, become sponsors, and/or make donations to help the military-connected families in the community. This collaboration raised around \$3,000.

Currently, our work is being recognized across the state, and Mr. Cox, principal at Hylen Souders Elementary, has been invited by the Ohio Purple Star representatives to speak to other states who are starting their own initiatives.

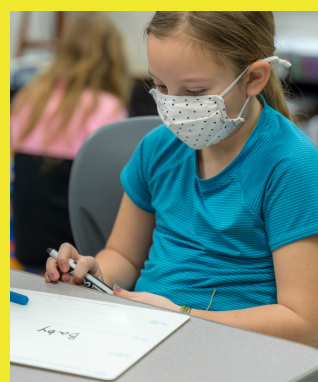


Mr. Cox will be presenting with a few other leaders in Ohio to a nationwide virtual audience in February to share some of what we have done to connect with our families.

In preparing for this presentation, one of the state representatives of the Purple Star Initiative, Chip Merkle, wrote to Mr. Cox and said,

"You do such a great job at Big Walnut, it needs to be shared. With what you do as a district, Big Walnut is one of the top Purple Star programs in the state."

While Mr. Cox and our school liaisons are doing this work to help our students and families and don't expect recognition, it is always nice to know that their work is being recognized and duplicated in other districts.



 Stay connected

