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The Eagle Examiner

Our **STATE OF THE SCHOOLS** Edition



JANUARY 2020

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



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANGIE HAMBERG

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season, with lots of time to reconnect with family and friends. As we enter a new calendar year and start the second semester of the school year, we have much to celebrate and share about the Big Walnut Local Schools.

Each year, we have a States of the Schools event to inform our community of all aspects of the District. In the past, we have had traditional presentations, as well as interactive events that included model classrooms and other interactive sessions. Last year, we turned to social media with a Facebook Live event

with segments on each school and department in the District. This year, in an effort to continue to keep things fresh and interesting, we are excited to bring you this special State of the Schools issue of *The Eagle Examiner*.

In this issue, our goal is to showcase what is happening in the District through a pictorial review. This information will also be shared on social media on Friday, January 17. We hope you enjoy this different perspective of the work that we do to inspire and guide the children in our community.

Finally, I want to make sure that everyone is aware that our District will have a RENEWAL operating issue on the ballot on MARCH 17. The state moved the primaries up, so this election is earlier than usual. This 5.45-mill continuing levy was initially passed in 2010, renewed in 2015, and represents 12% of our operating funds. See page 3 and visit our website at bwls.net for more information. If you would like to host or attend an informational coffee on this issue, please contact our office at 740.965.3010.

Best wishes for an amazing 2020!

BIG WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (abridged)

Who: Senior community members and selected students
When: Friday, January 31st from 10am-12pm
Where: Big Walnut High School Auditorium
Price: FREE!



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

OPENS ONLINE AT BWLS.NET ON FEBRUARY 18 AT 8:00 A.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Doug Crowl, Vice President Liana Lee, President Brad Schneider, Sherri Dorsch, Steve Fujii



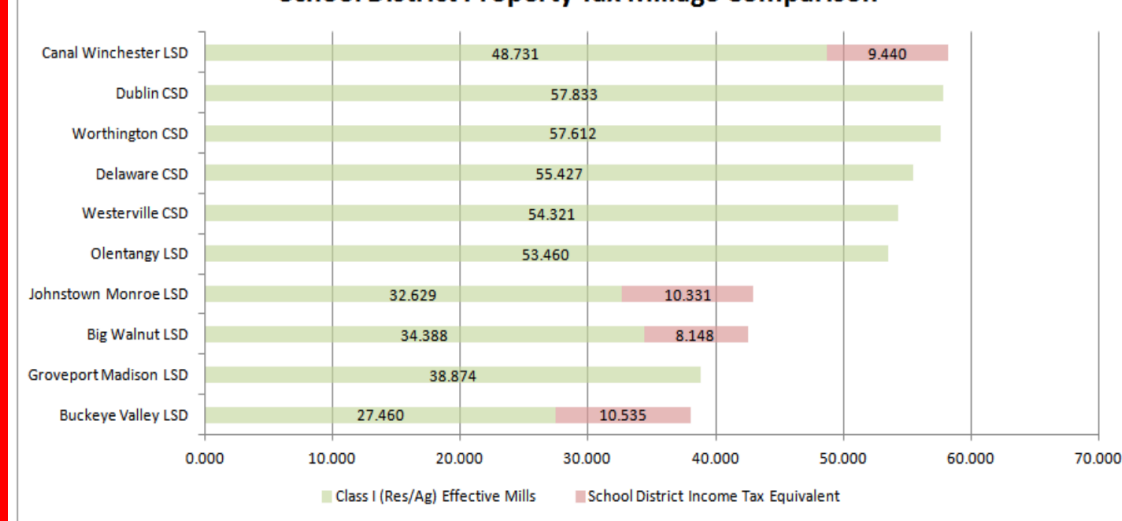
Welcome new Board members Sherri Dorsch and Steve Fujii



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Even with the passage of the 2017 bond issue, our District continues to provide a quality education at one of the lowest tax rates in the area.

School District Property Tax Millage Comparison



COMMUNICATION

In addition to sending the monthly *Eagle Examiner*, our principals send out weekly newsletters, teachers regularly update Schoology, and our social media is updated daily.



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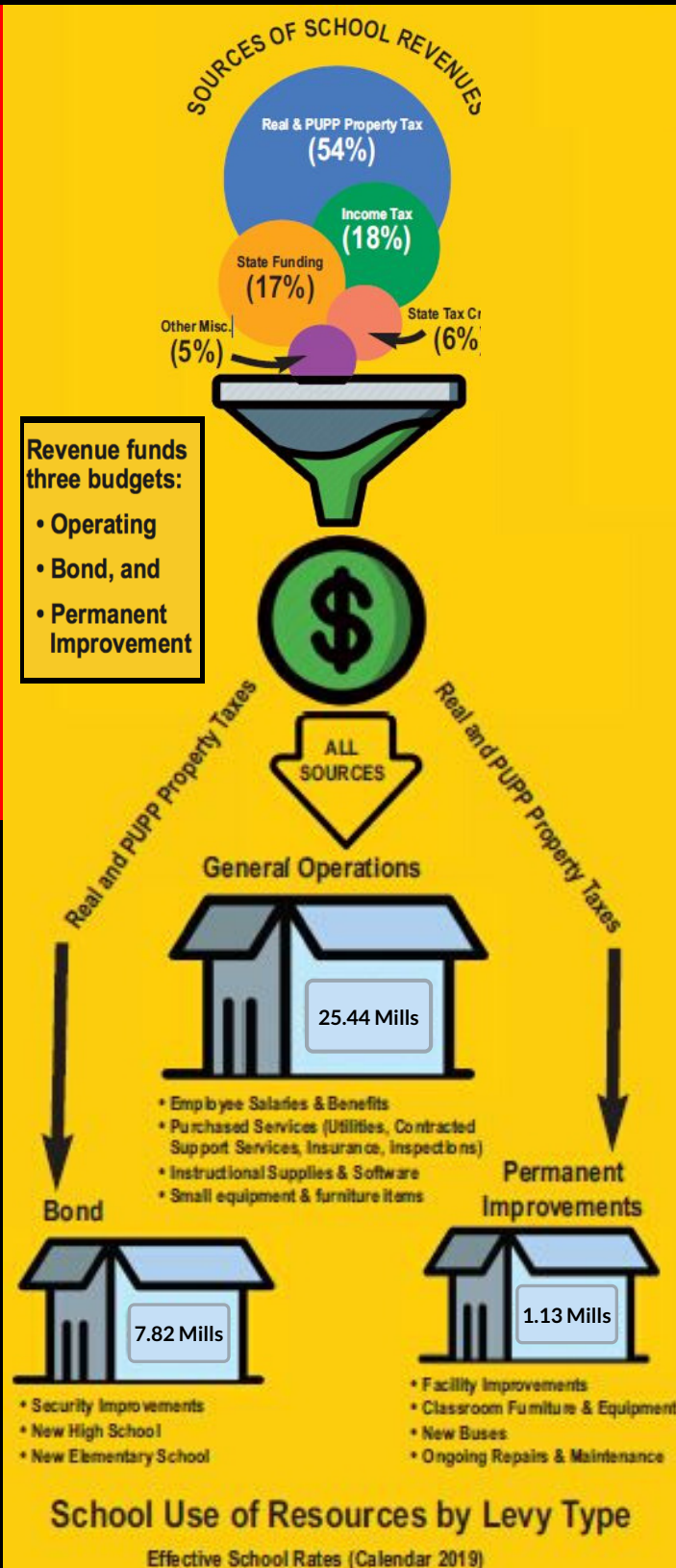
Twitter
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NEW THIS YEAR:

Based on parent feedback, Schoology was added to streamline communication. This tool allows both students and parents the ability to view class and school calendars, announcements, and upcoming assignments.



FACTS ABOUT THE MARCH 2020 LEVY

The March levy represents 12% of the district's day-to-day operating budget.

This 5.45-mill continuing levy is part of the daily operating budget and expenses such as teachers, utilities and supplies.

This levy is set to expire at the end of 2020.

Planning for the following school year begins in early 2020. The district needs to know by the March 2020 election whether they have the funds to continue with the current level of programs and services for the 2020-2021 school year.

This is not a new tax.

Big Walnut residents are already paying for this levy to support the daily operations of our schools. There is not an increase on this existing tax.

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 18

Voter Registration Deadline

FEBRUARY 19

Early Voting Begins

MARCH 17

Election Day

This levy maintains our current revenues to continue the quality of education at Big Walnut Schools. Our schools operate on a tight budget that is stretched thinner every year because our revenue is not keeping pace with the cost of new students coming into the district.

If the March continuing substitute levy fails, then we have to make cuts and reductions.

These cuts and reductions would occur with the start of the next school year (2020-21). Cuts and reductions are not a threat; they are necessary when funds are not available.

The bond and permanent improvement (P.I.) dollars from the 2017 ballot issue cannot be used for operations.

The funds from the bond and PI are dedicated to specific capital projects and uses such as the construction of new facilities, upkeep on existing facilities and replacement of school buses.

Schools do not control growth; local governments do.

We work hard to communicate with local governments about how our schools are affected by growth. Ultimately, any new developments are up to them. Enrollment projections show that new home growth (and subsequently new student enrollment) will only continue.



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Not Just Books



Chauncey Montgomery
Director/ Fiscal Officer

The first word that often comes to mind when someone says "library" is books. Everyone knows that libraries are places to connect with books. In addition to books, libraries traditionally offer programs that support and foster reading and literacy, such as book clubs and storytimes.

While books remain one of our core services, we also understand that people need a variety of tools to expand knowledge and spark curiosity. To that end, the Community Library in Sunbury provides a number of additional services that go beyond books.

Some services extend access to the library collection. Our 24-hour lockers give patrons access to materials when we are closed. Outreach services provides books to homebound patrons through deliveries to homes and care facilities in the Big Walnut area. Teachers can save time by requesting library staff to pull materials on a specific topic for classes.

Other services facilitate the exchange of ideas. We have group study rooms for meetings, studying, and tutoring. We lend mobile hotspots to patrons that may not have adequate Internet access at home or when traveling. For spurring conversation and exploring elements of the human experience with others, the library provides book club sets for public use.

The library also has non-traditional items in our collection. We have power meters that record electrical usage of appliances. We have

air quality detectors to gauge the cleanliness of air in the house. Patrons can borrow light therapy lamps to help get through the grey winters of Ohio. We also have birding kits with binoculars, bird guides, and maps.

Books are still important to us, but we offer much more. To see a complete list of services, visit <https://www.yourcl.org/services>. As your place to pursue knowledge and cultivate interests, the Community Library will continue to grow our services. If you have any ideas, please share them. Contact us at 740-965-3901 or info@yourcl.org.



Community Library
Serving the Big Walnut Area

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2020 VISION

OUR VISION IS BECOMING OUR CULTURE



Personalize



Engage



Grow

"Fifty years ago, before the Internet, it made sense for schools to teach kids 'just facts.' But in today's world there is no longer a competitive advantage in knowing more than the person next to you because knowledge has become a commodity available to all with the swipe of a finger."

Tony Wagner and Ted Dintersmith- *Most Likely to Succeed: Preparing Our Kids for the Innovation Era*

Five years ago, we released the 2020 Vision to ensure that each student will be successful in the 21st century. Employers are looking for people who are strong communicators, collaborators, and creative critical thinkers. Our goal is that all classrooms will personalize instruction to fit each student's needs, engage students in real-world connections, and ensure that all students are growing academically, socially, and emotionally.



We **PERSONALIZE** instruction through small groups



The research-based reading program, Foundations, is used to **GROW** our students



"RESEARCH SHOWS THAT **REAL-WORLD PROBLEM SOLVING** IS MOST STRONGLY LINKED TO HIGHER SELF-REPORTED **WORK QUALITY**"

Gallup.com- "In the U.S., 21st Century Skills Linked to Work Success"



BWIS Girls' Robotics Club **ENGAGES** our students in STEM



New Music Survey course **ENGAGES** all fifth grade students in band, orchestra and choir



"EMPLOYEES IN TODAY'S WORKPLACE WILL BE ASKED TO **COLLABORATE WITH PEERS, SOLVE PROBLEMS, AND PROPOSE NEW IDEAS**"

Jeanne Meister and Karie Willyerd- *The 2020 Workplace: How Innovative Companies Attract, Develop, and Keep Tomorrow's Employees Today*



Our teachers reteach and allow students to reassess in order to show their **GROWTH**



Hands-on lessons **ENGAGE** students in learning



Our partnership with the DACC allows us to **PERSONALIZE** students' experiences toward their interests





Aliya Martin-
Pioneer Tournament Champ



BWHS will have three productions this year, including *Little Shop of Horrors*



BWMS Girls' Volleyball Tournament Champs

We value each individual and believe that each student is more than just a test score. We strive to provide enrichment opportunities that ignite excitement and passion in our students. Our focus is on educating the whole child beyond the acquisition of knowledge.



The BWHS marching band received an "Excellent" rating at the state band competition



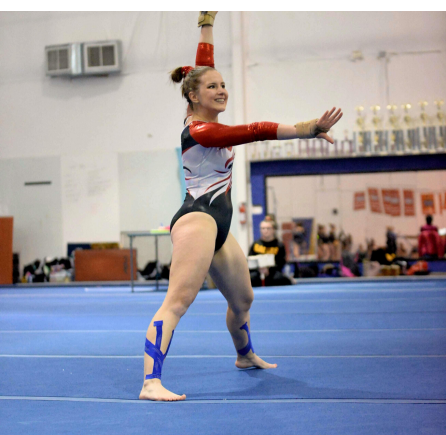
Colbi Borland is the only BWHS athlete to be a 4-time OCC Cross Country Champion



The Principal Leadership Team helps lead BWHS



FFA students won the National Food Science and Technology Career Development title





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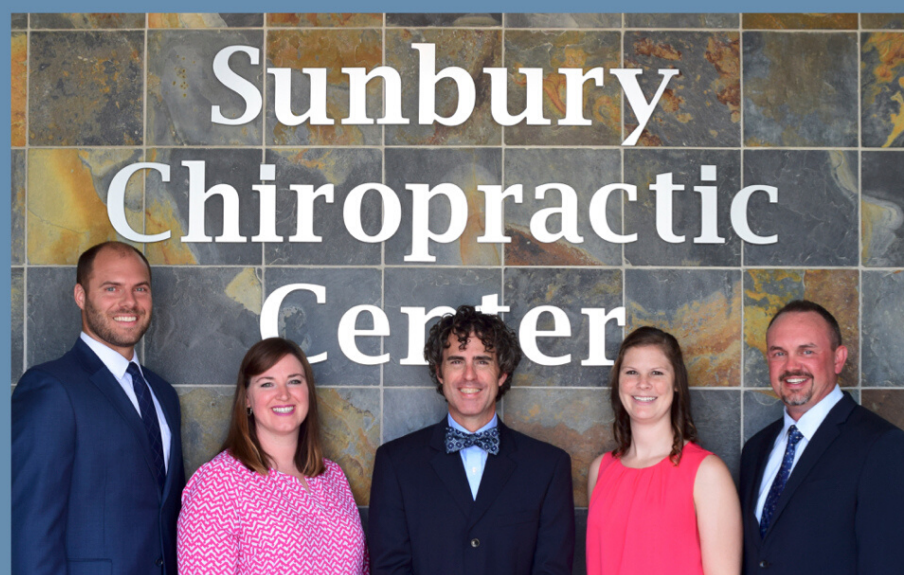
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strong schools and strong communities go hand-in-hand. We are grateful to be part of a community that values our students and partners with us to help the next generation of leaders thrive.



We continue to provide our students with opportunities to give back to our community.



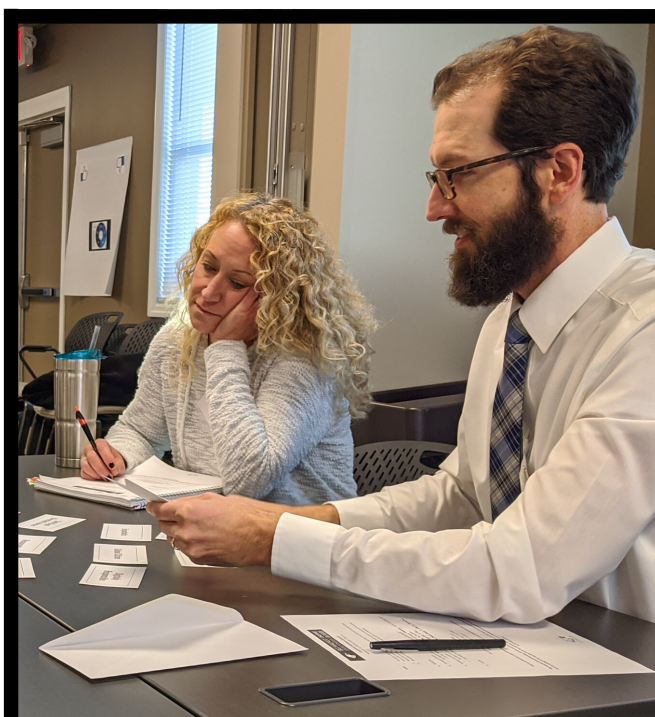
State military authorities, Chip Merkle and Pete Lupiba, join our annual Military Appreciation Tailgate



"Fill the Bus" food drive



Otterbein partners with STEM class to teach students engineering



Community members from our Academic Advisory Council



All-Pro Dads Program

