

OHIO BUDGET UPDATE

Governor DeWine recently signed Ohio's two-year budget and issued 67 line-item vetoes—many of which would have severely impacted school funding. Among those struck down were proposals like eliminating voter-approved levies, capping school savings, and shifting more control of local tax dollars to county officials were among those struck down. Without these vetoes, Hopewell-Loudon would have lost over \$1.4 million. While the House and Senate can override vetoes with a three-fifths majority, none of these overrides have occurred yet.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AT H-L

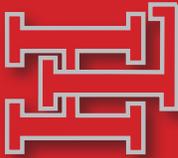
We continue to stretch every dollar. We've reduced our costs by approximately \$40,000 per year by trimming services from our Educational Service Center. We've also saved money by not replacing every position after retirements. Most importantly, we continue finding ways to operate more efficiently—without compromising the high-quality education we provide. We remain committed to being responsible with your tax dollars while maintaining the strong education our community expects.

LITTLE CHIEFTAIN PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR



The Little Chieftain Preschool has wrapped up its first successful school year with the graduation of 32 bright and enthusiastic future Chieftains! This inaugural year was filled with learning, growth, and joyful moments that have laid a strong foundation for our youngest learners.

We are excited about the future of the program and are already exploring ways to expand and enhance opportunities for even more children.



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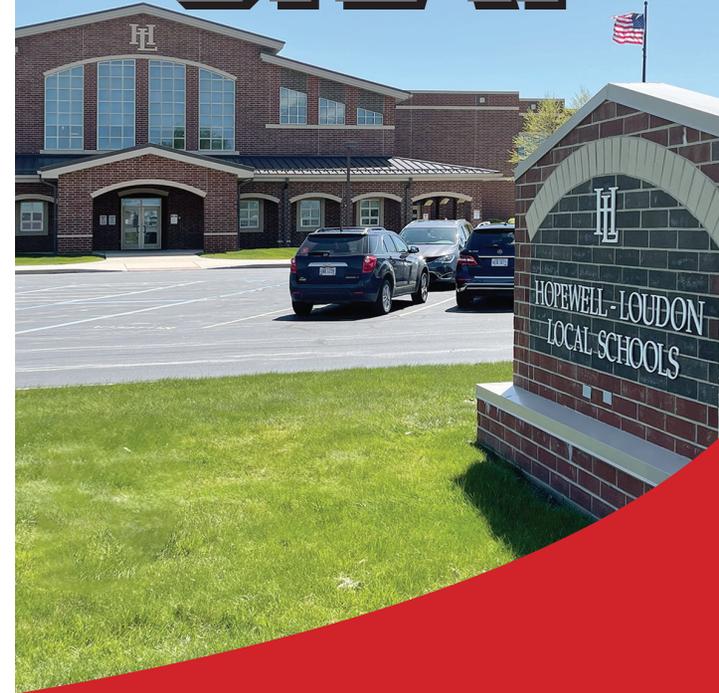
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CHIEFTAIN CHAT



HOPEWELL-LOUDON SCHOOLS SUMMER 2025



WE ARE AN EXCELLENT SCHOOL STRIVING TO BECOME BETTER

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE



As we return with this latest edition of Chieftain Chat, I'm pleased to highlight some of the exciting developments at Hopewell-Loudon. From academic achievements in our classrooms to continued progress on facility improvements, it's clear that our students and staff are supported by a community that values excellence and growth.

We're incredibly proud of the dedication our staff shows in helping students reach high levels of success. At the same time, we remain committed to strong financial stewardship to ensure these efforts are sustainable well into the future. Our ongoing facility projects are being developed with both current function and future needs in mind, as we work to create the best possible learning environment for every Chieftain.

Thank you for your continued support—it's truly a great time to be part of the Hopewell-Loudon family.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns at mwhite@hlschool.net or 419-937-2216. You can also follow the great things happening at H-L on X at [@Chieftains_Supt](https://twitter.com/Chieftains_Supt).

H-L OFFERS ATHLETIC PASSES

Family Pass	\$325
Adult Punch Card (10 Events)	\$65
Student Punch Card (10 Events).....	\$30
In District Senior Pass (Age 65+)	Free
Out of District Senior Pass:	\$70 (All Events)

CHIEFTAIN RECOGNITION NIGHT – HONORING H-L LEGENDS

On February 1, 2025, during halftime of the varsity basketball game, the Hopewell-Loudon Athletic Department proudly honored four outstanding Chieftains for their lasting impact on H-L athletics:

- **Bruce King (Class of 1944)** – Bruce was the 1944 Shot Put State Champion. We proudly add his achievement to our Scarlet Gymnasium Wall.
- **David Shane (Class of 1959)** – Scored 1,291 career points, placing him 3rd all-time in H-L history. David passed away in 2018. His son Tavis and sister Carolyn Thallman accepted the recognition on his behalf.
- **Evan Kreais (Class of 2024)** – A multi-sport standout with 1,156 career basketball points, 2-time All-Ohio honors in both basketball and football, and a 3-time state placer in track. Evan now competes at the University of Findlay in track and field.
- **Duane Warns (Class of 1957)** – Scored 1,220 points in just 3 seasons, never losing a home game in his H-L career. Mr. Warns remains a proud supporter of H-L through scholarships and service. Duane is a member of three Hall of Fames: Hopewell-Loudon, Heidelberg College, and Bellevue Athletics.

We thank these Chieftains for their remarkable legacies and continued contributions to Hopewell-Loudon.



HOPEWELL-LOUDON TO JOIN NORTHERN 10 CONFERENCE IN FALL 2026

Hopewell-Loudon Local Schools is excited to announce that we will be joining the Northern 10 Conference beginning in the fall of 2026. This transition marks a return to competition with several familiar and traditional rivals, bringing renewed energy and strong competitive opportunities for our student-athletes.

The expanded Northern 10 Conference will include the following schools: Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Carey, Calvert, Colonel Crawford, Hopewell-Loudon, Lucas, Mohawk, New Riegel, Old Fort, Seneca East, Upper Sandusky, Willard, and Wynford. The conference will be organized into two geographic divisions to support balanced scheduling and maintain local rivalries.

We look forward to this new chapter and the opportunities it will bring for our school and community.



DISTRICT FACILITIES

CHIEFTAIN GYMNASIUM IMPROVEMENTS -



During the summer months, you may notice construction activity at the Chieftain Gymnasium. Since its construction in 1988, the gym has served as a vital space for both our school district and the broader community for over 35 years. As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance district facilities, this phase will address much-needed repairs to the roof and HVAC system.

TRACK FACILITY UPDATE -

The district is currently exploring additional improvements to our track facility. Options being considered in this phase include restrooms, concessions, storage for track equipment, and locker rooms. These enhancements would provide meaningful benefits to our athletes and community—especially as we prepare to join a new athletic conference in the fall of 2026 and look forward to hosting conference meets and other events.

