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HIGH SCHOOL STEM AND PERFORMING ARTS EXPANSION

Noblesville Schools cut the ribbon on their high school academic expansion this past August, opening over 100,000 square feet of new and renovated space to address general capacity needs and significantly enhance student opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and performing arts. The project came in on time and under the \$42 million budget, which was funded through a bond (loan) with no use of referendum or classroom dollars and no increase to the tax rate.



GO HERE to watch a video tour given by our students featuring new areas for welding, construction, biomedical, engineering, choir and more.

FINANCES

We take our role as stewards of your taxpayer dollars very seriously and are committed to transparency.

Noblesville Schools is currently facing serious funding challenges including:

- New state property tax legislation that will reduce funding to Noblesville Schools by millions of dollars per year.
- Declining student enrollment demographics, with more aging families choosing to stay in their homes and more seniors graduating than kindergarteners entering our schools. A decrease in student enrollment means a decrease in funding.
- Increasing inflation, which drives expenses higher.
- The scheduled expiration of referendum funds in 2026.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Decreased tax rate for seventh year in a row
- AA credit rating
- Top S&P financial rating among Indiana school districts
- Strong financial reserves
- Paying off debt at an aggressive pace
- Benefit changes to streamline efficiencies and reduce taxpayer cost



(L-R) Chief Financial Officer David Hortemiller and Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile are available to answer questions you may have about Noblesville Schools finances.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS DOLLARS AND \$ENSE



New

Noblesville Schools has **launched a new website called Dollars and \$ense** where residents can find details on Noblesville Schools finances, get answers to common questions, learn about how Indiana schools are funded, and stay up to date on school district costs, spending and financial accomplishments.

On the Dollars + \$ense site residents can find:

- District financial highlights
- Links to Noblesville Schools financial documents
- How school finance works at the federal, state and local levels
- How different "buckets" of money are funded and what specifically the money is spent on at Noblesville Schools
- How referendums work
- Answers to frequently asked questions like *"What is Noblesville Schools doing to help lower my high property taxes?"*
- Charts with Noblesville Schools actual financial data for each fund

REFERENDUM FUNDING

Many of the things we are able to do for students have been made possible thanks to referendum funding the community approved in 2018.

Specifically, this financial support from our community has provided competitive teacher salaries, school safety initiatives, mental health support for students, manageable class sizes, and many of our academic, career technical, and enrichment programs.

Our current referendum provides approximately \$25 million dollars in funding each year and is scheduled to end in 2026. The district will be carefully studying budget projections and needs for the future, and will communicate more about the referendum in 2026. The community ultimately decides whether or not to pass a referendum.



WE ARE NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

- 10,100 students
- Largest employer in Noblesville with 1,800+ employees
- Seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school
- 25% students qualify for free/reduced lunch
- 17% students receive special education services
- 15% students receive high ability services
- 13% students are multilingual with over 50 different home languages
- Over 300 teams and clubs

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- National recognition for STEM for the eighth year in a row
- National recognition for music education for the eleventh year in a row
- 98% graduation rate
- Record 227 AP scholars, 5 National Merit finalists and 2 Lilly Scholars
- Over 6,000 dual high school/college credits and \$5 million earned in scholarships by the Class of 2025
- Increased ILEARN state testing scores



IN THE KNOW



To stay up-to-date on school news throughout the year, please sign up for our monthly email newsletter In the Know with this QR code or at noblesvilleschools.org.





(L-R) Christi Crosser, Misti Ray, Dr. Joe Forgey, Dr. Dan Hile, Bret Richardson, Stephanie Lambert.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

Dr. Dan Hile serves as the top executive for Noblesville Schools, leading all district operations and staff. Your school board is made up of five elected members representing the Noblesville community. This year's school board is one of only five in Indiana recognized as exemplary by the Indiana School Boards Association, with board president Christi Crosser being further recognized as one of only 25 board presidents in the state with a gold seal leadership certification.

Visit the **"leadership"** section of noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about Dr. Hile and board members, and to access board agendas, minutes and policies.

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STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

WATCH the State of the Schools address to learn more about district finances and accomplishments



CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

- The NHS Marching Millers were named Bands of America Super Regional and state finalists, and also had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity serving as the closing act for the band AJR at their Rouff Music Center concert.
- The NHS orchestra was the only high school band in the state chosen to participate in the national Music for All competition.
- The top NHS jazz band was the only band chosen to perform with internationally famous jazz artist Wynton Marsalis at the Palladium in Carmel.
- The NHS Winter Color Guard secured their second state championship and a bronze medal finish in national competition.
- Varsity cheerleaders were named state champions.
- Girls Golf, Boys Cross Country and JV Cheer were state champion runners-up.



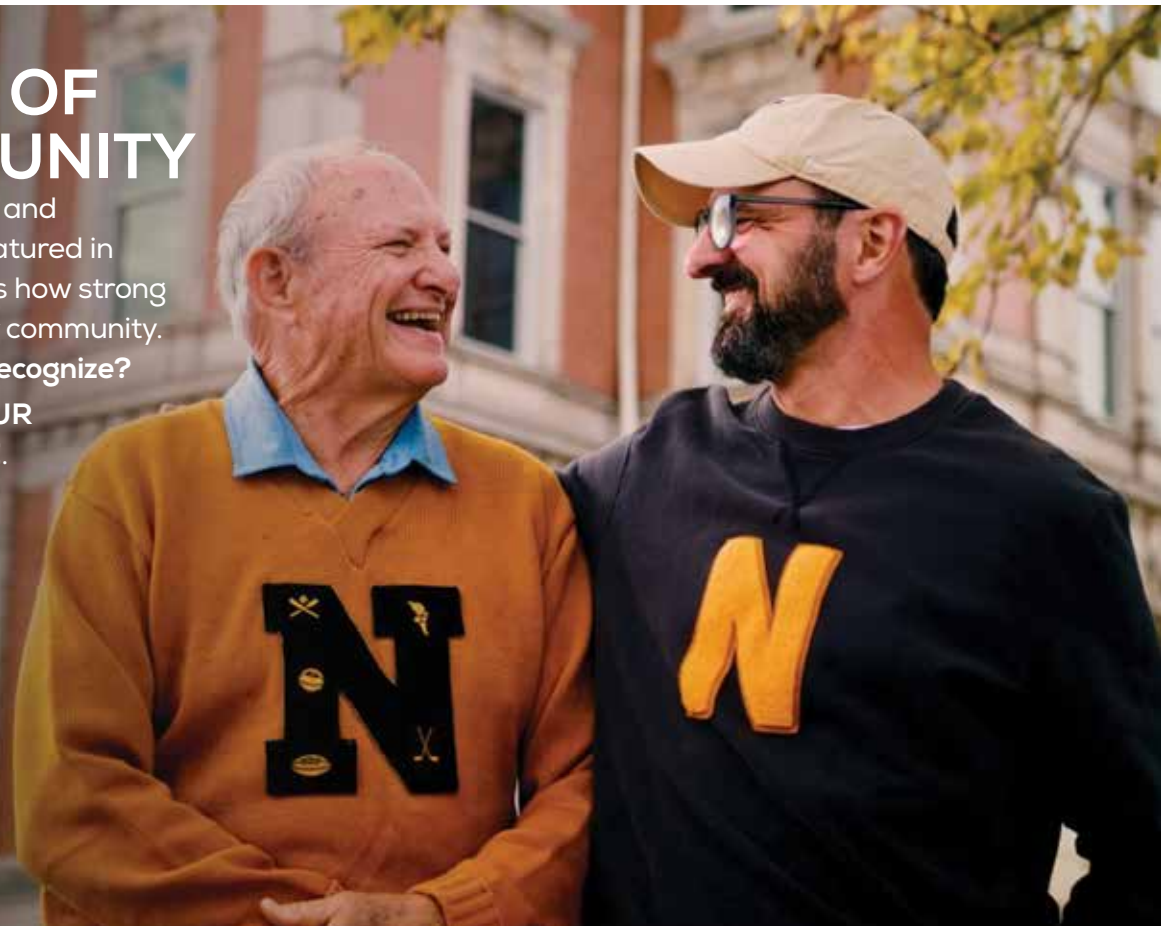
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PHOTO BY ALEX WEBSTER

THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Several community leaders and Noblesville residents are featured in a new video that showcases how strong schools are the heart of our community. How many people will you recognize? WATCH THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY VIDEO HERE.



During the 2025-2026 school year, Noblesville Schools is celebrating 100 Years of the Millers. In 1925, the Noblesville Milling Company offered to purchase athletic uniforms for Noblesville High School in exchange for naming the school's teams the "Millers." Before this, NHS teams were known as the "Black and Gold." While the Noblesville Milling Company is long gone, Noblesville Schools still proudly carries the Millers name.



To honor the 100 year milestone, a commemorative mark (shown above) was created pairing the "Millers" font from the original uniforms with the popular 1920s art deco style.



We are selecting the Hall of Fame Class of 2026 now so please consider nominating someone below. The Hall of Fame honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments or contributions to Noblesville Schools.



◀ **NOMINATE** now for the Class of 2026



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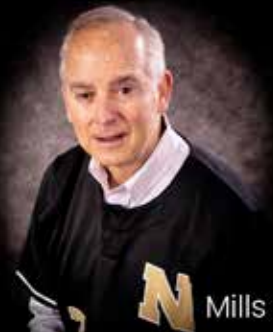
Ely



Kozicki



Land



Mills



Oilar



Towle



Williams

The inaugural Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame Class of 2025 will be inducted this spring at our new Hall of Fame courtyard located between the Noblesville Schools Community Center and Beaver Stadium.



PRESERVING HISTORY



Pictured: representatives from the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Richardson family

Several years ago, Noblesville Schools received a historic school bell from the Richardson family, who has called Noblesville home for over five generations. The bell, which is believed to date back to the 1850s or earlier, originally hung at Second Ward School, the site of today's Seminary Park and home to Noblesville's first high school. Through a partnership between Noblesville Schools, the City of Noblesville, the Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and the Richardson family, plans are underway to give the bell a permanent home in Seminary Park for the entire community to enjoy.



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WATCH & LEARN WHY

◀ Forbes named us #18 in the United States and #1 in Indiana for 2024 midsize employers.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that invests in Noblesville Schools through grants, scholarships, partnerships and volunteer support. They also host fundraising events throughout the year in support of students and educators.



**LEARN MORE
& GET INVOLVED AT**

noblesvilleschoolseducationfoundation.org



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Follow Noblesville Schools on social media
- Sign up to receive our monthly digital publication In the Know
- Explore noblesvilleschools.org to learn more about curriculum, finances, school news and leadership
- Attend school events and performances
- Invite Dr. Hile, or a member of his team, to attend your event and share what's happening in Noblesville Schools
- Host a student intern
- Volunteer to be a mentor under the "community" area at noblesvilleschools.org
- Apply for our Miller Ambassadors community leadership experience
- Support the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation and our parent teacher organizations
- Attend school board meetings or watch online
- Sponsor, donate or advertise with Noblesville Schools

SHOP ONLINE MILLERMALL.ORG

Visit millermall.org for the largest selection of official Noblesville Schools spirit wear and gifts.

New vendors recently added!





KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will open March 2, 2026. As that date nears, the noblesvilleschools.org website will have enrollment instructions. Please be sure to register in a timely manner so you and your child can attend our kindergarten orientation sessions.

We're excited to welcome the Class of 2039 as kindergarteners for the upcoming school year!



PHOTO BY JULIE MONTGOMERY

JOIN US

We welcome the public to join us at many of our events. Thank you for your support of our students!



QUESTIONS?

Contact your child's teacher, school principal or district leadership with questions about Noblesville Schools. You can find emails and phone numbers for staff and leaders at noblesvilleschools.org.

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about your schools!*

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HEART ARTWORK
by North Elementary
student Alexa Guzman