Ottawa Hills
Local Schools

State of the District
2025-2026

Superintendent Dr. Fineske
& Treasurer/CFO Mr. Siloy

with Student Speakers:
Sami and Abraham Sediqe
& Nina Clark

And a special performance
by the OH Choraliers

February 11, 2026
7 p.m. Presentation
Open Q&A to follow

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- **Welcome**
  - 2025-2026 Guiding Theme
- **District Profile**
- **Student Leaders Perspective**
- **Strategic Plan Goals and Progress**
  - 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Focus Areas
  - District Finance Update
- **Open Q&A**

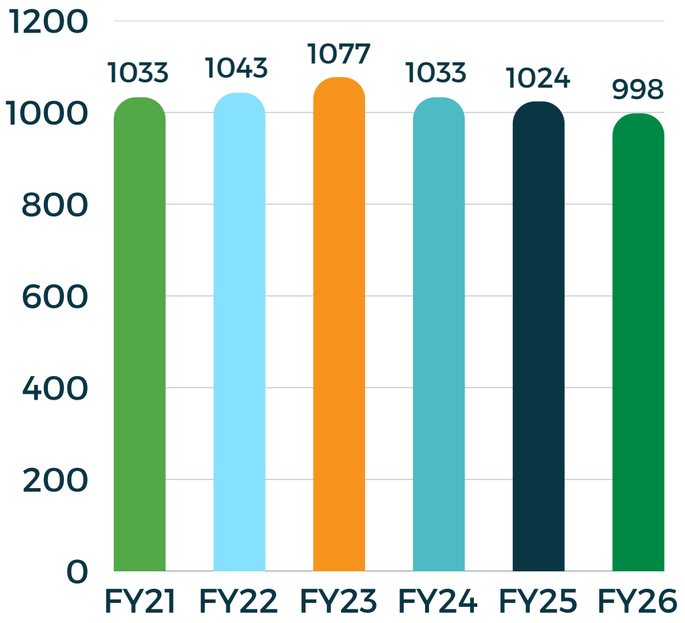
DISTRICT'S 2025-26 THEME

Growing a Green Bear

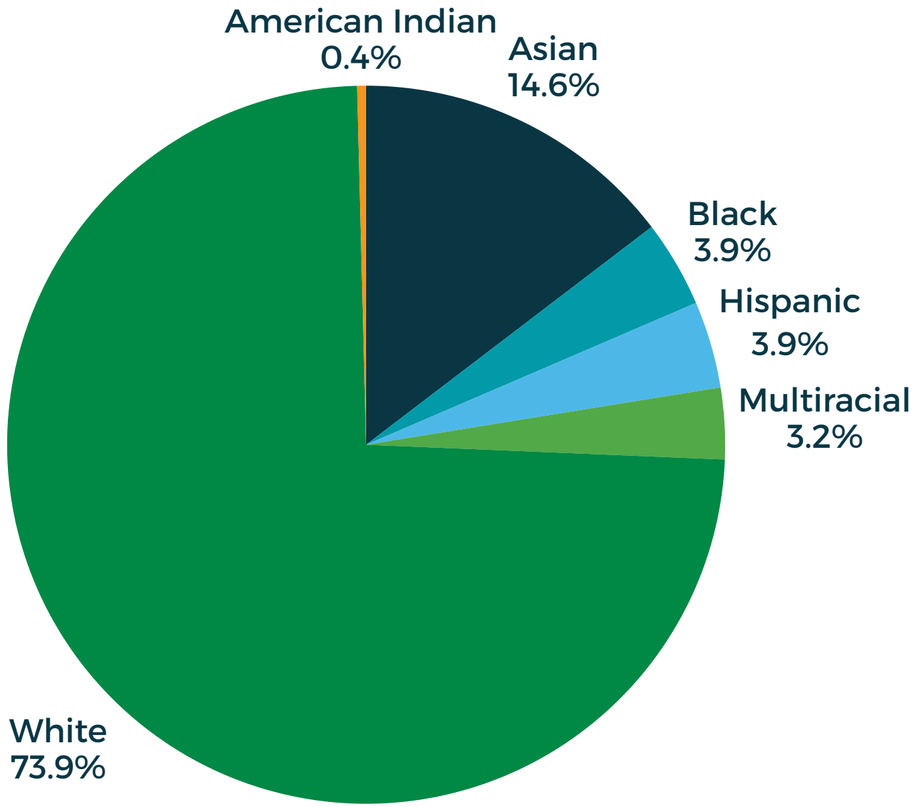
A year to evaluate, collaborate, evolve, celebrate, and grow together for continued success!

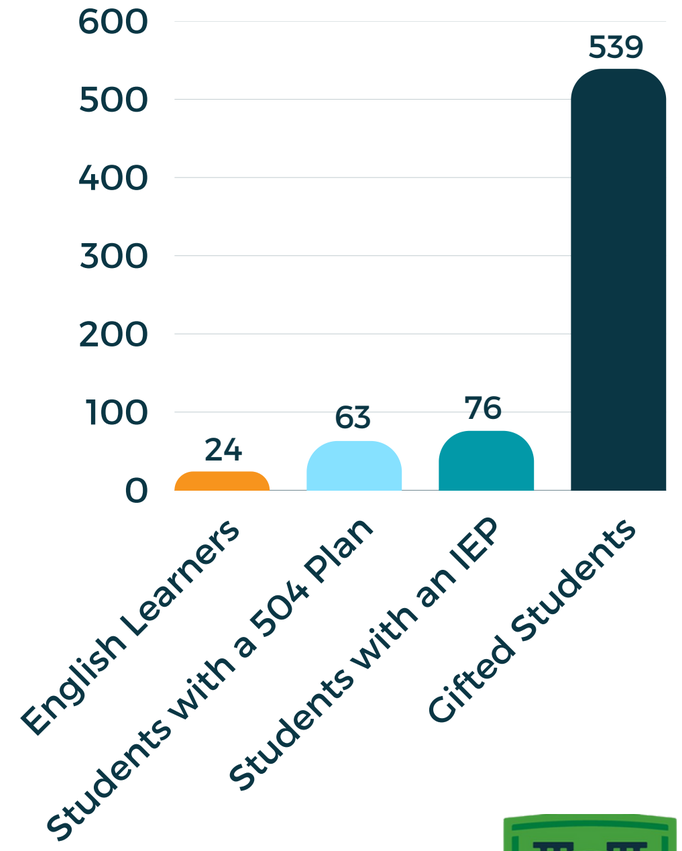
STUDENT BODY SNAPSHOT

Enrollment = 998



Student Population Data





Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

TEACHER AND STAFF SNAPSHOT



FTE teachers **81**

FTE support staff **42**

Student to teacher ratio **12:1**

Avg. years of teaching experience **18.4**

Combined years of experience **1,358**

% teachers with advanced degree **76%**

Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce & OHLS Treasurer's Office

STUDENT EXPERIENCE SNAPSHOT

of AP classes **18**

Clubs and activities at JHHS **41**

Varsity letter athletics **22**

Junior high athletics **9**

JHHS field trips **20+**

Clubs and activities at ES **7**

ES field trips **12**

Foundation-granted enhancements **$1M+**

Class of ’25 by the #’s

- **83** Graduates
- **4** National Merit Finalists
- **6** National Merit Commended
- **32** NHS Members
- **14** Summa Cum Laude Graduates
- **$8.7** In scholarships awarded

STATE REPORT CARD

School Report Cards
Ottawa Hills Local School District 2024-25

Overall Rating ★★★★★

SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS

Achievement
How do our students do on state tests?
This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall.
Performance Index 99.4%
(up .3% from 2023-24 report card)

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in academic achievement

Progress
Are our students showing growth?
This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances.
Overall 5-stars

★★★★★
Significant evidence that the district exceeded student growth expectations by a larger magnitude.

Gap Closing
Are our smaller populations meeting state goals? The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student groups.
Annual Performance Goals 80.8%
(up 8.1% from 2023-24 report card)

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in closing educationals gaps

Early Literacy
How are our students doing in learning to read?
The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.
Third Grade Reading Proficiency 92.4%
(down 1.9% from 2023-24 report card)
Promotion to Fourth Grade 100.0%

★★★★
Exceeds state standards in closing educational gaps

Graduation
Are our students graduating on time?
The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.
100.0% of students graduated in 4 years
100.0% of students graduated in 5 years

★★★★★
Significantly exceeds state standards in graduation rates

College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness
Are our students well-prepared for future opportunities? This Component provides information on how schools and districts prepare students for different pathways for college and career success.
Post-Secondary Readiness 78.8%
(new district report card category)

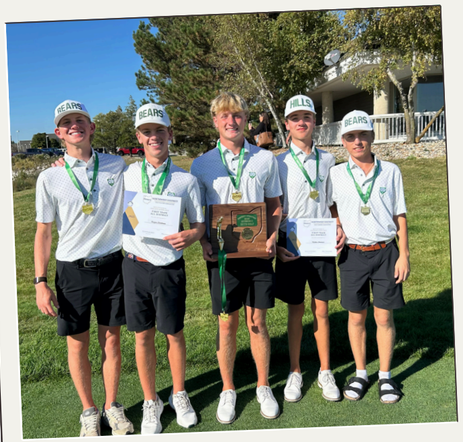
★★★★
Exceeds state standards in college, career, workforce, and military readiness

Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

ATHLETICS SNAPSHOT



Girls XC State Champs!



Golf 4th in State



Boys Soccer State Runner-up



24-25 Swim and Dive Compete at State



Boys XC Competes at State



Girls Tennis Competes at State

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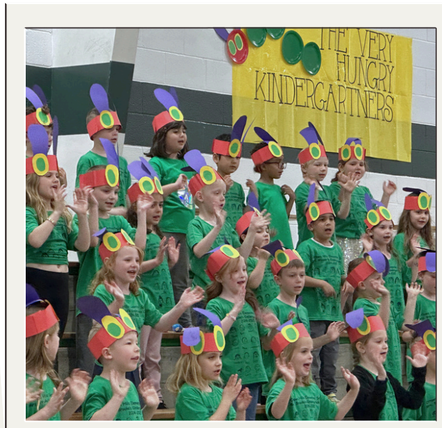
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@Ottawa Hills Green Bears

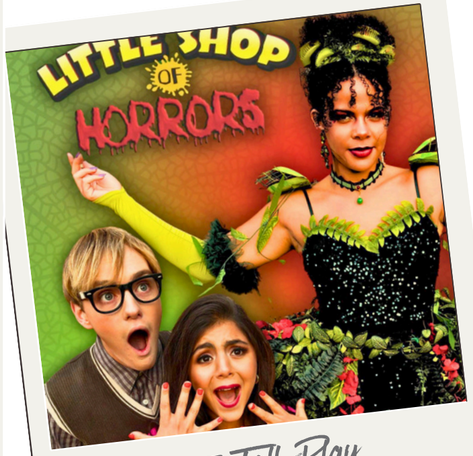
THE ARTS SNAPSHOT



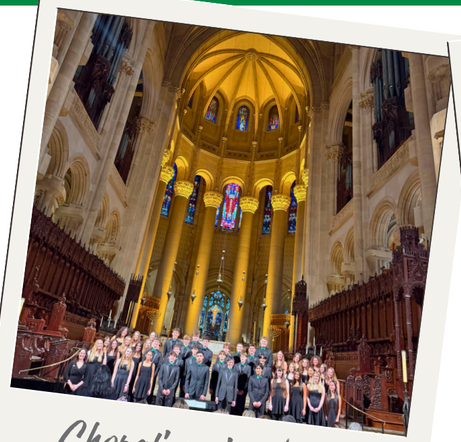
'26 Acting Out! Production



Kindergarten Kaleidoscope '25



'25 Fall Play



Choraliers in NYC



Band performs at '25 smART Show



'25 smART Show



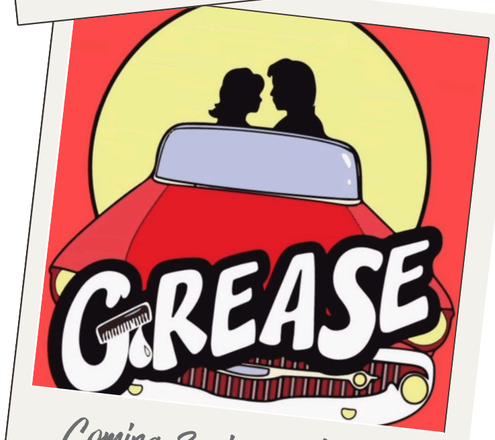
'25 Spring Musical



JH Chorale at Fall Concert



Elementary visits to TMA



Coming Spring '26!

CLUBS AND GROUPS SNAPSHOT



Safety Patrol



HOSA headed to State Competition



Home to Home in the Windy City



Chess Team continues to dominate



Robotics Competes on World Stage '25



Quiz Bowl '25 TAGBI Champs!



Environmental Club Keeps River Clean



Power of the Pen "Platinum" at State '25



Model UN historic win at CASC Conference



ES Student Council collects 2,700+ cans!

THE STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



The State of Ottawa Hills Elementary School

Sami and Abraham Sediqe (Class of 2032)

Student Council Co-Presidents



The State of Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School

Nina Clark (Class of 2026)

Student Council President

STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS

Nurture a Joyful Pursuit of Learning

Focusing on the act of learning as a joyful process allows the unique potential of each stakeholder to contribute to the tradition of academic excellence.

Create a Lifelong Sense of Belonging

Instilling self-confidence and empathy will create an inclusive school culture where each person feels celebrated and where ideas can be considered and debated respectfully.

Leverage Partnerships for Transformative Experiences

Collaborating at every level of the community expands opportunities, enhances student preparedness, and offers diverse roadmaps to successful futures.

Support a Comprehensive Approach to Modernization

Coordinating our use of space, time, finances, and technology will maximize our educational effectiveness, efficiency, and level of innovation.

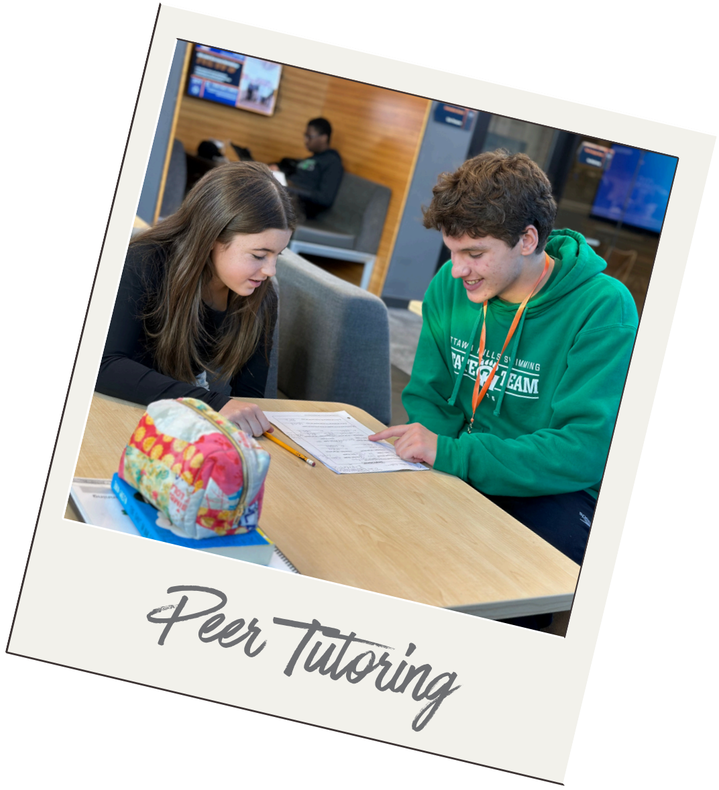
2025-2026 FOCUS AREAS

- **Evaluate** student, staff and operational supports to ensure effectiveness and fiscal responsibility.
- **Collaborate** to strengthen relationships within our schools and community.
- **Evolve** our teaching and learning practices to advance student learning.
- **Celebrate** achievements and progress.

EVALUATE

Supports to ensure effectiveness and fiscal responsibility

- Core mission work in The Foundry
- Continued Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) training and implementation
- Evaluation of schedules at both buildings



COLLABORATE

To strengthen relationships within our schools and community

- Develop a district-wide internal teacher and staff survey
- Increase feedback loops at the building, district and community level
- Focus on transparent communication with the community in a consistent fashion
- Enhance our partnership with Village leadership



EVOLVE

Our teaching and learning practices to advance student learning

- Implementation of new curriculum at the K-6 level
- Strengthening professional development opportunities district-wide
- Implementation of Brisk AI platform district-wide to support appropriate AI instruction and use



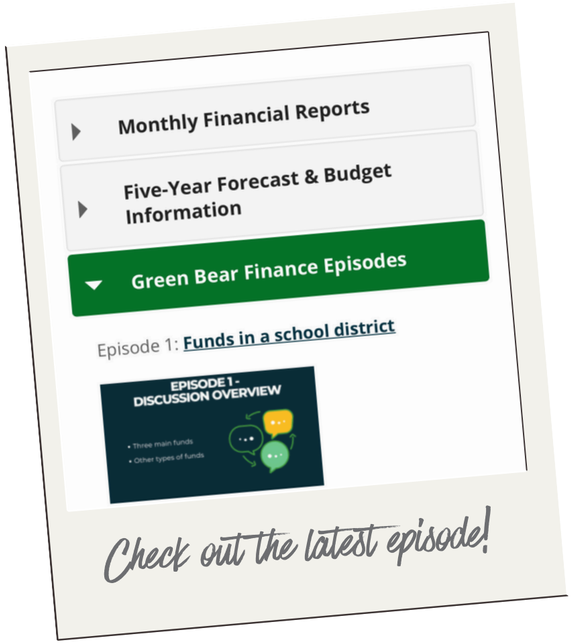
CELEBRATE
Achievements and progress

- State Report Card success
- *U.S. News & World Report* rankings for our high school
- Improved financial state with a team effort by all



GREEN BEAR FINANCE

Keeping fiscal transparency and responsibility at the forefront



www.ohschools.org/about-us/treasurerfinancials

- Monthly financial report and presentation
- Five-Year forecast and budget information
- Green Bear Finance episodes

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & EFFICIENCIES



Ongoing **review of spending** and implementation of potential cost reductions and efficiencies

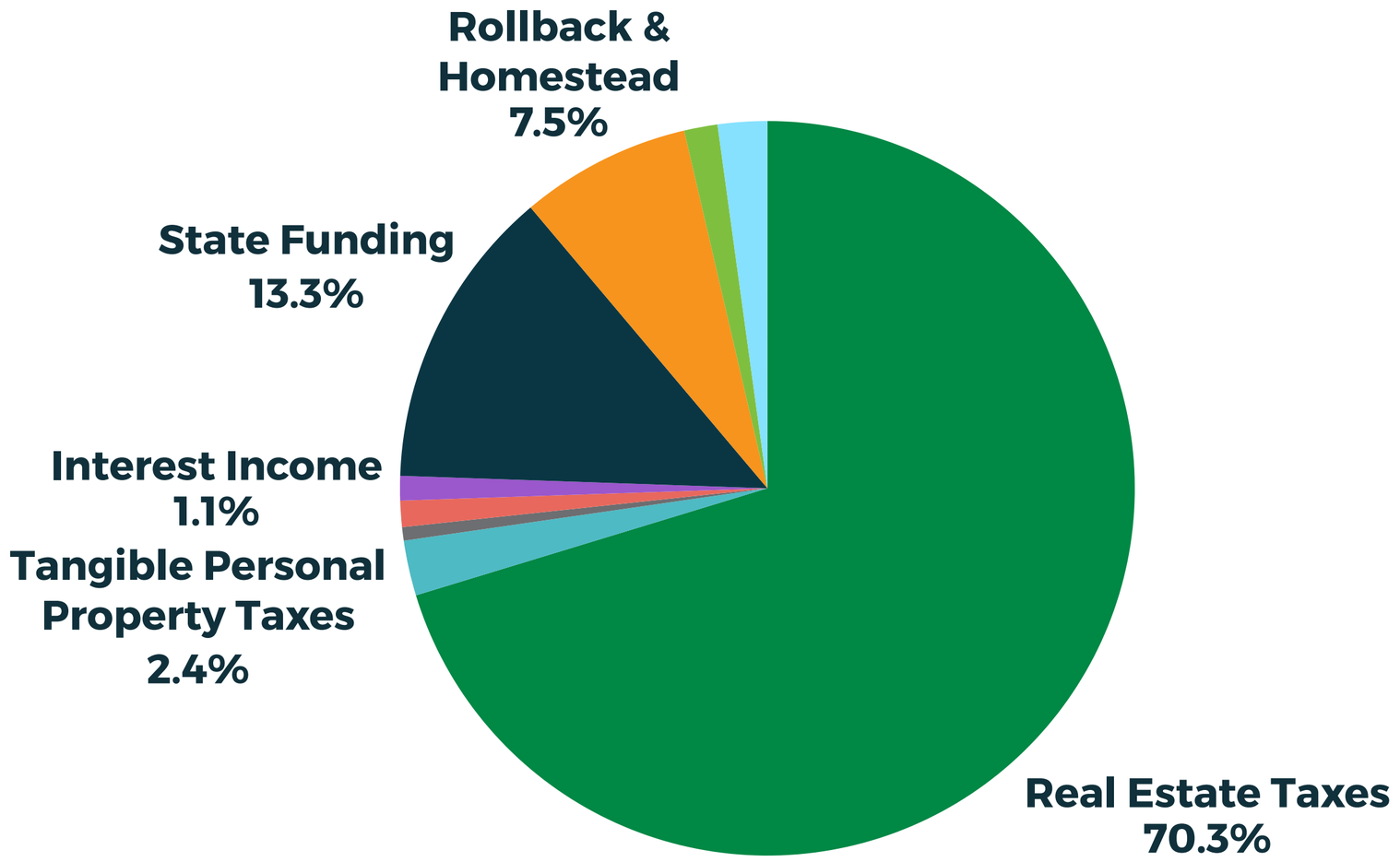


Identify **alternative funding sources** to generate additional revenue



Establish **comprehensive plans** to ensure facility maintenance and effective resource utilization

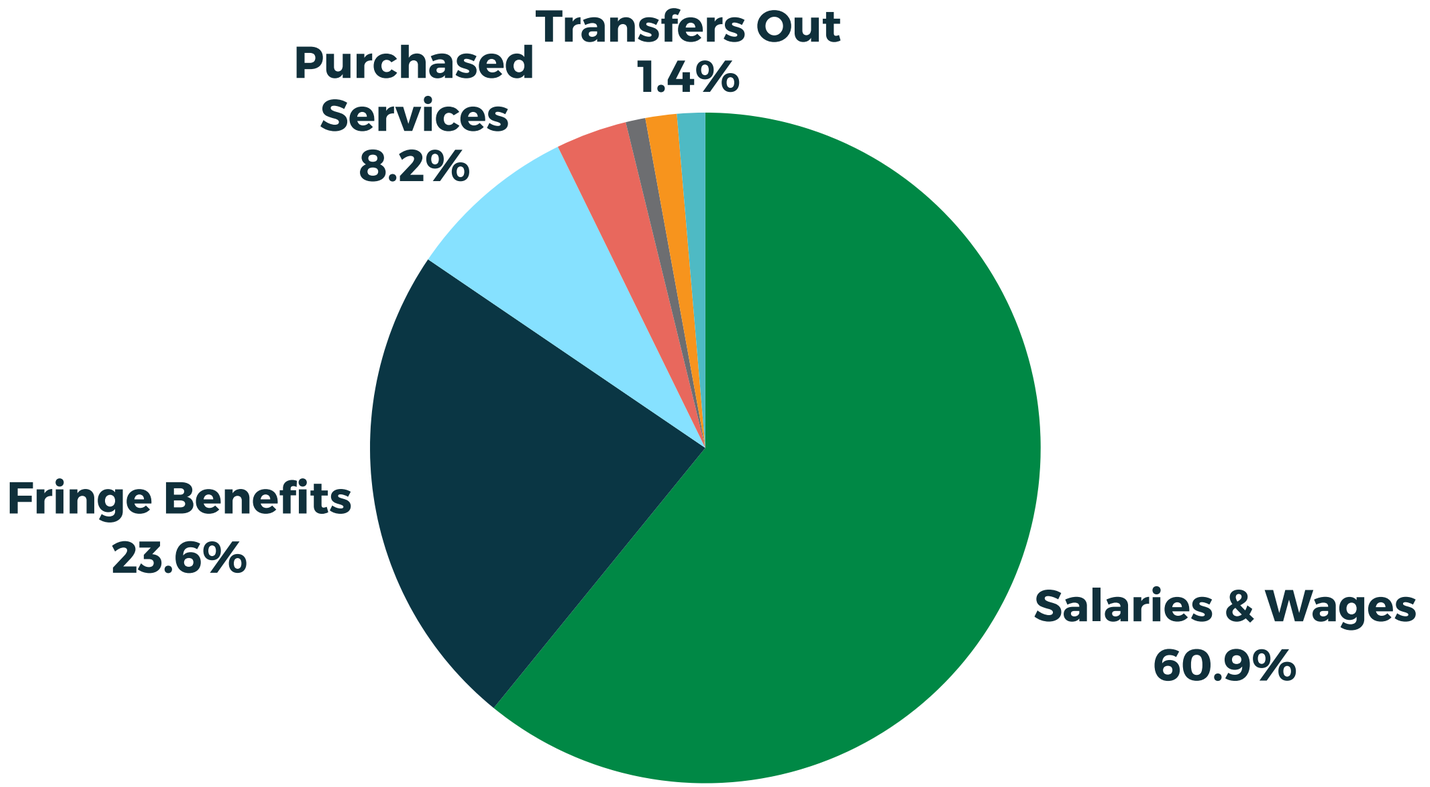
DISTRICT REVENUES



Source: OHLS District Five-Year Forecast

DISTRICT EXPENSES

77 cents of every dollar are spent directly on classroom instruction



Ranked #1 of 262 public schools on dollars spent directly on classroom instruction

Source: OHLS District Five-Year Forecast & the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

DAYS CASH ON HAND

FYTD REVENUES

$10,548,085

FYTD EXPENSES

$10,120,837

CURRENT CASH

$3,125,021

TRUE DAYS CASH AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

62 DAYS

BOARD CASH BALANCE TARGET : 60 DAYS

Source: OHLS District January 2026 Financial Report

OUTSIDE SOURCES OF REVENUE

Grants

- BWC School Safety and Security Grant
- Ohio Attorney General's FY26 Safety Grant
- Ohio State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

These grants have been utilized for safety and security upgrades including additional cameras and window and door protective film.

$110,000+ in awarded grants

FIVE-YEAR PI PLAN

- **Permanent improvement** is funded by a 4 mill PI levy and can only be used for certain purchases
- Having a Five-Year PI Plan ensures we have the funds to **maintain and upgrade** our facilities
- **Includes reserve** of $50,000/year for unforeseen expenses
- The **plan may change** based on needs and how best to use available resources

FIVE-YEAR PI PLAN

The Five-Year PI Plan was created utilizing

- Walkthroughs with operations staff and building principals
- Teacher survey
- Rubric to prioritize projects
  - direct affect on classroom/students/learning
  - routine use/benefit
  - safety/security
  - general maintenance/replacements

FIVE-YEAR PI PLAN

FY 25-26

- Bathrooms
- JHHS parking lot (reseal/stripe)
- Music rooms
- Safety & security upgrades
- Payback 2017 loan from gen. fund

FY 26-27

- New bus
- JHHS Classrooms
- ES parking lot (reseal/stripe)
- Classrooms (paint, floors, other)
- Save for track & turf maintenance
- Payback 2017 loan from gen. fund

FY 27-28

- Bathrooms
- JHHS parking lot (reseal/stripe)
- Classrooms (paint, floors, other)
- Save for track & turf maintenance
- Multi-room lunch tables replaced
- ES lunch tables replaced
- Technology upgrades

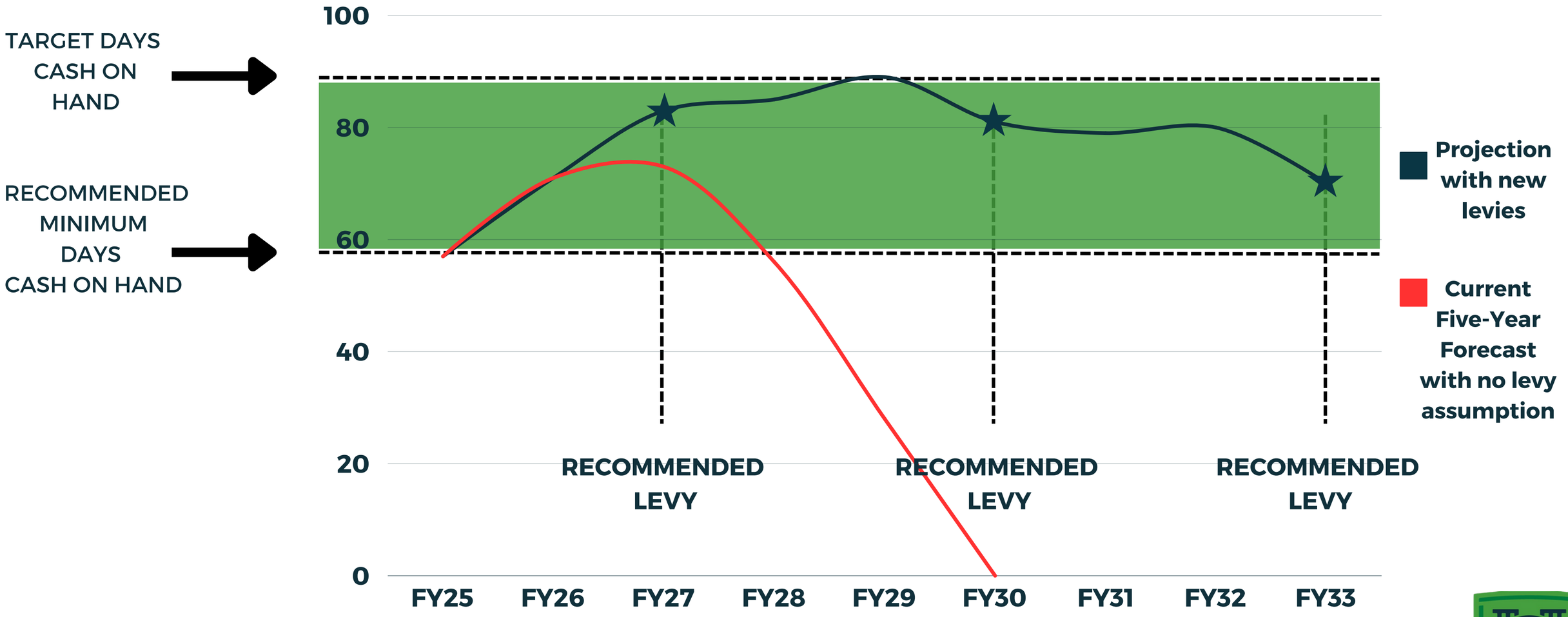
FY 28-29

- Bathrooms
- ES parking lot (reseal/stripe)
- Classrooms (paint, floors, other)
- Safety & security upgrades
- ES lunch tables replaced
- Technology upgrades
- Save for track & turf maintenance

FY 29-30

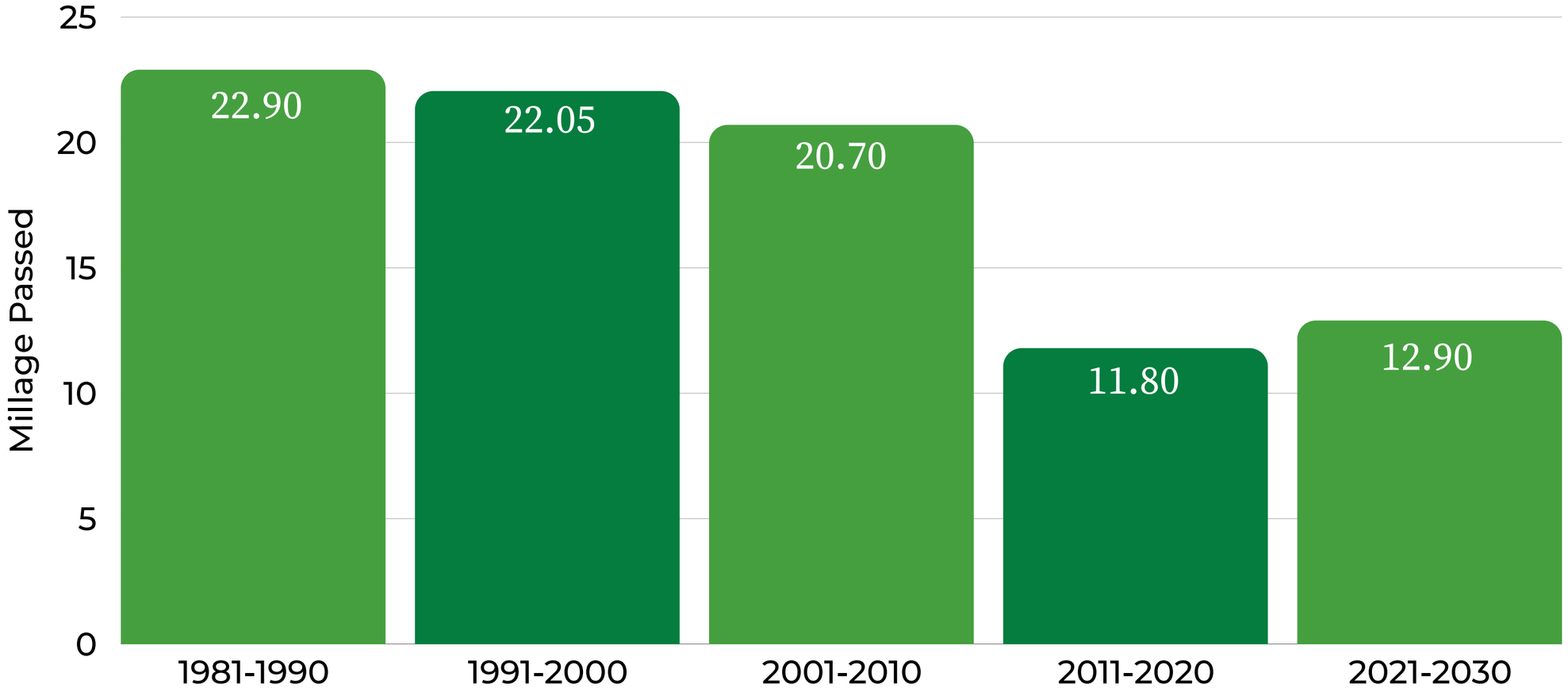
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FUTURE PROJECTED CASH ON HAND



HISTORIC LEVY PASSAGE

School district general fund millage totals by decade passed by Ottawa Hills residents



Source: Lucas County Auditor

OPERATING LEVY ROADMAP

Cycle repeats every 3 years



THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued engagement with our district!

OPEN Q&A



District leadership and members of the Board of Education are present to answer any questions.



If you have a question or comment to make, please come to the mic and state your name.



Tonight’s presentation and recording will be shared in district communications and on our website at ohschools.org.