Northmont Today

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Upcoming Dates:

High School Summer School
June 1-June 18
June 22-July 10

Special Board of Education Meeting
Monday, June 8 6pm
Northmont Admin. Offices

Juneteenth
Friday, June 19
Schools Closed

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, June 22 6pm
Northmont Admin. Offices

Independence Day Observance Friday, July 3
Schools Closed

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 13 6pm
Northmont Admin. Offices

Board of Education Meetings
Mondays, August 10 & 24
Northmont Admin. Offices

Meet Northmont's New Superintendent

The Northmont City Schools Board of Education has officially named Eric Hughes as the district's next Superintendent following a comprehensive search process focused on student success and community input.

Board President Linda Blum thanked board members, district leaders, staff, parents, students, and community members for their participation and support throughout the process.

Highlights:
*20 years of educational experience
*Most recently served as Superintendent of Miami East Local Schools
*Former Assistant Principal at Northmont High School
*Led strategic planning, curriculum, budgeting, and district operations
*Holds leadership degrees and licensure from Miami University, Northern Kentucky University, and Morehead State University
*Previously named Northmont High School Employee of the Year



The Board praised Hughes' instructional leadership, communication skills, integrity, and commitment to visibility and relationship-building throughout the district.

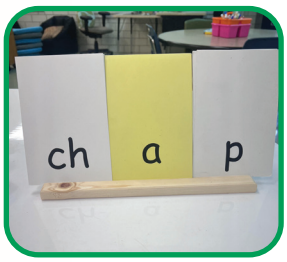
Hughes shared that his previous experience at Northmont helped shape his belief in supporting the whole child and fostering a collaborative culture focused on innovation and excellence.

Northmont City Schools looks forward to welcoming Mr. Hughes back to the district and continuing its tradition of excellence under his leadership.



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

We LOVE collaboration! When an intervention specialist asked for a tool to help her teach reading to her students, we put our heads together and came up with a plan. Thanks to the kindness and skills of two community businesses who cut and donated the plastic, and the woodworking skills of our Skilled Trades students at the Middle School, we built not one, but 12 of these blending boards! Special thanks to The Carved Knot, LLC and Visually Sound Experience for helping bring this vision to life.



GREEN PRIDE

. . . throughout the community

DID YOU KNOW? Nomination forms for the Northmont Roll of Recognition are located on the website at www.northmontschools.net/forms-links

DID YOU KNOW?

If you or someone you love has served honorably in the United States Armed Forces, they have a spot on our Military Wall of Honor. Follow this link to fill out the application form: https://www.northmontschools.net/military-resources

Schools Continue to Face State Funding Challenges

Northmont City Schools is facing significant financial challenges as the Ohio public school funding formula remains frozen at Fiscal Year 2022 levels despite rising costs across all areas of district operations.

Because the state budget does not include inflationary increases, Northmont will lose more than $1 million in expected funding this year. At the same time, expenses for transportation, utilities, insurance, instructional materials, maintenance, and employee benefits continue to rise.

In response, the district has continued implementing cost-reducing measures while working to protect classroom instruction and student opportunities. Northmont has reduced every building budget in the district by 3% and has also made staff reductions through attrition by carefully evaluating positions when employees retire or resign. These reductions will result in over $1,500,000 in savings next year.

District leaders say these difficult decisions are necessary to maintain long-term financial stability while continuing to provide high-quality educational opportunities for students.

School officials also noted that many districts across Ohio are facing similar pressures as schools are expected to meet increasing academic and operational demands without additional state funding support.

Despite these challenges, Northmont remains committed to responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars and to supporting students, staff, and families across the district.

District Leases Old Board Office

The Northmont Board of Education recently approved a lease agreement for the former Board of Education office located at 4001 Old Salem Road in Englewood. The agreement supports the district's continued commitment to fiscal responsibility, long-range planning, and maximizing the use of district facilities.

The former office building became available following the district's transition to the Northmont Administrative Offices at 1150 W. National Road. District leaders shared that the lease agreement will keep the property active and maintained while also generating significant financial savings for the district.

The agreement is expected to save Northmont City Schools more than $100,000 annually, with projected total savings exceeding $600,000 over the five-year lease term. Board members noted that the decision reflects the district's focus on responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources while continuing to support the needs of students, staff, and the community.

EXCELLENCE
. . . throughout the district

Roll of Recognition Honors



Kelley Seto Andary, a 1989 Northmont graduate and owner of two Blue Berry Café locations, has dedicated her career to hospitality, community service, and philanthropy. A former member of the marching band and Spanish Club, Kelley has raised more than $1 million to support individuals and families in need through organizations such as Pink Ribbon Girls and her "What a Girl Wants" nonprofit event. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she transformed Blue Berry Café into a food pantry, provided free breakfasts to children, and continued paying employees whenever possible. Known for her compassion and servant leadership, Kelley's impact on the Dayton community continues to inspire others.



Brent and Barb Fisher, owners of JD's Custard, have made a lasting impact on the Northmont community through mentorship, outreach, and service. They have provided meaningful employment opportunities for Northmont students while helping young people build confidence, responsibility, and workplace skills. The Fishers actively support numerous community initiatives and fundraisers, including Bolts Fostering Bolts, the Bolts Food Pantry, Mission 22, and local family support efforts. Their dedication to students, businesses, and community partnerships has strengthened connections throughout Northmont and beyond.



Tony Thomas, Superintendent of Northmont City Schools, has led the district with a focus on student success, collaboration, transparency, and community engagement. He has championed student voice through the Superintendent Advisory Council and is widely respected for his approachable leadership style and commitment to public education. Mr. Thomas works closely with local organizations, lawmakers, and law enforcement agencies to support students, staff, and families. A recipient of the 2023 BASA Exemplary Leadership Award, he continues to make a lasting impact on Northmont City Schools and the broader educational community.

The honorees were celebrated at a dinner on May 16 and their plaques will join past honorees on the Roll of Recognition wall in the Northmont Community Auditorium.

2025-26 School Board meetings and locations
All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.

May 18
Middle School

June 22
Administrative Offices

July 13
Administrative Offices

Would you like to work with kids?
Would you like to be paid while you train?
Would you like a part-time job with benefits?
We offer retirement, sick leave, personal leave and training for our bus drivers. Come join us!
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FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT - MR. TONY THOMAS

After 37 years in education and 13 years serving at Northmont, the time has come for me to say goodbye. As I prepare for retirement, my heart is full of gratitude for the community that has made Northmont more than just a workplace—it has become my home.

Thirteen years ago, I walked into Northmont with a vision for what we could achieve together. Looking back, the resilience of our students, the passion of our educators, and the unwavering support of the community, especially the Northmont Board of Education, moves me.

I've learned that education is about much more than test scores or state rankings. It is about the moments of discovery, the courage found on a stage or athletic field, and the lifelong friendships forged in our hallways. That, coupled with a curriculum that prepares students for success, is what I am proud of.

I am ready to spend time with my family, and I leave knowing that Northmont is in incredible hands. The dedication I see every day from our staff, emblazoned with the belief that "Thunderbolts are Better Together," will continue to shine bright for years to come.

To our students: You are the reason I chose this path 37 years ago, and you remain my greatest source of inspiration. Thank you for the opportunity to witness your amazing accomplishments.

Community: Thank you for allowing me to lead, for trusting me with your children's education, and for being part of this incredible journey. It has been a privilege to serve as your Superintendent. Go Bolts!

Our Mission:

The mission of Northmont City Schools is to provide our students an exceptional education with diverse opportunities so they maximize their potential and are productive, responsible citizens.