



Board Meeting Update

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

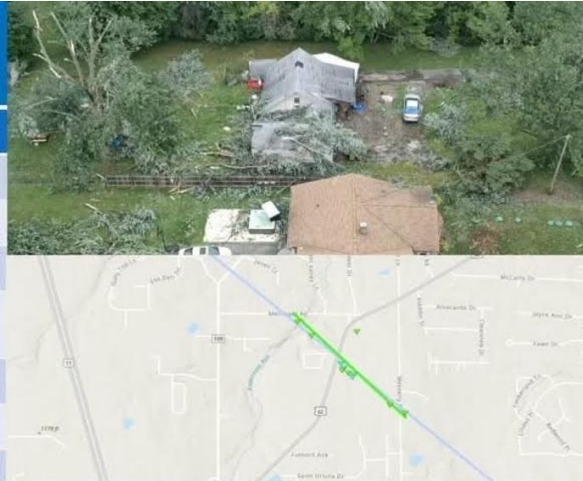


Tornado

Preliminary Damage Survey Results

Canfield Township Tornado

Date	7/5/26
Time (Local)	2:03 PM - 2:04 PM EDT
EF Rating	EF-1
Est. Peak Winds	95 mph
Path Length	0.58 miles
Max Width	300 yards
Injuries/Deaths	0/0



Preliminary Damage Survey Results

Central Mahoning County Macroburst

Date	7/5/26
Time (Local)	1:56 PM - 2:33 PM EDT
Est. Peak Winds	90 mph
Path Length	10.25 miles
Max Width	3.3 miles



Summer Cardinal Communique

CARDINAL COMMUNIQUE

JULY
2026



Superintendent's Message

Mr. Joseph Knoll

Dear Canfield Community,

As we close another remarkable school year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all we have accomplished together. This year's theme, *The Cardinal Way*, quickly became a daily reflection of who we are as a school community. Through purpose, perseverance, pride, and passion, our students, staff, and families continued to demonstrate what makes Canfield such a special place to learn, work, and live.

I want to congratulate our Class of 2026. They leave a lasting legacy of leadership, achievement, and character. Whether excelling in the classroom, performing on stage, competing in athletics, serving others, or mentoring younger students, they have represented The Cardinal Way with integrity and excellence. We congratulate our graduates and look forward to the incredible impact they will make.

Throughout this year, our students embraced new opportunities and reached impressive milestones in academics, the arts, athletics, leadership, and service. From innovative STEM learning experiences and career exploration opportunities to state recognitions and outstanding performances, our students continued to soar. Special thanks go out to the dedicated teachers, staff, families, and community partners for their support.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to preparing students for a future filled with opportunity. This summer, we will begin creating our next comprehensive strategic plan to be implemented beginning in the 2027-28 school year. Your input matters. Please look for the QR code on page ## (or visit www.canfieldschools.net) to participate in our first survey. We will continue to invest in innovative learning experiences, facility improvements, student wellness, safety and security, and programs that help every child grow and succeed. Together, we will continue the strong tradition of excellence that defines Canfield Local Schools.

Thank you to the Canfield community for your belief in our students and staff. It is because of this community that The Cardinal Way continues to thrive.

With Cardinal Pride,
Superintendent Joe Knoll

Summa Cum Laude:

Kate Ambrose, Nathan Benavidez, Brady Casey, Cameron Conrad, Remy Daloise, Nathan Ferguson, Abigail Hallos, Sophia Kadilak, Inaya Khan, Yasmeen Muffeh, Annelise Noble, Michael Pantelakis, Jessica Robbins, Bryce Roberts, Lia Sahli, Luke Scolieri, Andrew Snyder, Kayla Stille, Mia Tisone, Lindsay Volenik, Nicholas Weber, Olivia Weber

Magna Cum Laude:

Cole Cuffie, Thomas Lorelli

Cum Laude:

Michael Ambrose, Shanze Bajwa, Cole Beers, Charlotte Bixel, Chloe Blott, Gwen Blumetti, Melina Bratcher, Anna Burnett, Kayleigh Carney, Sofia Castronova, Lydia DiRenzo, Sarah Doss, Samantha Economos, Madeline Facemyer, Jenna Havrilla, Nina Havrilla, Esther Igwe, Liana Ilain, Gianna Komyati, Elise Kovach, Chloe Leskovac, Evan Linko, Madalaine Modarelli, Pintea Moser, Kathy Pham, Dominic Poklovitch, Lea Roman, Brooklyn Roth, Natalie Sawicki, Kathryn Semer, Landon Shina, Arden Taylor, Cooper Terzlu, Ava Timko, William Wires

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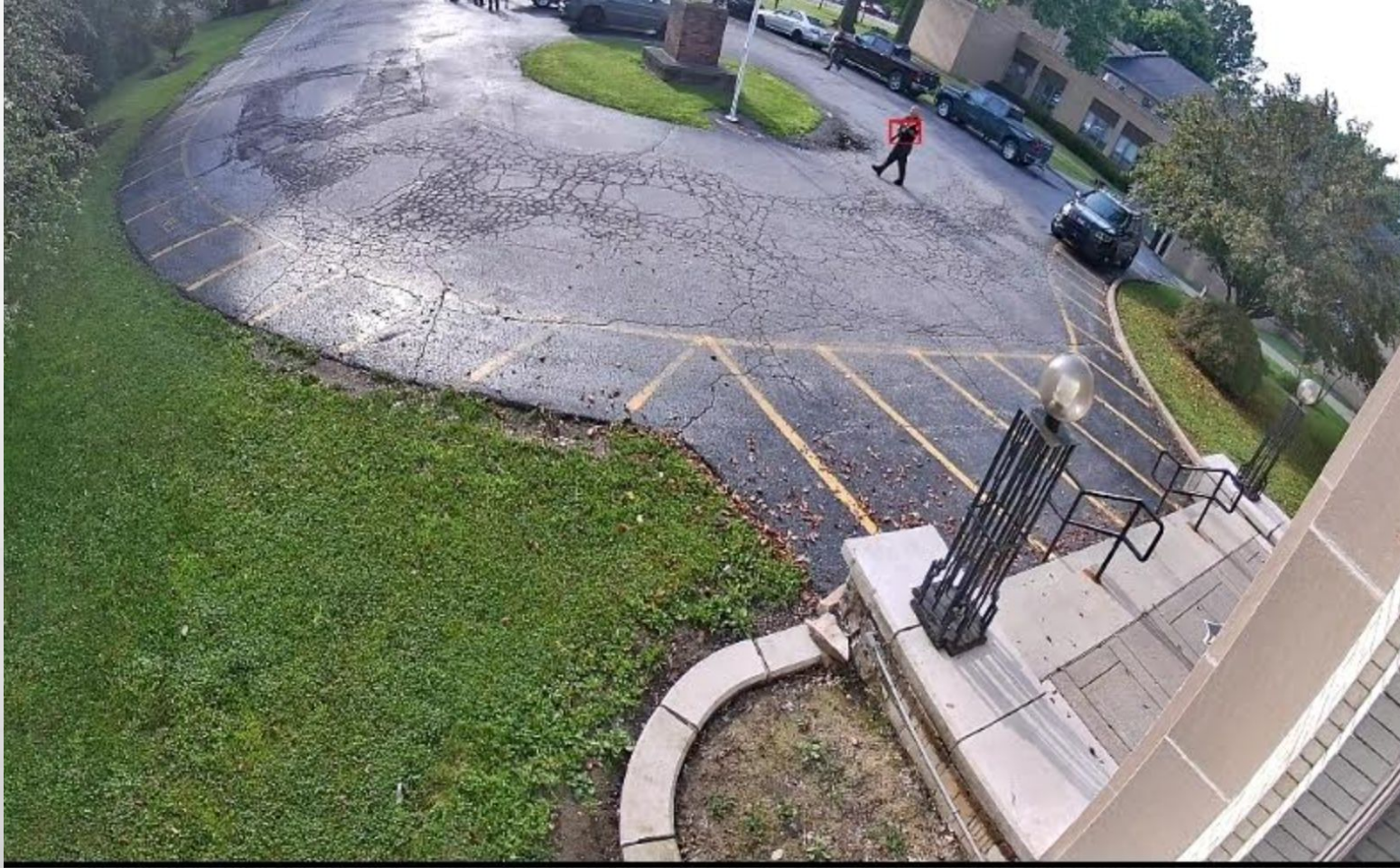
Administrative Community Service



July 4th Parade



Zeroeyes Technology



Good News!!



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FinalForms



FinalForms is our new enrollment platform that went live for us last year. The forms will be populated and all that will be required is a signature on each form unless you have changes.

Summer Renovation Project

Hilltop Wall Additions



Canfield Financial State of the Schools

Canfield Local School District

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NOVEMBER 2026 OPERATING LEVY

November 2026 Operating Levy

Updated 7/1/26



FINANCIAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

Supporting Material

Have a question? [Click HERE to submit](#) or email JKnoll@Canfieldschools.net

Documents

- [Financial State of the Schools 2026](#)
- [May 2026 Community Forum Feedback Summary](#)
- [Financial Forecast Report - February 2026](#)

Videos

Website Landing page: <https://www.canfieldschools.net/november-2026-operating-levy>

Canfield Financial State of the Schools

O.R.C. § 9.03(C)(1):

Not permitted to (e) Support or oppose the nomination or election of a candidate for public office, the investigation, prosecution, or recall of a public official, or the passage of a levy or bond issue.

RATHER: Permitted to share neutral, verifiable, factual information regarding District finances, operations and facilities.

Operating Levy Update

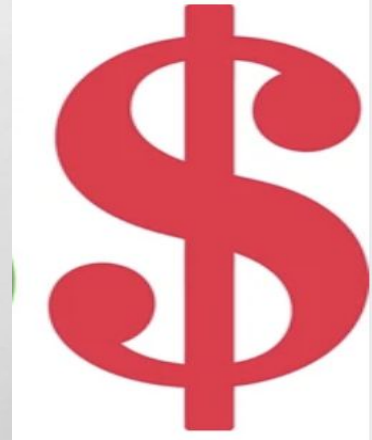
By using attrition from 2020 to 2025, the district eliminated 4 certified and 8 classified staff positions and used retire/rehire with 5 teachers to save approximately \$3,500,000 over that period.

This year, we have reduced 2 teaching positions and 1 classified position through attrition, did not replace a tutor, and brought back 1 teacher through retire/rehire, resulting in projected savings of around \$500,000 for next year alone.



Operating Levy Update

Since the additional 2.5% reduction approved by the Mahoning County Commissioners is NOT reimbursed by the state, the reductions come directly out of the property tax collections that go to schools, townships, libraries, municipalities and other local governments. The yearly estimate of revenue lost to the Canfield Schools is approximately \$380,000.



Operating Levy Update

- We finished this year with a \$1.25 million deficit spend.
- We are projecting a \$2.5 million deficit spend for the 2026-27 school year.

Why it's needed?

- District expenses are projected to exceed current revenue.
- Factors that impact the revenue to expense formula:
 - o County Commissioner's recent vote to reduce property taxes.
 - o The state's voucher program for private schools impact the State's contribution to our public schools.
 - o Factors such as inflation impact our budget dramatically.
- No new operating money has been voted in since 2013.
- The proposal is designed to address the district's projected operating needs over the five-year levy.

Operating Levy Update

Tonight, the Board will vote on the 2nd resolution approving the Operating Levy of 5.9 mills for 5 years for the purpose of current expenses on the November 3, 2026, ballot.

Operating Levy vs. Bond levy

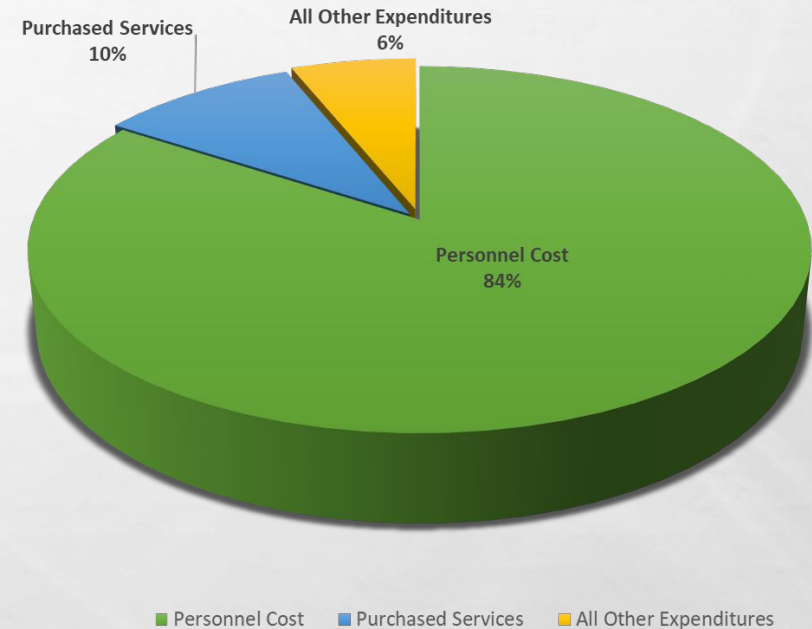
- It is intended to support the district's ongoing operating expenses.
- The proposal does **not** fund construction of a new school.
- It is different from the district's previous capital or bond issues.

However, the Board is aware that our buildings are not getting any better and we might need to use some of these dollars for maintenance to our ageing facilities.

Operating Levy Update

Operating funds support items such as:

- o Academic programs and electives
- o Student support services
- o Transportation
- o Teachers and other personnel
- o Technology
- o Maintenance of existing facilities



Operating Levy Update

County Fiscal Officer Market Value	Annual Cost
\$100,000	\$207
\$200,000	\$414
\$300,000	\$621
\$400,000	\$828
\$500,000	\$1035

Operating Levy Update

Without additional operating revenue this year, the district will be forced to make significant reductions beginning in the **2027-2028 school year**. While final decisions would be made by the Board of Education based on the district's financial condition at that time, potential reductions include:

- staff by approximately 40-50 employees, including teachers, aides, and support staff, thereby increasing elementary class sizes.

Operating Levy Update

As a result, the following reductions may follow:

- consolidation of administrative duties
- elementary and middle school STEM programs
- high school elective courses, including programs such as Aviation and Forensics
- advanced academic opportunities, including Honors, AP, and College Credit Plus (CCP) courses at the middle and high school levels
- foreign language programs
- non-core courses such as art, music, and family and consumer sciences (home economics), or requiring families to pay additional participation fees
- school-sponsored field trips

Operating Levy Update

In addition, the Board may decide to review:

- pay-to-participate fees for athletics and extracurricular clubs
- state minimum transportation, including no busing for students in grades 9-12 and those living within two miles of their school
- reconfiguration of elementary buildings

At this time, these are discussion items only. No decisions have been made, and any potential changes would involve careful analysis and Board consideration.

Summer Forecast

At the August Board meeting, Mr. Marko will present the forecast for fiscal years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 based on the most accurate information at that time. He will also review the end of fiscal year 2026 and will compare it to the forecast he presented in February.



Thank you!!

