



Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2026



Great News!!

Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.



**Top 5%
in Ohio!**

■ #38 in Ohio High Schools

■ #1 in Youngstown, OH Metro Area High Schools



SCORECARD

94.56

Took at Least One AP® Exam **44%**

Passed at Least One AP® Exam **37%**

Mathematics Proficiency **85%**

Reading Proficiency **89%**

Science Proficiency **91%**

Graduation Rate **> 95.0%**

Canfield Fair



Canfield Fair



Community Tailgate/Military Appreciation Night

ANNUAL COMMUNITY TAILGATE

Hosted by the Canfield PTA
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Friday, Sept. 11,
Before the Battle of 224!
Canfield High School
100 Cardinal Dr, Canfield, OH 44406
Kickoff vs. Poland: 7:00 PM

NE CANFIELD

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

 **MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION NIGHT**
Free admission for service members and first responders with recognition at halftime



Band Show



The Canfield High School
"Cardinal Pride" Marching Band
Presents the 51st Annual

SHOW OF BANDS



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
7:00 P.M.**

Canfield High School | 100 Cardinal Dr.
FEATURING HIGH SCHOOL BANDS FROM
Austintown - Boardman
Leetonia - South Range

ADULTS \$5 | SENIORS, STUDENTS, & VETERANS \$3

Champions Day



JOIN US FOR

CHAMPIONS DAY!

C.H.S. presents a Game Day multi-sports experience for students with special abilities

Thursday, September 17th

Rain date: September 18th

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Canfield High School—Bob Dove Field

This event is all about celebrating abilities, building friendships, & creating a space where every student shines!

Students will:

Participate in exciting stations including:

- Football
- Golf
- Cheerleading
- Soccer
- Tennis



Receive a Champions Day Medal
Enjoy lunch together or grab and go



Strategic Planning



The survey was open from June 30 through August 31, 2026, and drew 690 responses. respondents were broadly representative of the district community, with parents/guardians of current students making up the majority of participants, alongside meaningful representation from staff, alumni, students, and residents without children currently enrolled.

Strategic Planning

At a Glance

62%

rate facility condition as Poor

92%

satisfied with instructional quality

85%

want facility upgrades funded

84%

describe school culture positively

46%

confident district uses funds
responsibly

91%

say classrooms are a top priority

School Safety

HARDening vs. HEARTening

Deter/Detect/Defend

Making CONNECTIONS



Start with Hello Week

Start with Hello Week will be celebrated in Canfield the week of September 21 – 25. The *Start With Hello* program empowers students to reduce social isolation and strengthen school communities by teaching practical strategies for building peer relationships.



Operating Levy Update



Operating Levy Update

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

Where we are...

5.9 MILLS

5-year operating levy

\$5.7M

annual operating revenue

2013

last new operating money
voted

\$207

per \$100,000 County Auditor value

Operating Levy Update

Where we are...

\$1.25M

FY 2025-26 deficit spend

\$2.1M

projected FY 2026-27 deficit spend

- District expenses are projected to exceed current revenue.
- Inflation, property-tax changes and the state voucher system affect school funding.

Operating Levy Update

What we have done...



- Reviewed major expenditures and identified efficiencies.
- Evaluated staffing, transportation, school fees, extracurricular and athletic costs.

Operating Levy Update

What we have done...

\$4.0M +

approx. savings, 2020–2027

- The Board is not asking our community for additional funds first. We have been making difficult decisions for several years.

Operating Levy Update

Why cuts alone are not enough...

At some point, additional reductions stop being efficiencies and begin changing the educational experience we provide.



Operating Levy Update

Why cuts alone are not enough...



Level 1: Find savings without substantially affecting students. (Staff attrition)

Level 2: Reduce opportunities and services.

Level 3: Fundamental changes - larger class sizes, reduced staffing, transportation changes or building reconfiguration.

We have worked hard to stay in Level 1. Without additional operating revenue this school year, we will be forced into Levels 2 and 3 for the 2027-28 school year.

Operating Levy Update

Why cuts alone are not enough...

40 – 50

potential staff reductions

- Larger elementary class sizes
- Possible consolidation of administrative duties
- Potential reductions to STEM, electives and advanced academic opportunities
- Possible reductions to foreign language, art, music and family/consumer science
- Possible changes to field trips, transportation and extracurricular participation fees

Operating Levy Update

What the levy protects...

CLASSROOM

- Appropriate class sizes
- Qualified teachers
- Intervention & support
- Curriculum & technology

OPPORTUNITY

- Athletics
- Music & arts
- Clubs
- Extracurricular activities

STUDENT SUPPORT

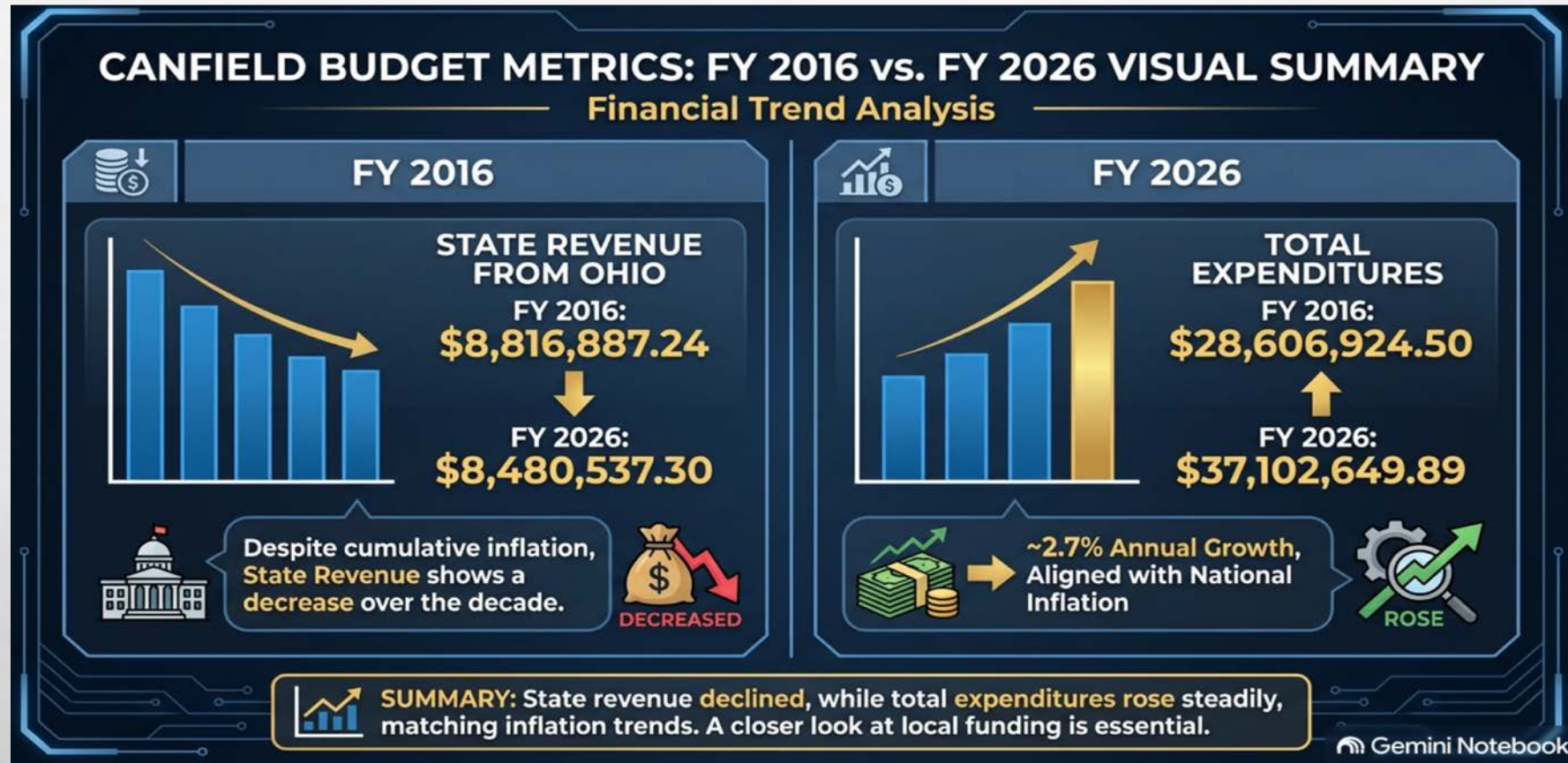
- Special education
- Mental health & wellness
- Counselors
- Intervention services

SAFETY & OPERATIONS

- Transportation
- Maintenance
- Safe buildings
- Technology infrastructure

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Financial Facts....



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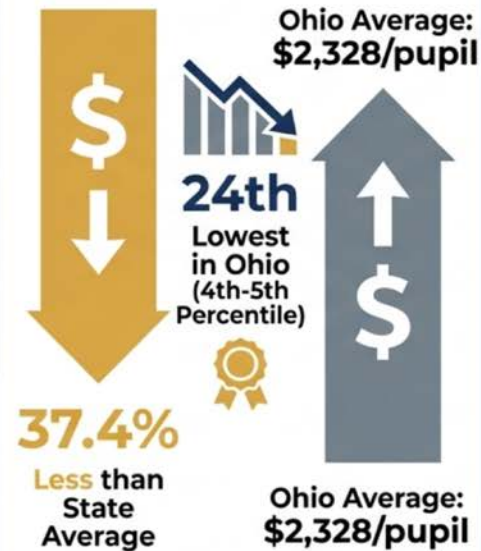
Financial Facts....

Canfield ranks among the most fiscally efficient districts in Ohio when it comes to administration.

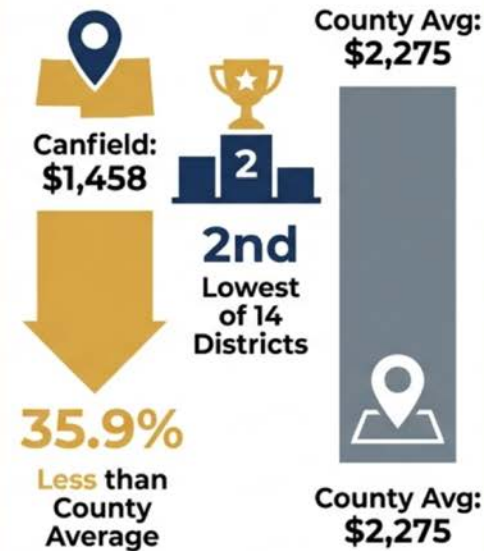
In FY2025, Canfield Local Schools spent just **\$1,458 per student on administration**, ranking **24th lowest among 606 Ohio districts**. That equates to about 96% of Ohio districts spent more per student on administration. Canfield was also **2nd lowest among Mahoning County's 14 school districts**.

Canfield Administrative Spending & Efficiency

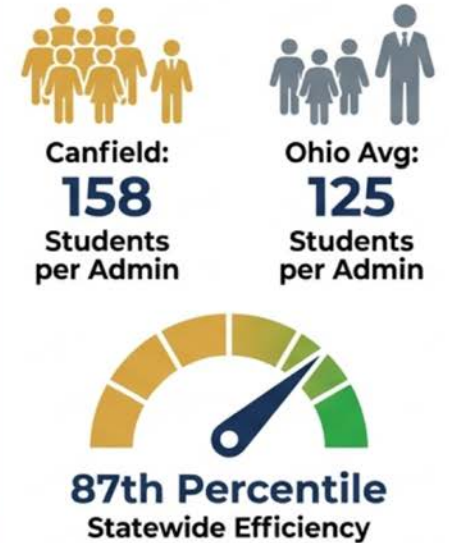
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MAHONING COUNTY RANKING



STUDENT-TO-ADMINISTRATOR RATIO



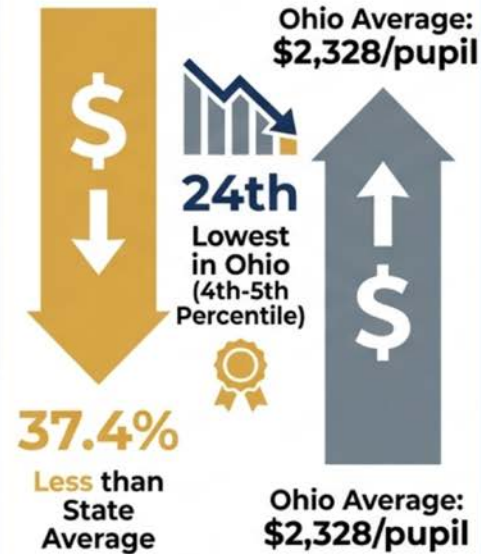
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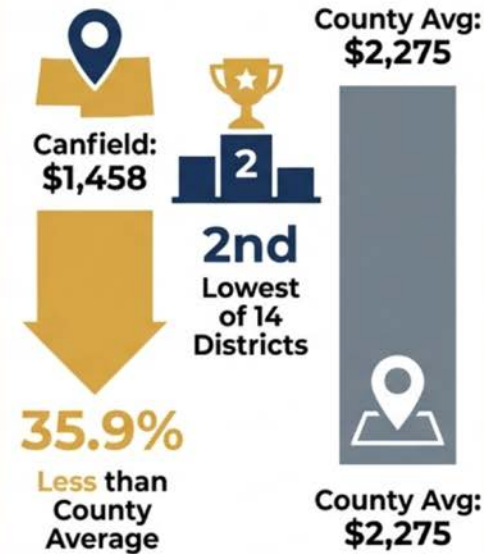
Canfield operates with significantly fewer administrators per student than the typical Ohio district. Canfield had approximately 158 students for every administrator in FY2025. The statewide average was approximately 125 students per administrator. This means Canfield serves substantially more students per administrator than most Ohio districts.

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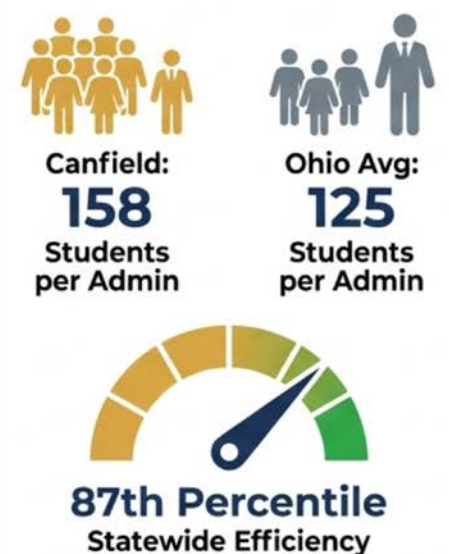
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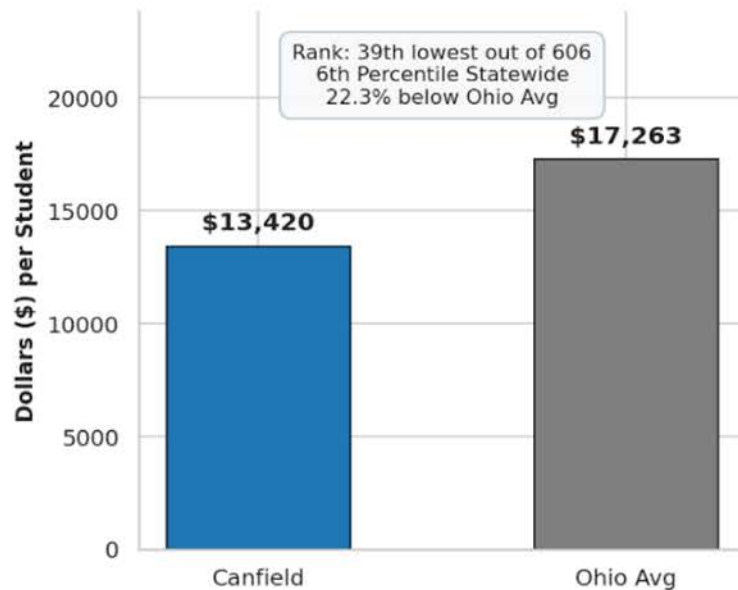


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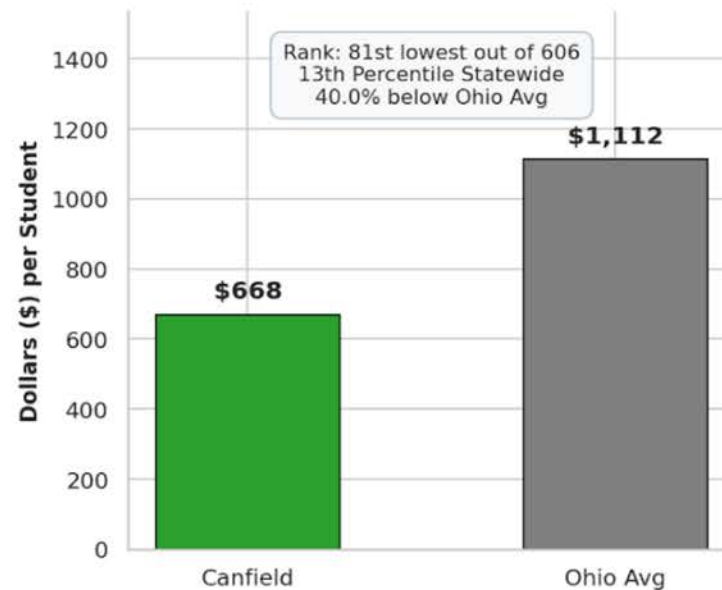
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Canfield Operates ~22% to 40% Below Ohio State Averages in Key FY2025 Financial Metrics

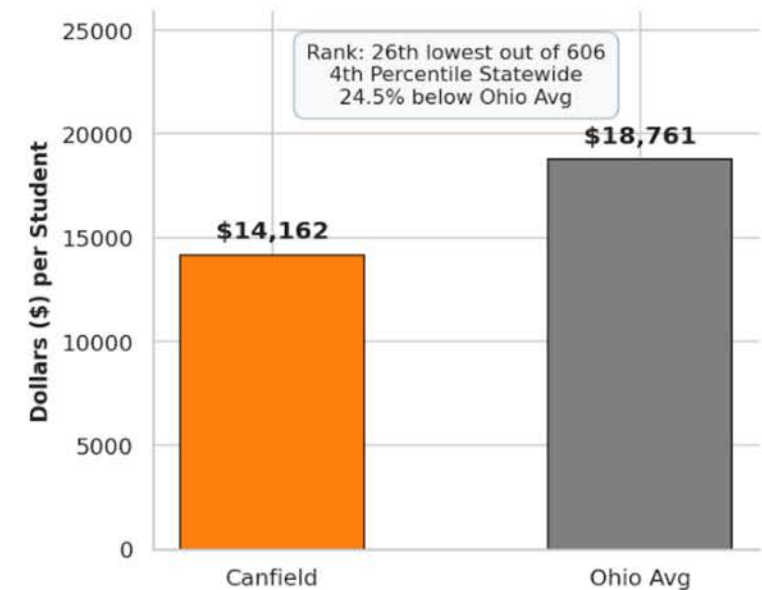
Operating Expenditures / Pupil



Pupil-Support Spending / Pupil



Total Revenue / Pupil



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Financial Facts....

Canfield's fiscal efficiency is particularly evident within Mahoning County.

Compared with the average of Mahoning County's 14 public school districts, Canfield spends approximately **35.9% less on administration, 31.0% less on building operations, and 17.9% less on total operating expenditures per student.** Canfield ranks **2nd lowest in administrative spending, 2nd lowest in building-operation spending, and 3rd lowest in total operating spending** among Mahoning County districts.

Canfield operates with less revenue per student than almost every district in Ohio.

Operating Levy Update

Where we go from here....

If we have financial stability, we can focus on:

Student Achievement

Continue Canfield's strong academic performance.

Student Opportunities

Maintain athletics, arts, music, clubs and advanced academics.

Student Support

Maintain intervention, counseling and special education services.

Financial Responsibility

Continue identifying efficiencies and protecting reserves.

Long-Term Planning

Address facilities, technology and educational needs proactively.



Operating Levy Update

Where we go from here....

Passage of an operating levy does not end our responsibility to be good stewards:

- Continue to review expenditures
- Continue to identify efficiencies
- Continue to evaluate people and programming
- Continue to communicate with the Canfield community
- Continue to plan for long-term financial sustainability

Where we go from here....

FACT:

We have built something special in Canfield!

The Canfield community is proud of the academic, athletic, and fine arts success that our students have achieved. We have excellent teachers, support staff, and strong programs and a community that expects excellence.

Our responsibility is to make sure financial challenges don't diminish the opportunities that helped create that success!!

Thank you.....



One Student Body

One District

One Community

One Canfield