



Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2026



Great News....

CANFIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS



STATE REPORT CARDS
*From the Ohio Department
of Education and Workforce*

PERFORMANCE INDEX 104.5

#1 IN MAHONING COUNTY

#37 IN OHIO

OUT OF 607 DISTRICTS

OVERALL 4.5 ★ RATING

- C.H. CAMPBELL - 5 ★
- HILLTOP - 4.5 ★
- C.V.M.S. - 5 ★
- CANFIELD H.S. - 4.5 ★





MR. MAIORANA



MR. RUBIN



MR. LAVERY



MR. SEACHRIST



MR. MARONI



MR. FLOOD



PRINCIPAL
APPRECIATION MONTH



School Safety

HARDening vs. HEARTening

Deter/Detect/Defend

Making CONNECTIONS



Start with Hello Week



Champions Day 2026



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Fall Sports



OHSAA State Championships



- Aubree Philibin, Senior
- Alex Conley, Senior
- Rhyloh Turpack, Senior
- Laney Kleeh, Junior
- Sophia DiDomenico, Junior

**Congratulations on the 8th place finish at the
OHSAA Division I State Championships!!**



Veterans Day Activities

- CHS - Fri., Nov. 13: 8:00 a.m.
Community presentation.....Breakfast to follow
- Hilltop - Fri., Nov. 13: 9:00 a.m.
- CH Campbell - Wed., Nov. 11: 9:00 a.m.
- CVMS - Wed., Nov. 11: 9:00 a.m.



Veterans Day: HS

The district would like to honor the special veterans in the lives of our staff and families during our Veterans Day Program at Canfield High School. The program is open to the public, and we invite our community to join us as we recognize and thank those who have served our country.

If you would like your veteran included in our presentation, please email a photo along with the following information to lreicosky@canfieldschools.net by Nov. 6:

- Veteran's name
- Branch of service
- Staff member's name and relationship to the veteran
- Any combat service

We look forward to honoring the veterans who have made a difference in the lives of our Canfield community.



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

November 3, 2026

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY
(ADDITIONAL)
Canfield Local School District**

**A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage.**

An additional tax for the benefit of Canfield Local School District for the purpose of current expenses that the county auditor estimates will collect \$5,715,791 annually, at a rate not exceeding 5.9 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$207 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

- ☐ **FOR THE TAX LEVY**
- ☐ **AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

Operating Levy Update

1 WHY NOW?

Canfield Local Schools is experiencing a gap between ongoing revenue and operating expenses.



FY2027 projected revenue: **\$31.5 million**
FY2027 projected expenditures: **> \$33 million**



No new operating revenue for more than a decade, while costs have increased.



Rising costs for salaries, benefits, transportation, utilities, technology and student services.

This is about funding the ongoing operation of our schools — not a new building project.

2 WHAT ARE WE REQUESTING?

**5.9
MILLS**

Proposed Operating Levy
November 3, 2026 ballot



Approximately **\$5.7 million**
Estimated annual revenue generated for district operations.



Approximately **\$207 per year**
per \$100,000 of County Auditor value
(Illustrative cost; actual tax bills will vary.)

The \$100,000 refers to taxable value, not necessarily the market price of a home.

3 WHAT WILL IT SUPPORT?

The levy will help maintain current educational programming and fund day-to-day operations, including:



Teachers, aides & support staff



Student services, safety & security



Academic programs (STEM, honors, AP, CCP)



Building operations & routine maintenance



Fine arts, electives, athletics & extracurriculars

*Programs.
People. Possibilities.*

Talking Point #1: This is an OPERATING levy not a new building project.

Operating Levy Update

4 WHAT HAVE WE ALREADY DONE?

The district has made significant cost-saving measures:



Eliminated 4 certified and 8 classified positions through attrition (2020–2025).



Approximately **\$3.5 million** in savings through attrition and retire/rehire measures.



Additional staffing reductions and other changes for FY2027, with projected savings of approximately **\$500,000**.

We've managed our costs. Now we need a sustainable revenue solution to protect our programs and people.

5 WHAT HAPPENS IF IT DOESN'T PASS?

Without additional revenue, the district may be forced to make further reductions, which could include:



Staffing

Potential reduction of approximately 40–50 positions.



Academic programming

Possible cuts to STEM, advanced coursework, electives and other opportunities.



Student experiences

Potential reductions in fine arts, extracurricular offerings and student services.

*These are potential reductions, not a guarantee.
Actual decisions will depend on the district's financial situation
and Board-approved budget plan.*

Talking Point #2: The CLSD has reduced expenditures by using attrition as a cost-saving measure.

Talking Point #3: Without additional funds this school year, we may be forced to make further reductions for the 2027-28 school year.

Operating Levy Update

FRIDAY FINANCIALS



**Did you
know? ...**

**Only four of Ohio's
more than 600
districts spend
less per student
and outperform
Canfield's
Performance
Index Score.**

Spending and Performance

This measure answers the question – what is the relationship of average spending per student to performance, and how does that compare to similar districts and schools?

Similar Districts

Comparison Group

All Districts



Operating Levy Update

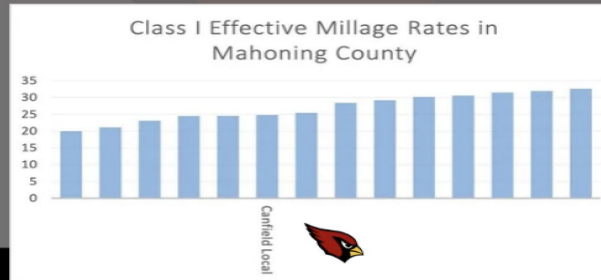
FRIDAY FINANCIALS

Did you know? ...



When properties undergo reevaluation, the county auditor adjusts millage so that the schools do not receive more money from passed levies than compared to how it was passed.

Canfield Local Schools ranks among the lower half of Mahoning County's 14 public school districts for effective school tax millage rates



Operating Levy Update-Artifacts

Dear Canfield Community,

As we approach the November election, I want to provide the community with factual information about Canfield Local Schools' recent national and state recognition, its financial position, and the 5.9-mill operating levy that will appear on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

National and State Recognition

The District continues to demonstrate strong academic performance. In the August 2026 U.S. News & World Report rankings, Canfield High School ranked in the top 5% in Ohio at 38th. In addition, CHS was ranked as the #1 high school in the Youngstown area. The district earned an overall 4.5-star rating on the most recent Ohio State Report Card and the highest Performance Index score in Mahoning County.

The District's Financial Position

As we have explained, the District is experiencing financial difficulties. In Fiscal Year 2016, Canfield had \$8,816,887.24 in revenue from the state of Ohio. Ten years later and after many years of higher-than-normal inflation, Canfield had only \$8,480,537.30 in revenue from the state of Ohio in Fiscal Year 2026. For the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2026, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$1,200,000. Further, the August Forecast projects that expenditures will exceed revenue by \$2,100,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Unfortunately, the deficit spending only gets worse moving forward into succeeding fiscal years. If the district does not receive additional funds this school year, we will potentially need to eliminate 40-50 staff positions prior to the 2027-28 school year.

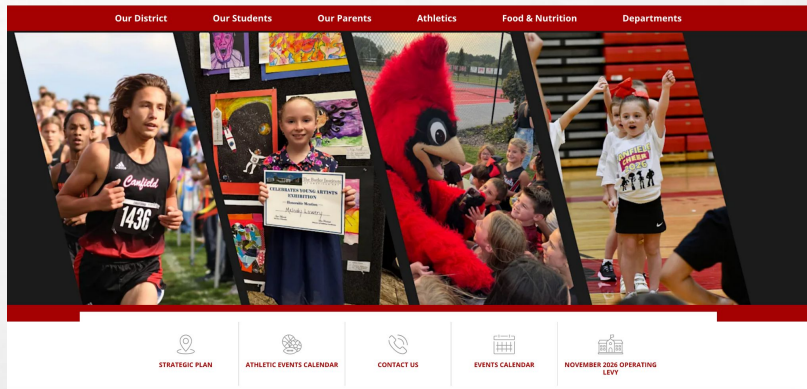
November Levy

The deficit spending mentioned above has led the District to place a 5-year, 5.9-mill operating levy on the November 3, 2026, ballot. For the owner of a \$100,000 home, the estimated annual cost of the 5.9-mill levy is \$207, or \$17.25 per month. This levy is not for the construction of new buildings. Rather, it is an operating levy to continue the people and programming we currently have in place.

For years, the District has taken significant steps to decrease spending and to operate within our budget. Staffing reductions through attrition (retirement or resignation) have saved the district over \$4,000,000 since 2020.

Fiscal Year 2025 expenditure data shows Canfield spent \$1,458 per student on administration costs, approximately 37% below the Ohio average and ranking 24th lowest among all Ohio districts. Total operating expenditures were \$13,420 per student, approximately 23.8% below the Ohio average and the third-lowest among Mahoning County's 14 public school districts. Canfield also spends less per student than the state average in the other categories, including building operations, pupil support, and staff support. Of Ohio's 607 school districts, only four spend less per pupil than Canfield and post a higher Performance Index.

As we look ahead, we are committed to continuing the tradition of excellence that has defined Canfield Local Schools. We will remain thoughtful with our resources, transparent about our challenges, and focused on providing excellent programs and opportunities for our students.



Presentations

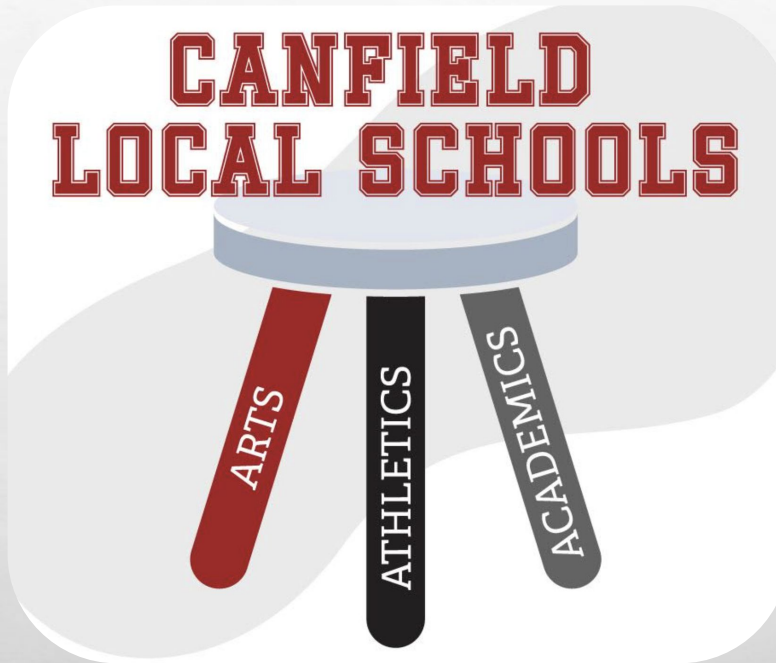
- [September 2026 BOE Presentation](#)
- [August Forecast Presentation](#)
- [August 2026 BOE Presentation](#)
- [July 2026 BOE Presentation](#)
- [May 2026 Community Forum](#)
- [State of the Schools 2026](#)
- [FY26 Winter Forecast](#)

Documents

- [FAQ Update 10/08/26](#)
- [Levy Statement of Facts](#)
- [November Operating Levy Q and A](#)
- [Facility Updates](#)
- [July 9th, 2026 Press Release](#)
- [Financial State of the Schools 2026](#)
- [May 2026 Community Forum Feedback Summary](#)
- [Financial Forecast Report - February 2026](#)

FACT:

We have built something special in Canfield!



Thank you.....



One Student Body

One District

One Community

One Canfield