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2017-2018
ANNUAL REPORT

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To be the benchmark
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To prepare students to contribute
to the competitive and changing world in
which we live.

OUR VALUES

The Westerville School District and those who represent it acknowledge that an educational institution must promote, uphold and reflect the values for which it stands, as well as those for which its community stands, in all work and learning environments under its care. Driven by a vision to be the benchmark of educational excellence, the Westerville School District strives daily to exemplify the following organizational values: Respect, Inclusiveness, Community, Communication, Collaboration, Innovation, Nurturing, Trust, and Accountability.

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Fouse Elementary School 5800 S. Old 3C Highway Westerville, OH 43082 Robert Stranges, Principal	797-7400	Walnut Springs Middle School 888 East Walnut St. Westerville, Ohio 43081 Rebecca Yanni, Principal	797-6700
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About the Cover: The Walnut Springs Middle School Jazz Band, directed by Jordi Vilanova, entertained visitors during "Walnutpalooza." (Photos by Lynne Maslowski)

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Parents/Guardians: The District is sometimes able to provide free language assistance in other languages. If you need such assistance, please contact the building secretary or building administrator at your child's school and let them know the language you speak.

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EVERY STUDENT ACHIEVES ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Westerville North senior Richard Du addressed the Class of 2018 during high school graduation ceremonies, which were held at the Celeste Center on May 26, 2018.

All employees and volunteers play an important role in preparing our students for the future.

We recognize that children learn in a variety of ways as they progress through school. Through a partnership with teachers, staff, parents and pupils, it is our goal to help every child acquire the knowledge and skills essential for college and career readiness.

On May 26, 2018, hundreds of parents, family members, staff and friends gathered at the Ohio Exposition Center to watch and celebrate as 1,146 Westerville City Schools seniors crossed the stage to receive their high school diplomas. The mood was festive as students from Westerville South, Westerville North and Westerville Central marked this important milestone in their lives. Dr. John Kellogg, Superintendent, accepted the class, confirming that all had met local and state requirements needed to graduate. In Westerville, more than 80 percent of graduates pursue a post-secondary education at colleges and universities around the world.

2017-2018 school year highlights follow:

- Two National Merit Scholarship Finalists, 10 Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program, and one National Merit Valparaiso University (Indiana) scholarship
- Success at the 2017 Ohio Invention Convention & Entrepreneurship Competition, where a number of Westerville youngsters earned awards, some of which included scholarships from the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's Direct 529 Plan; one Support for Talented Students scholarship to defer the cost of competing in the National Invention Convention at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan
- An Ohio WILD School Site designation from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife
- One of just five four-year, full-tuition scholarships to attend the Berklee College of Music, for the second year in a row

- An invitation to join the cast of Walt Disney's *The Happiest Millionaire*, a 50th anniversary celebration benefitting Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
- Three students selected to perform in BalletMet's professional production of *The Nutcracker*, with more than 200 pupils auditioning for approximately 66 positions
- One of four pupils in Ohio to receive a \$500 scholarship in the *Agriculture is Cool* education program held during the Ohio State Fair in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Farm Bureau and Ohio's agricultural commodity groups
- Winner and recipient of a \$10,000 check, for the second time, of the McDonald's/NBC-4 High School Team Challenge that pitted all Central Ohio schools



Elaina Capurso contemplated weights and balance at the Westerville City Schools Preschool STEM night.



Fifth grade Cherrington Elementary students Ezequiel Flores and Jane Foster used blocks to observe the change of potential to kinetic energy during a visit from COSI on Wheels.

- Two student musicians accepted to perform with the Ohio Music Education Association's South-Central Region Orchestra
- Two first place trophies at the Columbus Academy Scholastic Chess Classic Tournament
- Cash prizes won by five participants in the first Girls of Color Hack Columbus TechCorps Hackathon, sponsored by AT&T Ohio, where girls from a number of Columbus area high schools learned to code using the MIT App Inventor
- Winner of the 10th grade essay competition for the 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Essay & Multimedia Contest, sponsored by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission with support from PNC, Honda of America, and Wright State University
- Three Fouse awards and one Alston Award presented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration, where the theme was *Never Lose Infinite Hope*
- Twelve Westerville middle school students out of nearly 900 individual nominations from across six states selected among 385 pupils to perform at the 2018 Ohio State University Middle School Honor Band Festival
- First place in the State DiscoverE's Future City Competition, selected to represent Ohio in the National Future City Competition held in Washington D.C.

- From 139 student participants at the Westerville Middle School Science Fair, 37 Superior rankings enabling advancement to the District Seven Science Fair at Columbus State Community College
- Individual first and fourth place rankings plus a third place team victory at the Regional Chapter Mathcounts competition; four qualifiers advancing to compete at the state level
- First place, Capture the Flag Cyber Security Event, hosted by Westerville City Schools and JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Multiple participants in the District 6 History Day Competition at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, where the theme was *Conflict and Compromise*; Statewide National History Day competition success with one Ohio Council for Social Studies Award and third place in the Junior Group Exhibit category
- Fourteen honors at the PTA State Reflection Competition; two qualifiers for the national contest; third place honors at the National Reflections Competition in the Middle School Photography category
- First, second, third and fourth place at the ninth annual Central Ohio 8th Grade Battle of the Books Competition

- Semi-final qualifier at the 2018 Coltman National Chamber Music Competition, held at the Butler School of Music in Austin, Texas
- Nine individual Excellent ratings at the annual Ohio State Thespian Conference, along with two Double Superior ratings
- Full four-year academic scholarship to The Ohio State University as a Morrill Distinction Scholar within the Fisher College of Business
- Short film picked as one of 22 selected from around the state for showing at the Ohio Shorts Festival
- First and second place in the Grades 9-12 category of the 12th annual Celebrate the Arts Writing Contest
- Four Marty Awards recognizing scholastic journalists in the areas of feature writing, news writing, opinion writing, sports writing and photography
- Four \$325 scholarships from the Westerville Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for attendance at the Be WISE Camp at Denison University
- Multiple Ohio Energy Project Youth Energy Celebration awards including third place in Ohio, Junior Division; second place in Ohio, Junior Division; participant award, Senior Division; and Outstanding School District in Ohio for the Westerville Energy Education Partnership
- 2018 Purple Star designation from the Ohio Department of Education for showing a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military

- Six Westerville Parent Council Scholarships for high school students, one Scholarship for Exceptional Students, one Scholarship for Making a Difference, and one Technical Scholarship
- First and second place in the Middle School District Chess Tournament
- Three \$300 scholarships to deserving high school students from the Westerville Educational Support Staff Association
- Graduate of the Year honors from the Westerville City Schools Educational Options for Success (EOS) program at the Academic Enrichment Center
- Three Ohio STEM Honors Diplomas
- Multiple honors at the 2018 Central Ohio Better Business Bureau Laws of Life Essay Contest, a competition of the best Laws of Life essays written about core values by middle grade students in a 22-county Central Ohio service area
- Medal for scoring in the top 95th percentile of Duke University's National Talent Identification Program (DUKE TIP), along with a Scholar of Distinction award for earning a perfect score in Math
- 2018 Central Ohio Leadership Academy (COLA) participant
- *What Parents Want* award from SchoolMatch for the 24th consecutive year

Volunteer Tiffanie Harris and other mentors got to know students at Walnut Springs Middle School because of a grant from the Ohio Department of Education called Community Connectors.



LEARNING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENTS ARE SAFE, NURTURING AND EFFICIENT



Scott Ulrich, with Columbus Public Health, talked about bicycle safety with Hawthorne Elementary students, each of whom received a free helmet.

It takes hard work and dedication on the part of many individuals to serve the needs of approximately 15,400 students in the Westerville City School District. In addition to being educated, pupils must be transported, fed and sheltered in a safe and clean environment.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Services strive to provide safe, efficient and economical transportation for all eligible students. The administrative staff designs and supervises daily school bus routes while also scheduling and providing busing for various athletic and academic programs throughout the district. The Transportation team consists of 99 contracted bus drivers, seven mechanics, two secretary dispatchers, one student safety discipline coordinator, one manager and two assistant managers. The team also includes five certified driver trainers. Their job is to train and evaluate all bus and van drivers, in accordance with the State Certification Program. They also provide training in transporting students with special needs and proper wheelchair securement.

During FY18, Transportation provided services for 34 locations, which included 25 public schools, four private schools, one charter school and four career centers, transporting 7,000 students twice a day, traveling 7,3000 miles each day. Westerville's fleet consists of 119 buses.

Our mechanics do a great job keeping our buses safely on the road. They oversee the annual inspections of the buses to ensure compliance with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Westerville City Schools' bus maintenance cost per mile is 40 percent below the state average, according to the most recent report from the Ohio Department of Education. The team was proud to receive an Ohio EPA Grant awarding the district \$208,000 over the next three years for operating a green fleet.

Transportation is always in touch with students, educating them how to safely stand at a bus stop point of safety, cross in front of the bus and use proper riding techniques. In August, Transportation hosted *First Time Riders*. At this event, parents were invited to bring their children to learn about riding the school bus and how the Transportation Department works. Youngsters, along with their parents, were able to ride a bus to experience their "first ride." Approximately 268 children attended. In September, the team presented *School Bus the Musical* to the district's K-3 students. Over the course of seven days, they transported close to 5,000 children to Westerville Central High School to enjoy a fun-filled musical teaching pupils valuable lessons about how to ride a bus correctly. Both events have attracted positive media attention and both productions were developed and presented by our staff and drivers.

On April 14, 2018, Westerville City Schools hosted the Central Ohio Regional Road-e-o at Westerville Central High School. This event draws more than 100 drivers from throughout Central Ohio. The contest consists of a written exam testing driver knowledge and a large obstacle course challenging driving skills. This year, Westerville took second place in the team competition. Team members were Gary Case, John Holmes, Dale Krantz and Dee Vandewater. Case took sixth place in the individual competition as well. He competed at the state level in Licking Heights on May 5.

Transportation also recognizes drivers who had perfect attendance for the year. During the 2017-2018 school year, 14 drivers drove their routes without missing a day. They were Dan Caplan, Mark Davis, Brenda Dennewitz, Lea Gilg, Jermaine Guice, Ron Janetzke, Dale Krantz, Dave Laidley, Byron Mann, Dana Mays, Diane Richeimer, Stephanie Stephens, Larry Thomas and Bill Workman.

In addition, Becky Nitz, Manager of Transportation, received a Diane J. Conley Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award.

FOOD SERVICE

Food Service operations served 988,878 reimbursable lunches and 480,653 reimbursable breakfast meals during the 2017-2018 year. The district's free reduced percentage was 35.4 percent or 5,301 students. Compared to the previous school year (2016-2017), Food Service saw a decrease in the number of lunches and breakfast served by approximately 3.2 percent. Total receipts for 2017-2018 were \$5,835,424.18 including funds from the following sources:

- \$1,146,821 in transactions made through EZPay, in addition to traditional forms of payment. This is an increase of 18.5 percent over the previous year in monies received via the EZPay system.
- \$1,205,258.62 received from student payments, excluding EZPay.
- \$56,839.53 in State Aid (through USDA).
- \$3,235,312.00 from Federal Aide (through USDA).
- \$191,192.63 from other sources: catering events, rebates, interest, adult meals, and donations.

Total expenses for 2017-2018 were \$4,741,111.36, which included approximately \$113,849.67 in new Food Service equipment

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

Since the 2006-2007 school year, Westerville City Schools (WCS) has a grand total of \$21,033,089 in cost avoidance and energy rebate programs related to utilities. For the 2017-2018 school year (FY18), WCS's cost avoidance value was \$2,558,653. In fact, WCS paid \$768,737 less for gas, electric, sewer and water than it did for those utilities in the 2006-2007 school year when we began tracking our cost avoidance values. Additionally, WCS participation in the EnerNOC Energy Demand Response Program gained the district \$77,254 in rebates based on performances for setbacks made during peak load times.

Capital Improvement Projects completed prior/concurrent to the start of the 2018-2019 school year include:

District Wide

- Paving repairs
- Concrete repairs
- Striped parking lots

Annehurst

- Replaced gym, café, office RTU's and controls
- Added ductwork to café (abandon/fill underground ductwork) and gym

Cherrington

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Replaced Office Carpet

Fouse

- Converted Room 202 to a 4th grade classroom

Hanby

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs

Hawthorne

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Replaced some light pole concrete bases
- Rerouted Traffic Pattern

Huber Ridge

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs

Longfellow

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Tuckpointing repairs

Robert Frost

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs

Whittier

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs



Police officer Shellie Patrick high-fived third grade Robert Frost students who sang and brought care packages for their heroes.

Wilder

- Building envelope repairs

Blendon

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Add/replace thru wall flash/counterflash at transitions
- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs

Genoa

- Track - seal with pigmented top coat and stripe
- Stage cyc panel replacement
- Added make up air unit

Heritage

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Replaced stage folding room divider door

Walnut Springs

- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Partial Roofing Replacement/Repairs
- Installed grease trap interceptor

Westerville Central

- Retrofitted chillers
- Added louver panels to chillers
- Added fan wall to AHU 1
- Field Turf Replacement
- Retrofitted Library Unit & Add Controls

Westerville North

- Replaced barrel return fan (bearings, shivs, motor)
- Replaced hot water coil for AHU 21
- Added make up air unit
- Building envelope repairs
- Refinished main gym floor
- Intercom system replacement (Theater)
- Audio system repair (stadium)
- Theater dimming/lighting system replacement
- Light pole replacement
- Cooler/Freezer replacement

Westerville South

- Crawl space repairs (commons)
- Parking lot lamp replacement

Early Learning Center

- Replaced some light pole concrete bases
- Fuel dispenser pump replacement
- Gate & operator replacement
- Propane bus fueling station
- Replaced some light pole concrete bases
- Replaced panel box on light pole 15 (and pole)

SAFETY

The Westerville City School District provides a number of programs that promote safety and enhance learning. They include:

- The School Resource Officer (SRO) program, which places police officers in the middle and high schools in an effort to create and maintain a safe learning environment. This program is possible due to a long-standing, cooperative relationship that exists between the district and the law enforcement personnel of the Westerville Division of Police and Genoa Township Police. Our SROs fulfill three roles: they are law enforcement officers, law-related counselors, and law-related education facilitators. SROs have an instructional curriculum that is aligned with Ohio State Standards.
- The Emergency Management Plan. In compliance with H.B. 178, the Westerville Division of Police, Genoa Township Police, Blendon Township Police, Minerva Park Police, the Delaware and Franklin County Sheriff's Departments, as well as Westerville and Genoa Township Fire Department personnel, partner with Westerville School District personnel to refine annually each school building's Emergency Management Plan. Law enforcement, fire and school personnel coordinate the development of Lock-out, Lock-down, Emergency Evacuation and School Safety tabletop exercises, train building personnel and participate on building threat assessment teams. The partnership between Westerville Schools and the police and fire jurisdictions that serve the district are a long-standing benchmark example for other school districts and communities to replicate.
- CPR/Automated External Defibrillator classes. In collaboration with the Westerville Division of Fire and the Genoa Township Fire Department, Westerville City Schools offered staff members the opportunity to participate in an American Heart Association CPR course on October 20, 2017 during the OEA/NEA day. Ten staff members successfully completed the lifesaving course and were certified.
- Westerville Safety City, an annual event designed to educate students who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Educational topics include fire safety, bicycle safety, stranger awareness, water safety, and other personal safety issues.
- Flu Vaccines: Health Heroes offered Westerville City School students a Flu Vaccine during the fall of 2017. More than 1,200 students received a Flu vaccine throughout the Districts 23 sites. The goal was to improve student achievement by reducing absenteeism for pupils. Additionally, OhioHealth offered a Flu Vaccine to Staff members. 277 staff members received their flu vaccination through the district's wellness program.

STUDENT LEARNING IS DRIVEN BY RECRUITING, DEVELOPING, AND RETAINING HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND SKILLED STAFF MEMBERS



Classified staff met for instruction during a Westerville Educator Day, when professional development opportunities were offered to employees.

Westerville City Schools employed 1,746 individuals as of September 2018. That number includes 1076 teachers, 589 classified employees and 76 administrators. We use an online application process for all positions, which is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The summer hiring season drew 44 new teachers to the district. With a reputation as one of the best school districts in the area, Westerville City Schools continues to attract a high quality pool of candidates for vacancies. Human Resources Executive Director Lori Lofton earned an A+ award in April 2018, for her exemplary efforts in this department.

OUR EMPLOYEES

Total Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	1,567.35
Total FTE Teachers	1,068.5
% Highly Qualified	99.7
% w/ Master's degree or higher	69
% w/ 10+ years' experience	49
% properly certified/licensed teaching a core academic subject area	97.5
Beginning teacher salary	\$42,189

Through the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, we also employ 184 aides to students with disabilities. They are not included in the above numbers.

In an effort to reduce medical costs and improve attendance at work, the District motivates and educates school employees to improve their health and fitness levels through a District Wellness program. An Employee Wellness Committee collaborates to design opportunities and incentives for employees to participate in fitness classes and challenges throughout the year. Employees are encouraged to get their annual physical and pursue an active lifestyle. During the 2017-18 school year, more than 247 employees participated in a Biometric Health Screening. The Biometric Health screenings measure employee Cholesterol and Glucose levels in the blood stream

as well as other important health-related data. Employees were able to learn their results and discuss their confidential, individualized report results with a health coach in order to better understand their health status and take the appropriate next wellbeing steps to improve their health. Other activities include providing employees with flu shots, an opportunity to attend the annual fall wellbeing health fair, and scheduling an annual mobile mammography appointment. The Wellness Committee also offers aerobics, strength training, Zumba and yoga fitness classes, as well as various wellness challenges throughout the year.

THE OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS is responsible for supervision of the elementary programs and building principals, including Title 1 federal programs, reading intervention services, and pupil services, which includes:

- Special Education - consistent with school districts across Ohio, 12.7 percent of Westerville's students are identified as disabled and in need of special education. We continue to search for the best intervention strategies to use with all children, including children with disabilities, and our goal is that we will increasingly graduate students who are ready to continue a lifetime of learning and the highest level of individual independence possible. Guerdie Glass, Director of Special Education, earned an A+ Award for her exemplary work in the department, as did Connie Craigmile, district physical therapist.
- Special Needs Preschool - responsible in helping all students progress in the areas of mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, gross motor, fine motor and independence. The program earned a Five Star Step Up to Quality Award from the State of Ohio.

- The English Learner (EL) Program - works to serve approximately 1,400 students with limited English proficiency. Students in this program come from more than 57 countries and speak 51 different languages.
- Gifted Services - responsible for identifying and working to meet the needs of our gifted students by developing, delivering and encouraging ability-appropriate academic challenges as well as social/emotional support for the student.
- Mental Health - a team of mental health specialists responsible for programs and services that support at-risk students and address both academic and non-academic barriers to student learning. Tami Santa, Student Assistance Program Coordinator, earned an A+ award for exemplary work in her field.
- Magnet Program - Westerville City Schools offers a limited, lottery-based Magnet Program for grades 1-5 that provides an alternative to the traditional delivery of content through the lenses of Math and Science, The Arts, and World Cultures.
- All-Day Kindergarten Program (ADK) - families in the Westerville City School District have the opportunity to enter their kindergartner's name in a lottery to determine placement in optional ADK. The program provides one ADK class in each elementary school and two at Alcott and Pointview. In addition, Longfellow holds four classes. The program serves up to 444 students each year.



Hanby Elementary "Principal for a Day" Jazlyn Edwards conferred with Dr. John Kellogg, Superintendent of Westerville City Schools.



Friends, family members and educators surrounded Kayley Orders during her Educational Options for Success Graduate of the Year induction ceremony.

THE OFFICE OF SECONDARY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS is responsible for the middle and high school programs and building principals, including Extracurricular Programs, Advanced Placement, and the International Baccalaureate Programme. This department also oversees the Office of Assessment & Alternative Education Services, which is responsible for all district-wide data, assessments and testing protocol, as well as reporting state/district/building report card data. Additionally, this office supports the Office of College & Career Readiness, which is responsible for the College Credit Plus program, Career Pathways program and Career & Technical Education; and the Office of Minority Achievement, which facilitates the district's Equity Teams, Lead Higher Initiative and Student Connections program. The office also directs the Alternative Education Initiatives, which include the Educational Options for Success (EOS) Program, Home Education, Credit Flexibility, and Summer Learning Opportunities.

THE OFFICE OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SERVICES oversees the Curriculum and Materials Adoption Process, which articulates, aligns, and coordinates improvement efforts in the development and implementation of the district's curriculum. This process ensures that the district's curriculum is aligned to state requirements and meets the rigorous standards that prepare students for post K-12 opportunities. In addition, the process ensures that teachers are provided instructional resources that are aligned to the curriculum and provide for effective instruction for each child.

The Office is responsible for aligning curriculum, instruction, and assessments to Ohio's Learning Standards; developing, selecting, and supporting standards-based curriculum across the district; implementing effective instructional and assessment strategies to meet students' differentiated learning styles and needs; and providing staff professional development that demonstrates a commitment

to educational excellence, ensuring students are prepared to contribute to the competitive and changing world in which we live. The key building blocks for the professional development for our instructional staff include what we teach, how we teach, how we measure student mastery, and knowing our students.

The Office also collaborates with the Office of Communication & Technology to oversee the implementation of the Learning and Teaching Roadmap. This Roadmap is a comprehensive, multi-year plan that defines the characteristics of teaching and learning in our district. The Roadmap provides a vision for 21st Century teaching, which is characterized by a student-centered focus supported by the use of evidence-based instructional practices, integration of technology, and consideration for the design of instructional spaces to support student-centered learning. Students should be engaged in school, which is demonstrated by their attentiveness to their learning, persistence in their pursuit of mastery of the content or skill, and commitment to their own growth as a learner.

Technology plays a critical role in preparing students to be successful. Over the last several years, we have achieved greater than a 2:1 device ratio in our classrooms. Westerville City Schools continue to be committed to increased student and staff access to technology and teaching practices that are student-centered, research-based and promote the development of 21st Century skills. Jennifer Fry, K-12 Technology Integration Coordinator, earned the Certified Education Technology Leader designation.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY BRINGS HONOR TO THE DISTRICT

Alcott: Heather Lewis, Westerville Education Association (WEA) Educator of the Year; Jason McQuown, Westerville Education Foundation (WEF) grant for 3D printer.

Annehurst: Jordan Hall, WEF Educator of the Year; Amanda Anderson and Cathy Monteiro, A+ Awards; Kelley Moff, *Columbus Parent* and *ThisWeek Community News* Teacher of the Year finalist; Abby DeChant, WEF Teacher of the Month; Jordan Hall, Bette Marschall grant for social-emotional skills books.

Cherrington: Katie Flaiz, WEA Educator of the Year; Katie Flaiz, WEF Teacher of the Month.

Early Learning Center: Julie Motyka, WEA Educator of the Year.

Emerson: Melissa Harps, WEA Educator of the Year; Jeffrey Miltko, WEF Teacher of the Month; Jenny Findell, 2017 Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Elementary Teacher Award for the Central District; Juls Rathje, Bette Marschall grant for workshop with artist Eric Marlow; Jeffrey Miltko and Rachel Engelhardt, Bette Marschall grant for the Mindful Music Moments program; Shannon Goebler, Bette Marschall grant for a visit to the Columbus Children's Theatre.



Rachidatou Traore and her little sister, Cherifa, joined the crowd in the gymnasium at Robert Frost Elementary School during the Sweetheart Dance.

Fouse: Betsi Byers-Spurlock, WEA Educator of the Year; Betsi Byers-Spurlock and Emily Considine, WEF Teachers of the Year; Robb Stranges, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award; Betsy Denney, WEF Teacher of the Month; Heather Griffith, WOSU Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award; Betsy Denney, Naomi Schone, Robert Stranges and Deb Ubry, WEF grant for the Leader in Me.

Robert Frost: Alison Dragovich, WEA Educator of the Year; Eric Cacioppo, WEF grant for the Frost Fab Lab; Joy Dietz and Miriam Aichler, WEF grand for a Life Skills Maker Space.

Hanby: Amber Cunningham and Diane Plumb, WEA Educators of the Year; Brooke Smith, WEF Teacher of the Month; Amber Cunningham, WEF grant for the Hanby HANDS room; Juls Rathje, Bette Marschall grant for Eric Marlow artist workshop; Juls Rathje, Ohio Art Education Foundation Professional Development /Personal Enrichment Grant; Juls Rathje, Ohio Arts Council, TeachArtsOhio, funding for an artist in residence; Juls Rathje, WEF Crossing Borders grant.

Hawthorne: Jenny Scherer, WEA Educator of the Year; Chelsie Poncinie, A+ Award; Katie Ensell, Columbus Zoo Conservation Education Advisory Council.

Huber Ridge: Shari Hoerner, WEA Educator of the Year; Brian Shanks, A+ Award, WEF Teacher of the Month; Ann Collins, A+ Award.

Longfellow: Melissa Harps, WEA Educator of the Year.

McVay: Joselyn Wagner, WEA Educator of the Year; Scotti Smith, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth award; Alex Tresoline, WEF grant for an Interactive White Board.

Pointview: Tonya Mariscal, WEA Educator of the Year; Sherry Birchem, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award; Ben Ashwill, WEF Teacher of the Month.

Mark Twain: Beth Cumming, WEA Educator of the Year; Kim Glaser, Shelly Seabury and Vicki Moss, A+ Awards; Susan Kaul, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award; Elizabeth Hafner, WEF Teacher of the Month.

Whittier: Sarah Lang, WEA Educator of the Year; Angela Faust, WEF Teacher of the Month.

Wilder: Jami Patton, WEA Educator of the Year; Beth O'Reilly, A+ Award; Stephanie Fitzpatrick, WEF Teacher of the Month; Shelli Speakman, Columbus Zoo Conservation Education Advisory Council; Susan Ward, National Award from the Humane Society.

Sara Benge, Lori Boyd, Judith Gawelek, Monty Maceyko, Elizabeth Meta, Bethany Solich and Pam Todd received a WEF grant for all elementary schools for *STEM in the Library: Using Folk and Fairy Tales to Inspire Problem Solving*.

Genoa: Lisa Lunn, WEA Educator of the Year; Gina Wisman and Kyleigh Bishop, A+ Awards; Christy Scott, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth award; Eric Hoogeveen, WEF Teacher of the Month; Debbie Pellington and Lisa Lunn, WEF grant for Reading Around the World.

Heritage: Patrick Acocks, WEA Educator of the Year; Anne Bates, WEF grant for Strengths Based Personal & Career Development; Kris Konik, Ohio Educational Library Media Association's Leadership Academy participant, Ohio Educational Library Media Association Leadership-in-Action Award, Bette Marschall grant for focus group books.

Walnut Springs: Maria Soisson, WEA Educator of the Year; Kelley Ferguson, Maria Soisson, and Sharon Owens, WEF Teachers of the Month; Jill Shaffer, Westerville Civitan Club's Special Education Professional Award; Kimberly Beraciero, Bette Marschall grant for Walnutpalooza; Alexandria Austria, Bette Marschall grant for a book club; Jean Trimble, WEF grant for the Black History Month Celebration; Jean Trimble, Bette Marschall grant for a visit from illustrator Bryan Collier.

Tami Santa received a Bette Marschall grant to purchase t-shirts for participants in the MODEL girls mentoring program at district middle schools.

HIGH SCHOOLS EXEMPLIFY QUALITY

Central: Jordan Kennedy and Rebecca Riccobono, Westerville Education Association (WEA) Educators of the Year; Kyle King, A+ Award; Liz Schar and Diana Arko, Westerville Education Foundation (WEF) Teachers of the Month; Liz Schar, WEF grant for the Artist' Collaboration Café; Erin Moehl, Bette Marschall grant for an online subscription to Albert.

North: Bonnie Leonard and Catherine Stathulis, WEA Educators of the Year; Kim Mollohan and Sean Ring, A+ Awards; Jennifer Walpole, Jon Boyd and Caitlin Maloy, WEF Teachers of the Month; Sarah Painter, Bette Marschall grant for *Wonder*; Jeff Bracken, featured in OSU's *4-H Project Green Teacher*; Elizabeth Robinson, *Columbus Parent* and *ThisWeek Community News* Teacher of the Year finalist; Ben Hartnell, Bette Marschall grant for history materials.

South/AEC: Jen Baker and Kathryn Feucht, WEA Educators of the Year; Lisa Smith and Noelle Priestersbach, A+ Awards; Lyn Saari, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award; Mary Fuchs, Bill Heinmiller and Candice Hall, WEF Teachers of the Month; Matt Esh, Bette Marschall grant for reward ribbons; John Laswell, 2018 Columbus Symphony Secondary Music Educator Award; Aislynn Valentine, Bette Marschall grant for an AP Environmental Science trip to Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park; Mary Fuchs, Bette Marschall grant for an SNOsites license; Katrina Taylor, Bette Marschall grant for math and music equipment.



Volunteer Karen Dorsey, who has donated her time to Mentors Opening Doors, Enriching Lives (MODEL) for three years, is pictured with her mentees at Blendon Middle School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Blendon: Kathy Benton, Westerville Education Association (WEA) Educator of the Year; Jeffrey McMillan, Jeffrey Murdock and Derek Geist, Westerville Education Foundation (WEF) Teachers of the Month; Karen Yingling, Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise Service to Youth Award; Angie Crego, WEF grant for the Kindness Project.



Inspirational Black History Month assemblies educated and entertained at all three high schools, including this program at Westerville Central called "Back to Africa – the Meaning and History of Africa Road."

ALUMNI HALLS OF FAME

Eight individuals were inducted into our high school Halls of Fame in spring of 2018. Each year inductees are chosen from a pool of applicants who graduated at least 10 years ago, have demonstrated success in their careers, and have made significant contributions to their community.

Westerville Central High School inducted Brandon Edwards and Alyssa Shumaker. Edwards (Class of 2008) attended The Ohio State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, cum laude. Later, he studied at Capital University Law School, where he received a doctoral degree in criminal litigation. He currently works as Assistant City Attorney and is a community activist. Shumaker, a 2007 graduate of Westerville Central, attended Lee University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Spanish and Religion. She went to graduate school at Columbia University, where she received a Masters of Public Administration. She worked for the Peace Corps, the World Economic Forum, the World Bank and the Columbia Water Center. She currently lives in New York City and is employed by the International Rescue Committee as an Emergency Preparedness Program Manager.

Westerville North High School inductees were Kara Hammond, Brian Custer and Maggie Smith-Beehler. Hammond (1997) attended Miami University where she completed her B.S. in Accounting. She became a public accountant after graduation and is currently a Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) based in New York City. She is an advocate for diversity and gender equality. Custer (1989) attended Hampton University, where he completed a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism. He is currently employed by Showtime's CBS Sports, where he hosts boxing and college basketball and

is a play-by-play announcer, a position for which he has won multiple Emmy Awards. He is also a cancer survivor and spokesperson for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Smith-Beehler (1995) earned a B.A. in English with a focus on Creative Writing from Ohio Wesleyan University, and an MFA in Poetry from OSU. She is a nationally recognized poet, having published three books of poetry with a fourth in progress. In 2016, she was honored as Ohio Poet of the Year. In 2017, her book of poetry, *Good Bones*, was named by the Washington Post as one of the five best collections of American poetry.

Gary Allen, Eric Joering and Ronald W. Smith II were Westerville South High School's Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. Allen (1980) received an Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from the Columbus Technical Institute. He has served with the Westerville Division of Police for more than 30 years, 10 of those as a K-9 officer. He has been involved in numerous community outreach programs and has received multiple service awards. In 2016, he was named the Westerville Division Police Officer of the Year. Joering (1997) graduated from the Police Academy at Columbus State College and became a reserve police officer with the City of Gahanna until the Westerville Division of Police hired him. He served in Westerville as a patrol officer, in the Detective Bureau, and as a K-9 officer. He received a number of commendations during his career, including the Exceptional Duty Award. He was a model family man. Joering became the first Westerville police officer killed in the line of duty while responding to a call for help. Smith (1984) received a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism and Business Communication from Otterbein College. He owns SOH Productions, a local video production company, and is a partner with civic and service organizations in Gahanna.

COMMUNITY, PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENGAGED AS PARTNERS



Westerville Education Foundation President Erick Carter thanked attendees at An Artful Affair for raising more than \$70,000 to fund innovative educational programming in Westerville City Schools.

A goal of the Westerville City Schools Board of Education is for the community, parents, students and staff to work together to benefit children and their families. The district's relationship with the Westerville Medical Campus of OhioHealth is a stunning example of an exemplary partnership.

Since 2009, Westerville Schools has contracted – for the price of \$1 per year – to utilize space within the OhioHealth Medical Campus to operate an Enrollment Center for the convenience of families and the efficient enrollment of students.

Located on the third floor of the OhioHealth complex at 300 Polaris Parkway in Suite 3200, the Center provides school district families with the opportunity to enroll all their children, who may be attending different schools, at one time and at one convenient location.

Since opening in 2009, the Center has enrolled approximately 28,633 students in preschool and K-12 buildings; maintained residency records for our non-public school parents who utilize Westerville School transportation to non-public school facilities; and enforced Ohio Revised Code and Board of Education policies that provide a free, appropriate education to only those students of families who reside within the Westerville School District. Karen Gabay, executive assistant to the superintendent at the Enrollment & Family Resource Center, earned an A+ award for her exemplary work there.

Other examples of outstanding individual, corporate and community involvement that enhance the public education experience for children and families include:

- The Rotary Club of Westerville (Thursday noon club), which honors high school Students of the Month from all three district high schools; facilitates the I Can program for 2nd graders; awards four-year scholarships to Westerville seniors going to Ohio colleges and universities; organizes the annual Phil Brown Classic Basketball Tournament involving teams from all three district high schools; runs the 4th of July parade for the City of Westerville and incorporates all three district high school bands, cheerleaders and flag

corps.; and assists the high schools with financial literacy programs.

- The Westerville Public Library, which provides support to students, teachers, staff and parents through programs and delivery of library items to 27 schools in the district. More than 15,000 items were delivered in 2017. The library also made 225 classroom visits with over 16,000 in attendance, hosted an after-school program at McVay Elementary with the YWCA, coordinated an intergenerational pen-pal program with students at Hanby Elementary, and made weekly visits to Annehurst students at Brookeville Apartments throughout the summer. In addition, the Westerville Public Library distributed over 6,000 free books to all elementary school students in the Westerville City School District to encourage reading throughout the summer. The library continues to maintain four different Little Free Libraries on school properties, providing access to free books in neighborhoods year-round. In partnership with the Arts Council of Westerville, the library once again offered the Celebrate the Arts Writing Contest, which in 2018 received 191 submissions and awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention prizes to five different age groups.
- The Knights of Columbus, which donated \$3,817.35 to the Special Education Department. This generous donation will be used for equine therapy, music and art therapy. The Knights of Columbus have generously supported Special Education activities in the district for many years.
- The Westerville Education Association's bestowing of Friends of Education awards to Nancy McFarland, Ann Morahan and Jim Knapp.
- Tremendous support from volunteer groups. Westerville Parent Council (WPC), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organiza-

tion representing 34 member groups, which include PTAs, PTOs, Booster and Community groups, provided 66,118 hours of donated time and talent during the 2017-20-18 school year, in areas such as band, theater and athletic support, literacy initiatives, student leadership development, tutoring, mentoring and countless clubs and experiences for students beyond the classroom. Monetary support provided by member groups collectively totaled \$858,094.35. WPC member groups also supported graduating seniors from all three high schools with scholarships worth \$44,000.00.

- Westerville Partners for Education (WPE), which connects community members, organizations, and businesses with our schools to enhance learning across the district. In 2018, more than 2,000 people enjoyed the group's Nationwide Children's Starry Night Family Learning Festival, featuring more than 75 hands-on learning activities produced by educational organizations, universities, businesses, and our own Westerville students.
 - ♦ In October 2017, WPE purchased the Augmented Reality Sandbox, which was assembled at Westerville North's SHOP. Technology for this was supported by Blair IT. The Augmented Reality Sandbox has been part of the curriculum at six elementary buildings during the school year. In March of 2018, in partnership with the schools, WPE hosted the third event in a series called, *Tomorrow's Learning Today*, a forum designed to share the initiatives and accomplishments of the Westerville City Schools with our community. The March event, which was attended by more than 60 community members, featured *Technology in the Classroom*. In September, a panel discussion about *Emotional Health In and Out of the Classroom* highlighted the impact emotional health has on learning and the intention and actions Westerville Schools have to addressing this. The Pointview Tuesday Tutors reading program had 12 volunteers working weekly with 21 second and third grade students from October 2017 through April 2018. Almost all the students raised their reading level while getting some valuable socializing skills from adult mentors. From mid-September 2017 through late July 2018, more than 7,000 free books were provided to Westerville students and residents via the BOOK BONANZA! project. This initiative was expanded to include a Birthday BOOK BONANZA! WPE continues its partnership with Longfellow kindergarten to offer parent and community support.

- Bette Marschall grants. The Bette Marschall Memorial Education Fund of the Columbus Foundation was founded by her family in memory of Bette Marschall, who was a respected elementary school teacher and principal in the Westerville City School District for nearly 20 years, from the early 1970s through 1990. The Fund has bestowed thousands of dollars in monetary grants over the years to Westerville teachers, students, administrators and non-teaching staff, both primary and secondary.
- The award-winning Westerville Energy Education Partnership, a collaboration between the City of Westerville Electric Division, Westerville City Schools and the Ohio Energy Project. The partnership provides professional development, student programs and classroom resources for all schools in the district.
- The Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise, which sponsors and facilitates the monthly Service to Youth program, honoring exceptional employees. Sunrise Rotarians also volunteer in the schools through *I Can*, *The Leader in Me* and *Challenge Day*; and awards grants to Westerville educators to implement innovative programs. During the 2017-2018 school year, the Club donated more than 25 books to Westerville City Schools, along with \$500 to purchase multi-lingual and diverse books for students and teachers.



Westerville Fire Department personnel demonstrated fire dynamics at the Starry Night Art and Science Event, which attracted some 2,000 community members.

- The Community Bowl-a-Thon. Approximately 525 community members filled the lanes at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace on Saturday, February 11, to raise more than \$30,000 for the Westerville Chamber Foundation, the Westerville Education Foundation, and the Westerville Symphony. Event proceeds fund scholarships, provide grants and bring musical performances and programs to the classroom for students.
- The Westerville Education Foundation (WEF), which provides grants to teachers and staff, as well as online funding options (Adopt-a-Class and Fund-a-Project). WEF gave \$34,535 during the 2017-18 school year. In addition, the WEF coordinates a Teacher of the Month Program to recognize outstanding educators in the district. WEF's generous Gold Foundation Sponsors are Education First Credit Union and Mount Carmel St. Ann's.
- The donation of 700 "Go Buckets" to 22 schools. Each bucket equips classrooms with various items that may be of use during an emergency - from first aid and safety supplies to food and sanitary products. The initiative was led by the Westerville Division of Police and the School Solutions Network, a social enterprise of Westerville-based Status Solutions. Contributors included Lowe's, Ohio-Health and RousH Hardware.
- Westerville Education Challenge, which hosted the annual *Rock this Town 80s Party*, where an enthusiastic crowd raised more than \$40,000. Proceeds were used to support Challenge Day at all three Westerville high schools, grants for educators, and programming at Westerville middle schools that supports character education and emotional and social well-being

GREAT EDUCATOR AND MENTOR AWARDS

PRESENTED BY

Westerville Parent Council & Roush Honda



GEM awards are given to individuals who make a difference in the lives of the students in the Westerville School District. GEM winners promote the welfare of students in the home, school and community, and each goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Each building solicits nominations and a building committee comprised of staff and parents selects an honoree. In addition, a committee with district-wide representation selects one business/organization recipient as well as individuals for contributions that impact more than one building or the district as a whole. In May 2018, 27 deserving individuals and one business were recognized as GEM award winners. In addition, a special Community Heroes GEM award was bestowed on the Westerville Division of Police.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Krista Houston

ELEMENTARY

Alcott: Jill Teruya

Annehurst: Angie Monahan

Cherrington: Jen Share

Emerson: Laine Wood

Fouse: Tracy Price

Hanby: Monica Brown

Hawthorne: Gina Carfagna

Huber Ridge: Elsie Hunt

Longfellow: Jan Hamann

Mark Twain: Chelsie Lakeman

McVay: Lisa Dapoz

Pointview: Amanda Oakes

Robert Frost: Jim Knapp

Whittier: Molly Woodruff

Wilder: Nichole Price

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Blendon: Kathy Hayman

Genoa: Andrea Bishop

Heritage: Dr. Dru Tomlin

Walnut Springs: Donte Martin

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lisa Aucoin

Dennis Blair

Elizabeth Firth

Nancy McFarland

DISTRICT

Vaughn Bell

Jack Brown

Gail Walter

Linda Weiler

COMMUNITY HEROES GEM AWARD

Westerville Caring & Sharing

TERRY GORDON BUSINESS

Westerville Caring & Sharing

FINANCIAL RESOURCES ARE ALIGNED TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC SUCCESS



The team from Heritage Middle School emerged victorious at the State DiscoverE's Future City Competition, and went on to represent Ohio and compete nationally in Washington, D.C.

Moody's Investors Service upgraded the Westerville City Schools general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) bond rating to Aa1, the second highest possible ranking. By doing so, Westerville joins an elite group of just 24 school districts in the State of Ohio who have earned the distinction of receiving the highest or second highest standing. Westerville City Schools was formerly rated Aa2.

The Aa1 GOULT rating reflects the Westerville City School District's large tax base in the Columbus metropolitan area, strong socio-economic profile, very healthy financial position, and moderate debt burden. David Conley, President of Rockmill Financial Consulting, LLC of Lancaster, Ohio, said, "Moody's upgrade is proof that the district's ongoing financial efforts to improve its financial condition through prudent management of resident's taxes is working."

On November 8, 2016, voters converted a temporary local tax into a permanent tax, alleviating the district from having to seek its renewal in the future. "Recent voter support of tax increases drove a series of positive operating results...and we expect the district will maintain its strong financial position," reported Moody's

IN OTHER FINANCIAL NEWS:

Interim Treasurer Laura Hendricks, on May 21, 2018, presented Board of Education members with an updated five-year financial forecast showing a projected ending cash balance for Fiscal Year 2018 that is \$7.7 million higher than initially projected in the October 2017 forecast. Hendricks attributes the increase to higher-than-expected revenue, combined with lower-than-projected expenditures. Hendricks noted that while growth from new construction helped increase district revenues, the majority of the increase is likely due to federal tax law changes to the limit of deductibility of property, state and local income taxes. Hendricks said this latest forecast takes a conservative approach by projecting decreased revenue projections for FY19, followed by returned revenue growth thereafter. The forecast also reflects an approximate \$1.9 million decrease in anticipated expenditures for FY18 as compared to last October's forecast. At that time, general fund expenditures were expected to be \$168.95 million. The updated forecast indicates expenditures instead will come

in around \$167 million. Hendricks said a significant factor causing the decrease is the containment of salary growth in FY18, which is the first full year of savings from the retirement of approximately 160 certified staff over the last two fiscal years. Benefit costs also decreased approximately \$650,000 due to lower personnel costs and a partial year of premium increases. "We continue to manage our resources wisely on behalf of the taxpayers in our community," Hendricks said.

A recent financial audit of the Westerville City School District by Auditor of State Dave Yost's office returned a clean audit report. Therefore, for the sixth consecutive year, the district's excellent record keeping has qualified it for the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. "Accurate bookkeeping enables school districts to focus on their chief duty - education," Auditor Yost said. "The Westerville City School District's clean audit demonstrates its commitment to both its students and taxpayers." The Auditor of State Award with Distinction is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit



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State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria visited students and staff in an Honors Chemistry class at Westerville South High School.

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY
2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Beginning Cash Balance: July 1, 2017 **\$94,724,366**

REVENUE

Local Sources

Real Estate Taxes	\$109,078,227
Personal Tangible Taxes	\$3,537,139
Other Local Sources	\$10,032,599

State Sources

State Foundation Program	\$45,569,997
Homestead and Rollback	\$16,018,187

Other Operating Revenue

\$198,105

Total Receipts **\$184,434,254**

Total Receipts PLUS Cash Balance **\$279,158,620**

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Wages	\$93,657,719
Fringe Benefits	\$32,592,765
Purchased Services	\$22,020,733
Supplies, Materials and Textbooks	\$5,818,416
Capital Outlay	\$1,585,768
Other Non-Operating Expenditures	\$10,010,400
Other Expenditures	\$90,500

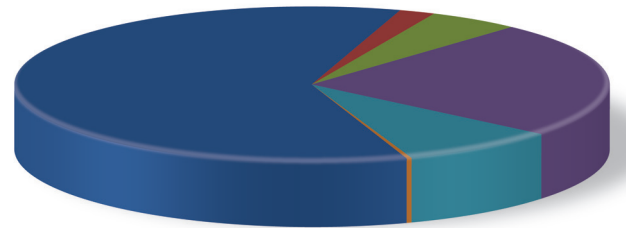
Total Expenditures **\$165,776,301**

Ending Cash Balance **\$113,382,319**

Outstanding Encumbrances **\$2,951,094**

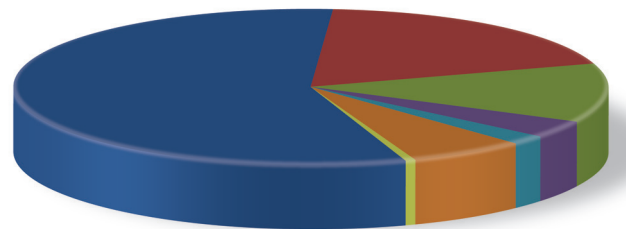
Unencumbered Cash Balance: June 30, 2018 **\$110,431,225**

Source of **REVENUE**



- 59.14% Real Estate Taxes
- 1.92% Personal Tangible Taxes
- 5.44% Other Local Sources
- 24.71% State Foundation Program
- 8.69% Homestead and Rollback
- 0.11% Other Non-Operational Revenues

Source of **EXPENDITURES**



- 56.50% Salaries and Wages
- 19.66% Fringe Benefits
- 13.28% Purchased Services
- 3.51% Supplies, Materials and Textbooks
- 0.96% Capital Outlay
- 6.04% Other Non-Operating Expenditures
- 0.05% Other Expenditures

For more financial information regarding the school district, please visit the district website at www.wcsoh.org.

RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED TO SUPPORT STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND WELL-BEING



Westerville South cross-country team members Inioluwa Oyewusi, Taylor Hughes and Liam Allbritton measured rice to be placed in bags to feed victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

The Westerville Way is an effort to support and nurture the shared virtues of our community. Adults are encouraged to model and reinforce ethical behavior in relation to the following 12 monthly words: respect, citizenship, tolerance, caring, attitude, honesty, perseverance, trustworthiness, responsibility, integrity, loyalty and fairness. Students in every Westerville school participated in projects benefiting the environment, the underprivileged, and those stricken with illness.

- The holiday season was made brighter for many local families who were struggling financially, thanks to the efforts of high school students and staff in the Westerville City School District. When totals were tallied, Caring & Sharing received \$40,831 to help needy families in the community, who were given gifts, boxes of food and gift certificates. Elementary and middle schools pitched in to help as well, hosting their own holiday food, gift and supply drives.
- Four Westerville City schools participated in Jump Rope for Heart, Hoops for Heart and Red Out for Heart activities to earn money for the American Heart Association. At the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year, \$25,447.63 was raised for the organization.
- For the second year, Westerville North and Westerville South high schools teamed up to help raise funds for the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation, an organization started by Westerville teacher Mary Taylor as a way to raise money to help families stricken by pediatric cancer. Between North's \$1,937.45 and South's \$1,667.67, the two high schools raised a whopping \$3,605.12 in five days.
- Westerville Education Challenge (WEC) celebrated a decade of Challenge Day programs in our high schools by planting 5,000 daffodil bulbs at all three high school campuses - Central, North and South. Volunteers turned out in droves to commemorate the 5,000 Westerville students this meaningful program has reached during the past 10 years, along with

WEC and its visionary founder, the late Cindy Crowe. Post-program surveys indicate participants feel Challenge Day has been helpful to them in their personal lives; has made them more supportive of others; has made them more aware of the effects of bullying; and has made them feel more hopeful about their future.

- The Say Something program returned to Westerville City Schools for its second year, with the purpose of empowering young people to say something and save lives. In partnership with Sandy Hook Promise, a national, nonprofit organization led by several family members whose loved ones were killed in the tragic mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Say Something teaches students in middle and high school how to look for warning signs, signals and threats - especially in social media - from individuals who may want to hurt themselves or others and to say something to a trusted adult to get them help.
- Most Westerville City Schools elementary students participated in the national Start with Hello week, a program designed to raise awareness and educate students and the community about the growing epidemic of social isolation. It empowers young people to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their school or youth organization, reducing the risk of bullying, violence and depression.

Communication remains a priority. The Office of Communications and Technology Services keeps internal and external publics informed about Westerville City schools' students, staff, programs and initiatives through a steady flow of information. The department also creates and manages a technology infrastructure to support the district's academic program and business operations. Department staff recently completed an infrastructure update to its wireless network, replacing nearly 10,000 components across the district. All

families of enrolled students had the opportunity to provide feedback on various communication and community engagement initiatives. Slightly more than 91 percent of respondents indicated satisfaction with schools' efforts to communicate about their children's performance and progress, while 93.5 percent indicated satisfaction with communications received directly from the district and/or its departments. Customer service and other interactions with staff at the school and/or district levels received a satisfaction rate of 88 percent. In addition, 89 percent of staff members responding to a Human Resources survey indicated satisfaction with district efforts to improve employee communication over the past two years, while an average of 94.2 percent indicated satisfaction with district efforts to communicate positive news about staff, students, schools.

The Westerville City Schools Information Technology department is comprised of one director, one administrative assistant, one Google specialist, one network infrastructure specialist, one server specialist and four hardware/software support technicians. Our

team supports more than 17,000 users spanning all 28 buildings, averaging approximately 12,000 resolved tickets every school year. We cover a wide variety of services, including facilitating network access for employees and students; managing 4,000 computers, 12,000 Chromebooks, 1800 VOIP telephone endpoints, hundreds of laptops and iPads; performing A/V support, daily maintenance of over 50 servers and the voip network, monitoring network bandwidth usage and securing the data and infrastructure for the entire district. In addition to our daily activities, we also take on summer projects - most recently a complete network rewiring of Walnut Springs Middle School, a device refresh for 2,784 student Chromebooks and 500 teacher Chromebooks, consulting with AT&T to transfer existing data circuits to fiber, upgrading PC hardware at nine elementaries, and replacing an aging file backup system with a new cloud-based file backup system for all users.

Students at Emerson (pictured) and Hanby, guided by art teacher Juls Rathje, made flags to promote an initiative that celebrates diversity, called "Standing Together, We Make Westerville Better."





A large group of former and current softball players, along with dozens of well-wishing spectators, turned out at Westerville South High School to honor Coach Jerry Kelbley during a ceremony naming the field after him.

ATHLETES BRING EXCITEMENT TO WESTERVILLE

Westerville City Schools are pleased to present for your enjoyment a series of high quality interscholastic extracurricular competitions. Thank you for attending these events and for supporting our student athletes and the dedicated professionals who guide them toward personal and team bests.

Our number one district priority is for every student to achieve success. By setting rigorous expectations and then aligning our training and contests to those goals, we provide one exhilarating experience after another for both the participants and the spectators.

Westerville high schools have a rich tradition of excellence in the classrooms, but also in the arenas, gymnasiums and pools, on the courses, courts, fields and reservoirs, as well as the indoor bowling alley and the outdoor track. Anywhere the integration of knowledge and skill is tested; our students' dedication and perseverance are noted.

There are seemingly unlimited opportunities for our community to nurture great character in our youth. To that end, we count on our athletes and their followers to be models of good sportsmanship. So, come, cheer our teams, and know that your presence is sincerely welcomed and deeply appreciated. During the 2017-2018 school year, at the high school level:

- Westerville Central saw 10 athletes capture All Ohio honors at the 2018 OHSAA State Track and Field Championship Meet - McKenna Fry (4th in the 1600 M), Mabinty Kebe (300 M Hurdles), Luke Finnegan (400 M Dash), Leah Schultze (100 and 200 M Seated Division) and Lyssa Zepfel (100, 200 and 800 M Seated Division). All won individual honors. Fry

teamed with Sydney Kapral, Kayla Jones and Chloe Ey to finish 7th in the 4 X 800 M Relay and Finnegan, along with Rickey Hyatt, Nathan Schroeder and Dymon Gainey, placed 6th in the 4 X 400 M Relay. Both boys and girls track teams were OCC and Central District Runners-up. In addition, Ryan O'Connor finished 6th at the OHSAA State Bowling Championship Tournament, helping lead the Warhawks to a 7th place finish.

- The Westerville North boys' basketball team took home the OCC Buckeye Division championship and finished as Central District runners-up with an overall record of 21-5. Julius Brown was named OCC Buckeye boys basketball player of the year. The Warrior wrestling team sent three wrestlers to state: Lucas Seibert, Davis Gaylord, and Mitch Potterf. Potterf made it to the podium with a 7th place finish. The North swim team also sent three athletes to state: Andrew Bernsdorf finished 5th in the state in the 500 free, Janessa Mathews was 3rd in the 100 breast, and Jason Mathews finished 3rd in the 200 IM as well as a State Champion in the 100 breast. In the spring, two shot put throwers, Warriors Jeremiah Burton and Phylan Perkins qualified for the state track meet.
- At Westerville South, the Wildcat track and field season once again ended up with an athlete standing on the podium at Jesse Owens Stadium for an All-Ohio performance. Rehoboth Ogundare set a new personal best and school



Heritage Middle school coaches Patrick Acocks and Molly Miller are pictured with student athletes who excelled at the second annual 7th and 8th grade OHSAA State Track and Field Championship.

record with a vault of 15'2", finishing as State Runner-Up in the event. The 2017 Boys Soccer Program ended the season as District Champions with a record of 11-5-4. The Girls Basketball Team won their first OCC Championship in more than eight years. The lady Wildcats won a District Championship and earned a spot in the Regional Final before losing to Pickerington Central. The Boys Basketball team made another trip to the District Championship but camp up a bit short and was crowned District Runner-Up. Jaelen Gill was selected as a 2018 U.S. Army All-American. He played in the eighteenth edition of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl

In other athletic news:

- Fifteen students from North, South and Central represented the Westerville City School District as student ambassadors at the Ohio High School Athletic Association Foundation's annual Student Leadership Conference, held in the Student Union at The Ohio State University.
- In appreciation of Jerry Kelbley's contribution as a coach and the impact he has made on the Westerville South High School softball program and community, the Board of Education approved the naming of the softball field at South the "Jerry Kelbley Field." From 1982 to 2017, Kelbley's girls' softball teams garnered 12 OCC titles, 11 district titles, 5 regional titles, and 1 state runner-up title. Kelbley was named OCC Coach of the Year 13 times.
- Westerville South received the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School award for all its athletic teams. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student athletes, and reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment.
- Ten student ambassadors were selected by the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Foundation Board to represent Ohio at the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) National Student Leadership Summit. Three were from Westerville City Schools.
- \$42,000 worth of renovations were completed in Westerville North High School's weight room, thanks to time and money provided by many volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide outstanding training opportunities for student athletes. The Westerville City Schools Board of Education approved a Resolution of Endorsement for naming the new facility the Ron Balconi Strength Room.





Westerville North High School senior swimmer Jason Matheus was recognized by the Board of Education for winning the 100 Breast, for the second year in a row, at the OHSAA State Meet held in Canton, Ohio on February 24, 2018.

- The Heritage Middle School track team had an exceptionally strong showing at the second annual 7th & 8th grade OHSAA State Track and Field meet. The 4 x 200 meter relay team of James McCreery, Frederick Yeboah, Michael Donkor, and Kaden Saunders finished in second place. Winning the state championship was Kaden Saunders in the boys' 100-meter dash, with a time of 10.99 seconds. Winning the state championship in the girls' pole vault was Brooke Holloway with a winning vault of 10 feet. Patrick Acocks and Molly Miller coached the team.

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2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

First Period **8/17/17 - 10/17/17**

Aug 14 Westerville Educator Day (No School)
 Aug 15 & 16 Teacher Professional Days (No School)
 Aug 17 Classes Begin (1-12)
 Aug 22 Classes Begin Kindergarten, Pre-School
 Sep 4 Labor Day (No School)
 Oct 17 Last Day of Classes (First Grading Period)

Second Period **10/18/17 - 12/20/17**

Oct 18 First Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
 Oct 20 Central OEA/NEA Day (No School)
 Nov 7 Westerville Educator Day (No School)
 Nov 22 (No School)
 Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
 Dec 20 Last Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
 Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Break (No School)
 Jan 2 Teacher Professional Day (No School)

Third Period **1/3/18 - 3/9/18**

Jan 3 Classes resume (Third Grading Period)
 Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
 Feb 19 Presidents Day (No School)
 Mar 9 Last Day of Classes (Third Grading Period)

Fourth Period **3/12/18 - 5/24/18**

Mar 12 First Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
 Mar 26-Mar 30 Spring Break / Good Friday Observed (No School)
 Apr 2 (No School)
 May 24 Last Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
 May 25 Teacher Professional Day (No School)
 May 28 Memorial Day (No School)

First Day of classes (1-12): Thurs, 8/17/17
 Winter Break & Teacher Workday: Thurs, 12/21/17 - Tues, 1/2/18
 Spring Break: Mon, 3/26/18 - Mon, 4/2/18
 Last Day of Classes: Thurs, 5/24/18

One (1) Hour Early Release

Sep 28, Oct 19, Jan 25, Mar 15

Interim Reports

9/20/2017
 11/21/2017
 2/06/2018
 4/20/2018

Grade Cards

10/26/2017
 1/05/2018
 3/20/2018
 5/24/2018 (Elementary)
 6/07/2018 (MS & HS Mailed)

Parent Teacher Conference/Comp Day

Oct 22 & 23 Elementary & Middle School **ONLY** (No School)
 Sep 18 High School **ONLY** (No School)
 Feb 19 High School **ONLY** (No School)

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

First Period **8/16/18 - 10/17/18**

Aug 13 Westerville Educator Day (No School)
 Aug 14 & 15 Teacher Professional Days (No School)
 Aug 16 Classes Begin (1-12)
 Aug 21 Classes Begin (PK-KG)
 Sep 3 Labor Day (No School)
 Sep 21 Conf/Comp Days (**No School - HS ONLY**)
 Oct 17 Last Day of Classes (First Grading Period)

Second Period **10/18/18 - 12/19/18**

Oct 18 First Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
 Oct 19 Central OEA/NEA Day (No School)
 Oct 25-26 Conf/Comp Days (**No School - Elem/MS ONLY**)
 Nov 6 Westerville Educator Day (No School)
 Nov 21 No School
 Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
 Dec 19 Last Day of Classes (Second Grading Period)
 Dec 20 Teacher Professional Day (No School)
 Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Break (No School)
 Jan 2 Teacher Professional Day (No School)

Third Period **1/3/19 - 3/8/19**

Jan 3 Classes resume (Third Grading Period)
 Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
 Feb 8 Parent-Teacher Conf/Comp Days (**No School - HS ONLY**)
 Feb 18 Presidents Day (No School)
 Mar 8 Last Day of Classes (Third Grading Period)

Fourth Period **3/11/19 - 5/23/19**

Mar 11 First Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
 Mar 25-Mar 29 Spring Break (No School)
 Apr 19 No School
 May 23 Last Day of Classes (Fourth Grading Period)
 May 24 Teacher Professional Day (No School)
 May 25 Commencement: Ohio Expo/Celeste Center
 WCHS@10:00 AM / WSHS@2:00 PM / WNHS@6:00 PM
 May 27 Memorial Day (No School)

First Day of classes (1-12): Thurs, 8/16/18
 Winter Break & Teacher Workday: Thurs, 12/20/18 - Tues, 1/2/19
 Spring Break: Mon, 3/25/19 - Fri, 3/29/19
 Last Day of Classes: Thurs, 5/23/19

One (1) Hour Early Release

Sep 27, Oct 18, Jan 31, Mar 14

Interim Reports

Sep 19, Nov 20, Feb 6, Apr 18

Grade Cards

Oct 24, Jan 7, Mar 18, May 23 (Elem), Jun 6 (MS & HS mailed)



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