

Strengthening the Connection Between Our Schools and Community

Superintendent's Update

Dear Brecksville-Broadview
Heights City Schools Community,

Welcome to this inaugural edition of the community-wide BBHCSD newsletter, which will serve to inform our important stakeholders and residents of top-level updates taking place throughout our school. From time-to-time, the district will mail these hard copies so that our households can have tangible updates informing them of student, staff, and school successes and important updates. Without question, great strides are being taken in the BBHCSD, and district leadership is intent on keeping you informed of these achievements.



*Superintendent
Jeffrey D. Harrison*

The first few weeks of the 2023-2024 school year have successfully and safely unfolded, as classes began on Monday, August 21st. Since then, our fall athletic season has taken place at the High School and Middle School, the annual Homecoming Festivities prompted school spirit and camaraderie for our school district, and the elementary school has kicked off the year in fine fashion, effectively serving our youngest students. In all, the fall has been characterized with success, accomplishment, and protecting the banner of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools.

Inside this publication, readers will have the opportunity to learn about important updates and successes at each of the buildings in our school community. One such important update is the top-rated 5-star ranking earned by the BBHCSD on the most recent state report card. Achieving 5-star status is the state's highest rating, and encouragingly, the district continues improving its score! A full article



The 2023-2024 school year is successfully underway in the BBHCSD!

is enclosed inside. This newsletter also features an update from Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School and stories from the Elementary School as well. Hope you enjoy this fall edition of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Buzz Newsletter, designed to strengthen our communication with the community.

GO BEES!

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent of School

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Bee Your Best. Bee the Future. Bee One Community.

GREAT STORIES TAKING PLACE FROM THROUGHOUT THE BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BBHCSD Receives State's Top Rating for Academic Excellence

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools received a 5-star top rating on the Ohio State Report Card, which was recently released to the public, demonstrating a significant achievement from last year to this year, and even elevating its scores in certain metrics. Overall, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools' combined score is 5 stars, meaning that the district significantly exceeds state standards in all aspects of academic achievement. Our Performance Index, which measures the test results of every student districtwide, is an impressive 106.4 demonstrating nearly a two-point increase from last year, and continued improvement since coming out of the pandemic. This means that on the aggregate, BBHCSD is continually moving students from one performance level to the next (e.g., from proficient to accomplished; from accomplished to advanced). Our Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, Early Literacy, and College, Career, and Workforce and Military Readiness metrics all significantly exceed, or exceed state standards for academic excellence and the opportunity to learn. Over the last several years, the BBHCSD has continually gotten stronger, and we will continue to strengthen. Community members can use the search function to type in our school to review our district's full state report card at <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov>. Congratulations to everyone in our Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools family.

Overall Rating: 5 STARS!



- BBHCSD **significantly exceeds** state standards in all aspects of academic achievement.
- Performance Index increased to 106.4, a near two-point jump from last year, which measures test results of every student.
- Progress, Gap Closing, Graduation, College, Career, Workforce & Military Readiness significantly exceed state standards.
- Early Literacy exceeds state standards.
- Academic excellence is our top priority, and BBHCSD will continue its pursuit to significantly exceed state standards.

Congratulations everyone in the BBHCSD for earning 5 stars on the latest state report card.



Congratulations to our National Merit Semi-Finalists!

Congratulations High School Nation Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended Students

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School is excited to announce that several exceptional students from BBHHS have achieved the prestigious academic recognition of National Merit Semi-Finalists for the 2023 academic year. Please join us in recognizing Benjamin Brobst, Bridget Butler, Kate Butler, Hana Mazak, William Minatel, Arjun Sheth, and Evan Sugano.

To qualify as a 2023 National Merit Semi-Finalist, these students underwent a rigorous selection process. They excelled in the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as the initial screening tool. The 2023 qualification requirements included achieving a PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score that placed them among the highest-scoring students in the nation. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. The students' outstanding performance reflects their exceptional commitment to academic excellence and their ability to excel in challenging academic environments. They have not only demonstrated their own potential but have also brought honor to our community.

The BBHCSD also congratulates students Alex Zawadzki, Chris Reusser, Anthony Vitantonio, Dean Stumpfl, Alex Yeh, Evan Tsilimos, Juliana Sobeks, Izzy Brasher, and Becky Jenkins for earning the National Merit Commended Student recognition for 2023. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who took the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of 2023. There are roughly only 34,000 students across the United States who earn this designation from the hundreds of thousands of assessment takers.

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District takes immense pride in the accomplishments of these remarkable students. Their achievement as National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended students is a testament to the dedication and hard work of both students and educators in our district.



Congratulations Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School National Merit Commended Students!



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES FROM AROUND THE BBHCS D

BBHHS Ranks #5 in Cleveland Area and #27 in State of Ohio According to US News and World Report.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School was recently ranked #27 in the annual U.S. News and World Report evaluation of high schools throughout Ohio, and #5 in the Greater Cleveland area. The report, recently published and made public, reviews criteria and creates rankings based upon a set of specific metrics. Those include the fact that 58% of BBHHS students are enrolled in AP courses, passage rates on AP exams, and proficiency in stated courses such as mathematics, reading, science, and the overall graduation rate. Combined, these metrics create US News and World Report's evaluation scores in college readiness and breadth of college curriculum. Please visit our website to read more information about BBHHS's latest ranking with U.S. News and World Report.



New Book Vending Machine Promotes Reading at BBHES

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Elementary School is buzzing with excitement over the debut of a book vending machine for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The new book vending machine was purchased through a generous *Reading is Rewarding* grant from the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation and stocked with an assortment of engaging book titles by the BBHES PSO. Preschool through grade 5 students will have the opportunity to earn gold tokens to purchase a book of their choice through the building's PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) program by modeling positive behaviors and character traits. The book vending machine will serve as a powerful tool to help motivate students to **Bee their Best** academically and in how they behave, while fostering a greater love of reading and a lifelong commitment to learning.

BBHMS Celebrates Start with Hello Week, During Recent Homecoming Festivities in Effort to Bee One Community

Students and Staff at Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School put their own twist on Homecoming Week recently, by creating and celebrating "Start with Hello" Week, as a way to greet one another positively in an effort to **Bee One Community**. Affirming the district's Culture Playbook, each day during the week of September 18th, a different theme motivated kindness and compassion. Tuesday's "trusted adult day," encouraged students to dress up like their favorite teacher, "brighten someone's day," took place on Wednesday during this week, and "bee the best friend day," closed out the week on Friday. Students took fun advantage of using this themed spirit week to truly encourage one another, keep the culture of the building bright and positive, and lead by example for the entire school family about the importance of simply starting the day with a kind hello. Way to go, everyone involved!



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Treasurer's Report with Treasurer and CFO Craig G. Yaniglos



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Projecting and Planning for the Financial Realities in a Post-Pandemic Environment

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, the Treasurer's Office invites the community to review our top-level revenues and expenditures over the last five years, which are summarized below. My tenure as CFO began in February of 2020 just prior to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, and the resulting disruption from a traditional school year also impacted how treasurers approached public school finance. Adjusting for the bottom line, allocating federal funding and balancing that with a loss of state funding and curbed expenses due to the pandemic, all became reality-checks for school treasurers. Fortunately, as a District, the BBHCSd has excelled both academically and financially over the last five years due to thoughtful planning and preparation. Despite the pandemic, the district was able to make capital improvements to our facilities by properly allocating the influx of federal COVID-19 funding and our local permanent improvement funding, while keeping our general fund stable and healthy. Our finances were stabilized in 2017, when the voters passed a new operational levy which the district began receiving in 2018, and also helped avoid a looming deficit in 2018 and allowed the district to continue positive carryover balances thru June 30, 2023. However, the district is slated to break-even or reach our first deficit spend by June 30, 2024. Post-pandemic inflation has continued to soar, causing large increases to expenditures in services and supplies. These increases, coupled with limited revenue growth from the Fair School Funding Plan, will prompt the district to shift from positive carryover balances to deficit balances. Below is a short financial summary as we begin planning for our newest 5 year forecast, which will be due to the State of Ohio in November 2023. More information will be forthcoming through this newsletter. As always, you can contact the Treasurer's Office at any time with questions.

	As of June 30, 2020	As of June 30, 2021	As of June 30, 2022	As of June 30, 2023	Projected June 30, 2024
Total Revenues	\$52.8M	\$52.2M	\$53.0M	\$54.4M	\$55.1M
Total Expenditures	\$50.4	\$50.8M	\$51.6M	\$52.4M	\$55.4M
Excess/(deficit)	\$2.3M	\$1.4M	\$1.4M	\$2.0M	(\$290,117)

**Please Vote on Tuesday,
November 7th!**

The BBHCSd encourages our citizens to enact their right to vote on Tuesday, November 7th. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and remain open until 7:30 p.m. in Ohio. With any questions regarding voting or the upcoming elections, please contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-3200!

Enrollment Levels Off in Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools

Enrollment totals in all grades are experiencing a leveling-off across the board, and on behalf of the district, the BBHCSd wanted to share this information with the community. While the BBHCSd will continue to monitor enrollment totals on a regular basis, there is comfort and confidence in sharing this information with the community. Leveling enrollment totals at all grade levels help the BBHCSd more readily project for budgetary and operational considerations. Please be certain to check our website for up-to-date information, and the district will routinely update the community on matters of enrollment.

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