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INTRODUCING OUR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

We are committed to communicating effectively with our community, and this newsletter is one of the new ways we will share Troy City Schools' information, special events, celebrations, and stories.



A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Chris Piper, Troy City Schools

It is such an honor for me to serve as the Superintendent for Troy City Schools. In my first few months here I have witnessed first-hand what makes our schools an amazing place to learn and work. One thing I've learned is that we have much to celebrate. Two of our teachers won awards at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference, and one of our students took 1st Alternate out of 1,400 students at the State Science Fair in Columbus. And I encourage voters to make their voice heard on our permanent improvement levy November 6—remember, the renewal of this levy will not raise taxes.

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“Our school system is crucial to a strong community. The schools are key to a thriving business community that continues to grow. They are not only educating tomorrow’s workforce, they are uniting us as a community.”

—Kathi Roetter, Executive Director, Troy Area Chamber of Commerce



DISTRICT UPDATES

We continue in our commitment to district improvements with our strategic planning process.

You're invited to participate in a quick, 10-minute survey designed to gather input from all our stakeholders: students, parents, staff, community, etc. The survey will be available through Friday, November 16.

We are also hosting focus groups in the coming weeks, and will share those details with you soon!

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY HERE:

tinyurl.com/TroyStrategicPlan

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING INFORMATION

The Troy Board of Education holds regular meetings once each month at the Board of Education Office located at 500 N. Market St. Regular meetings generally take place on the second Monday of the month, with special meetings held as needed.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOARD MEETINGS AND MEMBERS:

troy.k12.oh.us/Board

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 19

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Troy City Schools once again partnered with Unity National Bank for our annual Unity in the Community service projects. School officials, along with our partners from Unity National Bank, engaged in various projects throughout our community including:

- Window washing and landscaping at the Troy Miami County Public Library
- External cleaning of Troy Health Partners Free Clinic
- Landscaping at Miami County YMCA
- Cleanup at Brukner Nature Center
- Cleanup at the Lincoln Center
- Office work at Hospice of Miami County
- Cleaning and organizing of medical equipment and donations at Give Medical Ministry

Thanks, Unity National Bank, for giving us the opportunity to gather for a great cause.





FACULTY FEATURE

We are proud to announce that two of our teachers have received awards at the recent Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM) conference! Laura Niswonger (second from left) was awarded the Miller/Werner OCTM Elementary Teacher State Award. And Michelle Owen (third from left) was awarded the OCTM Secondary Teacher of the West District for excellence in teaching high school mathematics. Also pictured is Math Coach Linda Price (far left) and Math Department Chairperson Jacqui Lehmkuhl (far right).

DID YOU KNOW? Anyone can request an absentee ballot anytime leading up to the election. Returned ballots have to be postmarked by November 5 (day before the election) to be counted.

STATE REPORT CARD RESULTS + NEXT STEPS

Troy City Schools earned the state average C on its report card. The district passed seven out of 24 state test indicators. The district passed third and fourth grade math, High School American US Government and US History, biology and end-of-the-course improvement indicators.

As a district, we will review the district's buildings and programs using the state report card data. The report card offers important benchmark data that helps us understand how our students are performing. We will analyze the data to find areas of strengths to build upon and areas of weakness to address. We will take a deep dive into the data to see how our district compares to others around us.

Access the report card, here:

reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/overview/044925

LEVY UPDATE

On November 6, voters will have the opportunity to **RENEW** a 1.1 mill Permanent Improvement Levy. **PASSAGE OF THIS LEVY WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES.**

Follow the district Facebook page [@troy.schools](https://www.facebook.com/troy.schools) for additional facts about the levy.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS DURING OUR NEXT COFFEE CHAT

Superintendent Chris Piper is hosting informal coffee chats at area restaurants once a month.

Join Chris to get to know him and share your feedback:

Oct. 29, 1-2 p.m.

Starbucks, 1914 W. Main St.

Nov. 19, 8-9 a.m.

Winans, 10 W. Main St.

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“It was awesome! Case Western is one of my top choices to go to college. If the first place winner doesn’t take the scholarship, I will!”

— Ella Furlong, on how she felt when she heard she won 1st Alternate



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Ella Furlong, 11th Grade

Congratulations to Ella Furlong for taking 1st Alternate out of 1,400 students at the State Science Fair in Columbus last spring!

Ella earned Superior ratings at both the County and District levels, earning a spot at the State Science Fair where she may earn a \$100,000 scholarship to Case Western Reserve University!

With her research and experimentation, Ella found that breastmilk could actually build a wall of its own proteins to fight off bacteria like E.coli and B. cereas as well as a series of molds. She also proved breastmilk increased the rate of stem cell growth.