

WINTER 2024

# CHIPP REPORT

## From the desk of... Superintendent Todd Osborn



Today's student versus students of the 1980's and 1990's

As a student I liked to ask the question, "Will this be on the test?" With an answer of YES, I wrote the information down, memorized and waited for the test. My parents and teachers consistently talked that I needed this information to get a job or go to college. Students today focus on their lifestyle. Teaching students on how to be successful in their careers or college when they leave high school is the primary focus.

Many of us worked in jobs for minimum wage, when I worked that was \$3.35 an hour. I did what I was asked to do because I would get paid for the work. Kids today are not focused on the pay but if they like the work. Designing engaging work for students is challenging for teachers, but a challenge they enjoy.

The choice of motivation is often extremely tough for students and teachers. At Chippewa we have challenged the teachers to get students to explain the why and how and do less with Who, What, Where and When. Why, because the information is at their fingertips. The goal is the motivated students will explore the concept deeper and with greater interest because they can choose the path. We still expect students to know the who, what, where and when, but that is not the primary focus. This philosophy is supported by major companies asking schools to produce workers that are drug free, reliable, (show up on time), problem solvers, good communicators, critical thinkers and are positive people.

When your child brings home their work and the directions require them to design, create, explore and investigate a different solution, keep in mind those verbs are motivating verbs intended to get the child's attention to further their learning of a subject. The child may hand in a project, report or solve a problem in a different manner than another child because they are owning their own learning. Yes, education has changed since, us parents, were in school, but teachers still focus on bringing their subject content to the students at their level in today's 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

Thank you for your continued support and I am honored to be the Chippewa Local Schools Superintendent, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Go Chipps!

From the Treasurer's Chair-

There are many positive things I would like to share with you--- specifically students' achievements via academics, sports and fine arts--- but I will leave that to others and focus on a topic of financial interest! Current conversation around the District centers on the increase in your real estate tax bills which are due on February 22nd. So, let me be an invisible part of those conversations and see if I can provide some clarification. First, some facts.

The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) oversees the full reappraisal (every 6 years) and the triennial update of property values. 2023 was a triennial update year for Wayne County. ODT mandated that Wayne County increase the total value of its residential property by 38%. The Wayne County Auditor submitted 3 update proposals. The first two proposals at 24% and 32.73% were rejected. The third proposal at 36.52% was accepted.

State law mandates that the effective millage rate for school districts cannot fall below 20 mills – Chippewa' current level. The effective millage rate is made up of 2 components: inside (non-voted) millage and outside (voted) millage. For Chippewa Schools, last year's effective millage consisted of inside mills of 4.2 and outside mills of 15.8 mill to reach the 20 mill floor.

The results of the State's mandated increase in property values caused a major increase in the outside millage to meet the 20 mill floor. Without the adjustment, this year's effective tax rate was at 15.66 mills (4.2 inside mills and 11.46 outside mill). The adjustment of 4.34 mill to bring the effective millage up to the 20 mill floor moved the outside millage rate from 11.46 to 15.80 mills which was applied to residential property values that had just been increased by 36.52%.

Hopefully I have not lost you through the above maze. I know it is technical. I believe everything stated is factual. Now, let me step back from the facts above and share MY perspective. State funding of public schools is based in part on the wealth of a school district and the wealth of our school district just went up significantly. As the wealth of a District increases, the amount of State funding decreases. I believe that over the next few years that the local support through property taxes, currently at 38-39%, will increase to the mid-40% with a substantial decrease in State support. In summary, I believe that our real estate revenues will increase significantly with a similar decrease in State funding as the State attempts to shift more of the financial responsibility for educating our children to the local level.

For more information, please visit the Wayne County Auditor's web site ([waynecountyauditor.org](http://waynecountyauditor.org)) to see a comparison of all the school districts in Wayne County. Good News: we have the lowest, unadjusted effective tax rate in the County. Calls or visits to my office to discuss school finances are always appreciated and encouraged.

Scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year has begun here at Chippewa Junior Senior High School. Students in grades 8-11 will have their course selection sheet available to them in early February. Students at Chippewa have many opportunities available, including accelerated and advanced courses, College Credit Plus as well as electives in many subject areas. April and Jenna, the School Counselors are giving information in classes to students and then meeting individually with each student to go over their personal graduation plan.

If students are interested in finding out more about the descriptions of any course please check out the Course Selection Book on the Chippewa website under the Jr. Sr. High Guidance page. School Counselors are always available to continue to meet with students regarding their future plans and to assist in choosing the best options to explore and prepare for personal goals.

Any students interested in taking a College Credit Plus (CCP) course in the 24-25 school year will need to attend, with a parent, a State required presentation on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Jr. Sr. High school.

As always, if any parents have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to April or Jenna in the Guidance office for assistance.



From the desk of...

Jamie Zollinger

Principal, Chippewa Intermediate School

Chippewa Intermediate students are working hard in classes each day. Our teachers blend technology into daily learning through incorporating video newscasts, reports, coding, and ebooks. Currently our 3rd graders are working on publishing a book through Student Treasures, fractions, matter and mapping. 4th graders are working on informational texts/biographies, five paragraph essays, fractions, Ohio history, and electrical circuits. 5th graders are working on text structures, a dodecahedron project, ancient civilizations of the western hemisphere, space science unit, fractions and mixed numbers. 6th grade is working on phase changes on a molecular level, multi-tiered timelines, nonfiction texts and multiplicative thinking.

Our CIS Student Council was busy in November and December. Student Council hosted a Senior Citizens dinner for Thanksgiving, serving over 95 Senior Citizens. We collected over 1,500 items for our community canned food drive that is donated to our Doylestown Food Cupboard. Student Council also hosted Donuts with Grown-Ups, which had tremendous support from our families.

Kindness Club has been working on spreading kindness at our school and throughout our community. In December our Kindness Club students decorated the hallways with snowflakes that described their Acts of Kindness. Currently, Kindness Club is collecting aluminum can pull tabs for Akron Ronald McDonald house. We will be collecting all year with a goal of 1,000 pounds. Each grade level is competing to see who can bring in the most weight in pull tabs. The final day to turn in is Wednesday, May 29th.

Every day our teachers are providing strong educational experiences that allow our students to thrive in the classrooms. Thank you for supporting our schools.



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From the desk of...

Angela Deiotte

Principal, Hazel Harvey Elementary School

### **Preschool Registration**

Preschool applications for the 2024-2025 school year will be available for pick up in the Hazel Harvey office beginning Thursday, February 1st. Children must be 3 on or before August 1st, 2024. We will schedule you for a date and time to return all forms when you pick up the packet. (Your preschooler does not need to be with you when returning registration packets.) Please call the office at 330-658-2522 with any questions.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

A very warm welcome to our newest CHIPPS - the Chippewa Class of 2037! We are excited to have you and your family as part of the Chippewa Local School District Community. Please mark your calendars- Spring Kindergarten Registration and Screening will take place on April 17 & 18, 2024.

