

# C CHIPP REPORT

## SPRING 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As another school year comes to a close, I want to pause and appreciate the achievements and transformations that have defined our year. Summer always brings a sense of accomplishment and anticipation, and this year is no exception.

At the forefront of our celebrations is a heartfelt congratulations to our Treasurer, Ira Hamman, who retired at the end of

this school year. Ira was a loyal steward of our district's finances, always championing transparency, fiscal responsibility and investment in student success. On behalf of our entire community, I thank Ira for his years of dedicated service and wish him all the best in this well-earned retirement.

On a more personal note, this message carries additional significance for me. After serving as Superintendent of Chippewa Local Schools since 2019, I will be stepping down from my role on July 31, 2025. This district has meant more to me than words can capture. Serving as superintendent has been the honor of my professional life, a role that challenged, inspired and fulfilled me in ways I never expected. From our incredible staff and students to our devoted families and supportive community partners, the people of Chippewa are what make this district extraordinary.

I'm also proud to share that the Board of Education has named Timothy W. Adams as the next Superintendent, effective August

1, 2025. Tim is an alumni of Chippewa and his passion for this community is unmatched. I know he will lead Chippewa with strength, purpose and a deep sense of pride in the place he calls home.

While I'm stepping away from the superintendent's desk, I'm not leaving the district I love just yet. Beginning August 1, 2025, I will continue serving Chippewa Local Schools in a new administrative role through July 31, 2026. During that time, I'll help mentor incoming leaders Tim Adams and Ken Gasser, assist with contract negotiations and support key district initiatives. I'll also help lead facility improvements including the Chippewa Intermediate School addition and renovations as well as the development of a new athletic training facility at Serpentine Stadium.

Please take time to read through the rest of this newsletter. It's filled with stories of student success and innovative learning opportunities that reflect our district's commitment to inspiring every student and empowering every future.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your students' lives. I will forever be #ChippewaProud.

Wishing you a safe and joyful summer break.

**Todd Osborn**  
*Superintendent*

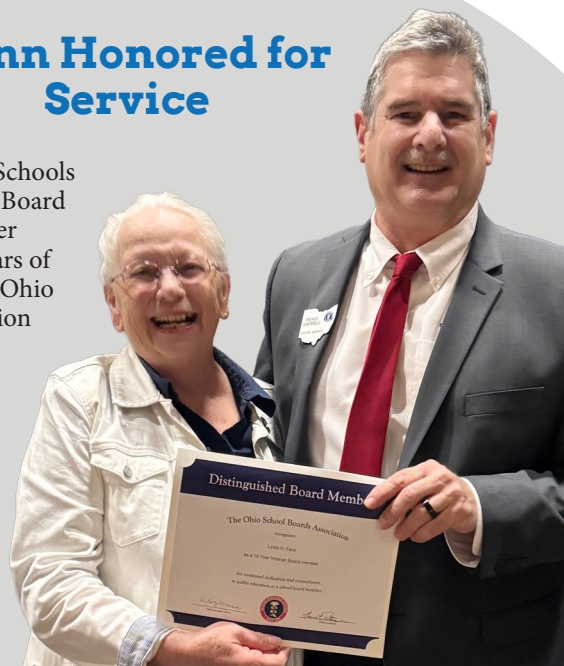
### Adams to Lead the District That Raised Him

Chippewa Local Schools is welcoming one of its own into a new leadership role. Timothy W. Adams, a proud 1999 Chippewa graduate and current junior/senior high school principal, has been tapped to lead the district as its next superintendent. Known for his passion, vision and dedication to students, Adams brings a wealth of experience and a heart for the community he calls home. Superintendent Todd Osborn will officially pass the torch when he steps down on July 31, 2025.



### Fenn Honored for Service

Chippewa Local Schools proudly celebrates Board of Education member Linda Fenn for 10 years of dedicated service. The Ohio School Boards Association honored Fenn with special recognition for her commitment and impact. Her leadership continues to shape the district and support our schools.



## From the Treasurer's Chair

As I retire, I find myself reflecting on the time I've spent with Chippewa Local Schools. It's been a privilege to serve this district, and I'm incredibly grateful for the relationships, memories and milestones we've shared. There is something truly special about the Chipps community, and I will always cherish the support and kindness shown to me over the past 4 years. While it's bittersweet to say goodbye, I'm also looking forward to slowing down a bit and spending more time with my family, perhaps even picking up a hobby or two.

Change is never easy, but I leave with complete confidence in the district's future. The Board of Education has laid out a thoughtful and strategic plan for the transition in the treasurer's office. I am excited to see Ken Gasser have the opportunity to step into a new leadership role next summer. Ken has been a dedicated educator in our district for nearly two decades, teaching math and guiding the Robotics Program with passion and precision. I am confident that he will carry this responsibility with integrity and purpose.

If I can leave one final message to my colleagues and friends, it is this: Navigating change can be challenging, and Chippewa is experiencing plenty of it. With a new high school principal, a superintendent transition ahead, changes in the treasurer's department and construction underway at Chippewa Intermediate School, you're stepping into a new chapter. It's natural to feel uneasy, but this is also a time for growth. Fasten your seatbelts, expect new things and enjoy the ride!. I encourage you to extend grace, stay grounded in your purpose and support one another through the bumps. Embracing change together makes everyone stronger.

It has been an honor to serve Chippewa Local Schools. I've learned

so much, grown both personally and professionally, and have been fortunate to work alongside some very talented and caring individuals. This district has meant the world to me, and while I may be stepping away from my role, I will always be cheering you on. Thank you for the memories and for allowing me to be a part of this incredible journey.

One last time,  
**Ira Hammon**  
*Treasurer*



## Recognizing Excellence

Chippewa Local Schools has once again earned the Ohio Auditor of State's Excellence in Financial Reporting award, recognizing the district's commitment to transparency and sound fiscal management. This marks the second consecutive year the district and its financial team have received this honor, which would not have been possible without the entire school district's help.

## A Note of Appreciation from the Board of Education

The Board of Education would like to take a moment to recognize and thank Mr. Osborn—not simply for the years he has served as Superintendent—but for the meaningful results of his leadership.

Under Mr. Osborn's guidance, Chippewa Schools didn't just move forward—we redefined our direction. He helped us move beyond the challenges of the past and brought our community together around a shared purpose: to make Chippewa "The Place To Be." He prioritized safety across the district, securing multiple grants and leveraging permanent improvement funds to enhance security measures and improve facilities. He also led the charge to restore pride in our athletic spaces—designing the plan to install turf on a stadium field that had once been condemned and unplayable.

While we may not yet have the best facilities in the area, we've made significant progress. In addition to the turf field, improvements were made to building structures, the track, and surrounding grounds—creating spaces that are not only safer and more functional for our students, but more enjoyable for our community. Through strategic planning and collaboration with the Wayne County Community Foundation and the All Sports Booster Club, Mr. Osborn helped us chart a path forward—one that could lead to sustainable funding and long-term maintenance of those facilities.

Academically, Chippewa now boasts a 97% graduation rate, a growing number of College Credit Plus offerings, and we've proudly earned recognition as the top-rated school district in Wayne County,

as well as a 5-star rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. A defining moment of Mr. Osborn's tenure is the successful addition of Chippewa Intermediate School, transitioning us into a true two-campus district. This move will finally allow us to leave behind an elementary building that had been condemned since the 1990s and to provide a safer, modern, and more supportive learning environment for our students.

Looking ahead, his leadership laid the groundwork for offering Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes on-site—broadening opportunities for students to gain hands-on skills and workforce readiness without leaving our district.

This academic growth is a direct result of Mr. Osborn's commitment to innovation in education—particularly through his emphasis on Problem-Based Learning, technology integration, and expanding access to real-world learning pathways.

The growth and renewed sense of pride in Chippewa Schools are the clearest reflection of Mr. Osborn's leadership and vision.

Mr. Osborn, on behalf of the board and our entire community—thank you.

**John Mertic**  
*President*  
Chippewa Local Schools Board of Education



## Gasser Prepares for Treasurer

Big news for Chippewa — longtime math teacher Ken Gasser is gearing up to become our next treasurer in June 2026. He'll spend the next year learning the ropes alongside Shared Services Alliance and diving into school finance. With nearly two decades of service at our district, he is well prepared to serve the district in this new role.



## Welcome Becky Dickerhoof

Pending Board of Education approval on June 30, we're excited to welcome Becky Dickerhoof as our new junior and senior high school guidance counselor. She brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to supporting students throughout their middle and high school journey. We're excited to have her on the team—welcome, Becky!

## Firefighters at Hazel Harvey



Hazel Harvey's Students of the Month got a sweet surprise when Fire Chief Joyce Forrer and Rob Heller stopped by with donuts and words of wisdom. The visit was full of smiles, stories and encouragement, as these community heroes inspired our young leaders to keep shining bright. We're

grateful for strong community connections that make moments like these possible and remind our students they are supported both in and out of the classroom.

## Third Graders Walk Through Time

Chippewa's third graders are diving into history with a dynamic project-based learning experience that explores how our schools have changed over the years. Their final creations include vibrant posters filled with photos, dates and powerful captions that showcase the district's rich past and current building expansion. This hands-on project connects the classroom to the community and celebrates the growth of CIS and Chippewa Local Schools.



## Honoring our 2025 Retirees

The Chippewa Board of Education recently honored this year's retirees. On behalf of the board, students, staff and community, THANK YOU for your contributions and dedication over the years. You have made a lasting impact, and we wish you all the best in your well-earned retirement.

- Ira Hamman
- Joan Kays
- Michael Santee
- Marilyn Roehrich
- Brenda Wilson
- Linda Matye



## Newsies Brings the House Down

Chippewa Jr./Sr. High brought the house down recently with showstopping performances of "Newsies." From bold vocals to captivating acting, our students and staff lit up the stage and left the crowd cheering for more.



## Congratulations Class of 2025!

Go chase your dreams and change the world, we'll be cheering you on every step of the way.








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## Robotics Champs Reign Supreme

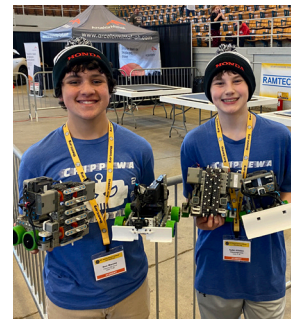
We are proud to celebrate a talented team of Chippewa High School students who showcased their skills at the National Robotics Challenge in Marion, Ohio, in early April, competing among 1,500 students and 523 robots from 17 states and Puerto Rico. Representing our district with excellence, 12 students entered 13 robots across five competitions, earning several top honors for their hard work and innovation:

- Ashleigh Starkey – Gold, Micromouse
- Xavier Zollinger & Andrew Yost – Gold, 20 lb Sumo Robot
- Ayden Kitchen – Gold, Mini Sumo
- Daniel Wilson & Abby Sines – Bronze, Rescue Robot
- Keegan Gruver – Honda Innovation Award, Box Bot

## SAVE THE DATE: Empty Bowl Project Fundraiser Event

**Saturday, October 18, 2025 12-2 p.m. at  
Chippewa Intermediate School**

Join us for the 10th annual Doylestown Empty Bowl Project on Oct. 18 and help fight local hunger with a simple meal of soup and bread. Proceeds support the Doylestown Community Food Cupboard and the school backpack program, providing food for nearly 500 neighbors including 150 children each weekend. Follow “Empty Bowl - Doylestown Community Food Cupboard” on Facebook for event details.



## Important Back-To-School Dates

**August 13-15** – Staff Work Days

**August 18** – Convocation Day

**August 19** – First Day of School for Students

**September 1** – Labor Day (No School)

**September 8** – Fair Day (No School)