



CHIPP REPORT

FALL 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Chippewa Community,

What an incredible start to the school year! From the first day of classes our students, staff, and families have shown what it means to be Chipp Strong—bringing energy, commitment, and pride to everything they do.

We're thrilled to share that Chippewa earned a **4.5 out of 5 stars** on the 2024–2025 Ohio School Report Card— and earned the **highest performance index rating of any district in Wayne County!** We received perfect **5-star ratings in Achievement, Gap Closing, and Graduation**, including an improvement in our Graduation score from last year. Our Early Literacy and Progress ratings also remain strong. A new measure, **College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness**, highlights the intentional work already happening across our district to prepare students for life after high school.

This fall, our students have truly shined. Whether it's on the field, on stage, or in the classroom, they continue to impress. Our athletes compete with passion and perseverance. Our marching band lights up every performance with energy and school spirit. And our student artists received **top recognition at the Wayne County Fair**, showcasing creativity and excellence.

School spirit is on the rise, and the energy is contagious. This was especially clear during our recent community parade and bonfire, along with Reading Under the Lights —two unforgettable nights! Students, families, staff, and alumni came together in an

incredible display of unity and support. The turnouts were inspiring and the atmosphere electric. Events like these remind us that **WE ARE CHIPPEWA**—a district rooted in tradition, driven by excellence, and strengthened by community. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so special.

We're also excited to share that construction at Chippewa Intermediate School (CIS) is moving along beautifully. The positive momentum of the project is undeniable, and it's energizing to see progress that will directly enhance the learning and instructional environment for our students, staff, and families. This facility upgrade will not only improve day-to-day experiences but also reflect the high standards we hold for education in our district. We look forward to seeing this vision come to life and appreciate the continued support and patience of our community throughout the process.

We're proud of the momentum we've built and excited for what's ahead. Chippewa is a place where students rise, families engage, and educators go above and beyond. The year is off to an amazing start, and we're just getting started.

Read on to learn about **exciting construction updates**, the latest from CIS, a **special visit from Dr. Reed Johnson to Hazel Harvey**, and much more. Thank you for your continued support—and as always, **Go Chippis!**

Tim Adams
Superintendent , Chippewa Local Schools

Fair Fever

Our incredible students wowed the crowds at the Wayne County Fair with creativity, skill and school spirit on full display. From colorful artwork to inspiring performances to impressive agriculture projects, Chippewa students showed what it means to learn, lead and excel. We are so proud of the many ways they represented our district with talent and heart!



From the Treasurer's Chair



Hello Chippewa Community! My name is Ken Gasser, and I am honored to serve as your new Treasurer. After nearly two decades in the classroom here at Chippewa, it is a privilege to continue serving this district in a new way. I am grateful for the trust you have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence, responsibility, and community partnership that defines Chippewa.

This district has shaped much of my professional life, and I am excited to take on a role where I can help ensure that every dollar is used wisely to help every student thrive. Sound financial management is the foundation of strong schools, and Chippewa has a long history of making every dollar count—by focusing resources where they matter most: classrooms, student programs, and safe, well-maintained facilities.

To give you a snapshot of our funding sources, think of our budget as a single dollar:

- 36¢ comes from the State of Ohio, though that share has steadily declined.
- 13¢ comes from public utility taxes, including the NEXUS pipeline, which has generated less than initially projected.

- 26¢ comes from local property taxes.
- 17¢ comes from our 1% earned income tax.
- The remaining 8¢ comes from grants, fees, and other sources.

With nearly half of our revenue coming in below early expectations, local support continues to play a vital role in sustaining our schools. Careful planning is therefore essential. The district uses multi-year forecasts to anticipate challenges, avoid surprises, and keep spending focused on the classroom.

We also look for ways to maximize every investment. For example, when the district contributed \$10,000 toward new stadium cameras, a state grant covered the remaining \$30,000. That \$40,000 safety upgrade came at just a quarter of the cost to the district—an example of the good stewardship we strive to bring to every decision.

Transparency is a priority. If you ever have questions about district finances or how your tax dollars support student learning, I encourage you to reach out to the Treasurer's Office at 330-658-6700 or visit us online at chippewa.k12.oh.us.

Ken Gasser
Incoming Treasurer, Chippewa Local Schools

Building the Future: CIS Construction Updates

Exciting progress is unfolding at Chippewa Intermediate School (CIS) where renovations and a major expansion are transforming the building into a future-ready hub for learning. From a brand-new roof with a 20-year warranty to upgraded electric service and brand-new windows throughout the building, these improvements are designed to enhance both comfort and functionality for students and staff. The updated audio systems in every classroom, complete with ceiling-mounted speakers and teacher microphones, ensure every voice is heard clearly while an emergency call system adds another layer of safety by directly alerting the main office, SRO and principals if an issue arises.

The building refresh doesn't stop there. Refurbished classrooms are being tailored for younger learners with new ceiling and floor tiles. A redesigned bathroom in the former girls' locker room area adds convenience for students. Meanwhile, the new addition to CIS will house six modern classrooms as well as dedicated spaces for speech, occupational and physical therapy, guidance counseling and the Board of Education offices. With spacious new meeting rooms and streamlined services under one roof, this expansion is all about meeting student needs while planning smart for the future.



Chippewa Shines on State Report Card

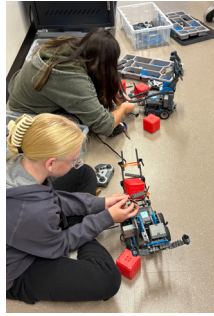


Chippewa Local Schools is shining bright with an incredible 4.5 out of 5 stars on the 2024-2025 Ohio School Report Card, earning the top spot in Wayne County! This achievement celebrates the unstoppable drive of our students, the passion of our staff and the

powerful support of our families and community. Together we are proving that at Chippewa, excellence isn't just a goal but who we are every day.

Jr./Sr. High Takes Lead

Chippewa Jr./Sr. High is buzzing with energy as students take the lead in the classroom and beyond. They're running discussions, setting goals, designing projects and even planning their own pep rallies—yes, really. From Spirit Committee-led events to bold new traditions like murals and student art in the office, Chippewa pride is everywhere you look. Teachers are leaning in too, using Chipp Time to explore fresh ways to support student voice and choice. It's more than school spirit—it's student-powered momentum, and it's just getting started.



Bee-lieve It!

Hazel Harvey second graders got a buzzing surprise when Dr. Reed Johnson from The Ohio State University Wooster Campus stopped by to talk all things bees. Students explored the life of a hive, learned about bee health and even got to pet a real drone bee with no stingers and no worries. It was a sweet hands-on lesson that left everyone buzzing with excitement.



Full Speed Ahead at CIS

CIS roared into the new school year with energy and excitement as students tackled new challenges and hands-on learning. Construction progress continues to move quickly, adding to the buzz around campus. Third graders are mastering addition and map skills while learning to play their first instruments. Fourth grade is exploring Ohio's early history, fifth grade is diving into decimals and paper mâché and sixth graders are classifying rocks and creating art. It's already shaping up to be a fantastic year at CIS!



A Hoppy Surprise

Recess turned into an adventure when Hazel Harvey students discovered a family of bunnies nestled on the playground. The unexpected visitors quickly captured everyone's hearts and became the talk of the day. With care and a little help from staff the bunnies were safely relocated to a cozy new home in the nearby forest, a happy ending for our furry friends and a memorable moment for our students.



Science Gets Sweet

Mrs. Nemet's sixth grade scientists turned curiosity into discovery during their Gobstopper candy experiment. They watched the colorful sweets dissolve in water, then changed one variable to see how the results would differ. It was a vivid lesson in observation, experimentation and the power of asking "what if?"



Literacy Night Lights Up the Night

On October 2, families rolled into the stadium for "Camping Under the Stars" Literacy Night where books met bonfires in the best way possible. With help from high school athletes, students fished for letters, tossed corn hole with phonics and cozied up for campfire stories with Mrs. Dannemiller and her furry sidekick Webster. The night ended with a teacher race in blow up costumes and big smiles all around—it was a page turning success from start to finish.





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Friday Night Fuel

Friday nights in Chippewa have been filled with excitement as fans pack the stands to cheer on our football team. The energy is electric with the band setting the beat, the cheerleaders leading the crowd and our athletes giving it their all on the field. It's community spirit at its best.



Sixth Graders Take on Camp Nuhop

In early October, our sixth graders packed their bags and headed to Camp Nuhop for an unforgettable overnight adventure. Students pushed boundaries, built friendships and made memories that will last all year. It was two days of fresh air, fun and fearless learning.