CHIPP REPORT
FALL 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Chippewa Community,

Fall has officially arrived in Chippewa country, and with it comes crisp mornings, changing leaves, Friday night lights, and a lot happening across our schools and community.

This school year is off to a great start, and I continue to be impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of our students and staff. From our classrooms and hallways to the athletic fields and activities, there is a lot of positive momentum throughout Chippewa Local Schools. We have certainly experienced our share of changes this year, but our students and staff continue to step up, adjust, and make the most of every opportunity.

One of the things we have to celebrate is Chippewa's **4 out of 5 stars on the most recent Ohio School Report Card**. A rating of three stars means a district meets state standards, while four stars indicates that we are exceeding those standards. This is a great reflection of the hard work and commitment of our students, teachers, staff, and families. While we know there is always more work to do, this is certainly something we should be proud of.

And there is plenty more happening across the district. Our fifth graders have stepped up as leaders and role models for our younger students, our seventh-grade students put their math and problem-solving skills to the test building marshmallow towers, and our student-athletes continue to accomplish some great things. Our marching band has also been busy preparing and competing in contests, representing Chippewa proudly, showcasing their hard work and dedication even competing at THE Ohio State University. We also recently celebrated Hometown Heroes Night, providing us with an opportunity to recognize and thank the many people who serve and protect our communities every day. Read on to discover these stories and more!

As we look ahead, Chippewa voters will see a **renewal of the district's existing 1% school district earned income tax** on the November 3 ballot. This is a renewal of an existing tax that is already being collected. If approved, the renewal would continue the tax for another five years, with **no change to the current rate**. Additional information is available at chippewaschools.org, or you may contact Treasurer Ken Gasser at ken.gasser@chippewaschools.com or (330) 658-6700.

There is a lot to be proud of at Chippewa, and I am thankful for the continued support of our families and community. Whether you are helping with homework, getting students out the door in the morning, supporting our activities and athletics, volunteering your time, or simply encouraging our students, it all makes a difference. Thank you for continuing to be part of the Chippewa team. I am excited about where we are headed and look forward to all that is still ahead this school year.

Go Chipps!

Tim Adams
Superintendent, Chippewa Local Schools

Delaney Marshall Hits 100!



One hundred goals. Let that sink in. Delaney Marshall found the back of the net for the 100th time in her career during the Lady Chipps' matchup at Northwestern, joining an elite club few high school players ever reach. The All-American has been lighting up scoreboards for years, and this milestone puts an exclamation point on a remarkable career. Way to go, Delaney!

Honoring Our Hometown Heroes





Some Friday nights are about more than football. Hometown Heroes Night gave us the chance to recognize the people who show up for our communities when we need them most. Members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office presented the colors before kickoff as law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, and other local heroes lined the track.

Nearby, a banner honored Rittman Police Sgt. Scott Ries, a Chippewa alum who devoted his career to protecting others. It was a meaningful reminder of the service and sacrifice behind the uniforms we see throughout our community.

On the field, the Chipps came away with the win in the rivalry matchup with Rittman. But the night truly belonged to the heroes on the sidelines and to two communities standing side by side. We are grateful for the chance to thank these individuals for all they do, and proud to have spent such a special evening alongside so many of our hometown heroes.

A Stellar Report Card

The results are in, and Chippewa is shining bright! The district earned 4 out of 5 stars on the most recent Ohio School Report Card, a rating that means Chippewa exceeds state standards. Hats off to our students, staff and families for making that kind of success happen every single day!

From the Treasurer's Chair

Ohio School Funding: Splitting the Bill



Property taxes and school funding have received a lot of attention in Ohio. One simple way to understand the issue is to think of funding our schools as **splitting a bill between the state and the local community**.

In Ohio, local communities are being asked to pick up a relatively large portion of that bill. In FY2022, Ohio ranked **45th among the 50 states in the percentage of K–12 operating revenue provided by the state**—34.2%, compared with 43.7% nationally.

But there is another problem: **Ohio is splitting an outdated bill.** The Fair School Funding Plan first estimates what it should cost to educate students and then determines how much of that cost should be paid by the state and how much should be supported locally. While the formula updates property values and income to measure a community's ability to pay, many of the costs used to calculate the bill are still based on FY2022 data.

Imagine splitting a restaurant bill using today's incomes to decide who can afford to pay more—but using an old menu to estimate what the meal costs. **The actual bill has gone up, but the amount being divided has not kept pace.**

We can see the effect at Chippewa. Our state share percentage fell from 31.2% in September 2022 to 15.9% in September 2026. The formula sees increased local property values and assigns more of the calculated cost locally, even though higher property values do not produce an equal increase in operating revenue.

At Chippewa, we remain focused on what we can control. We regularly review staffing, purchased services, insurance, contracts, and programs to use taxpayer resources responsibly while providing our students an excellent education.

This November, residents will see Chippewa's existing 1% earned-income tax on the ballot for renewal. A renewal would not increase the tax rate. If approved, the five-year renewal would begin January 1, 2028, after the current tax expires, and would continue supporting the district's operating expenses.

Questions about district finances?

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Sources: *Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI); U.S. Census Bureau; Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.*

Ken Gasser
Treasurer, Chippewa Local Schools

FY2022

Ohio Ranking **45th** among the 50 states

state share of K-12 funding

43.7%
National Percentage (in state share)

34.2%
Ohio Percentage (in state share)

TODAY

School Funding State Share

31.2% September 2022 → **15.9%** September 2026

BALLOT KEY FACTS

It's a **renewal**. Not a new tax.

Chippewa voters will decide whether to continue the district's existing 1% school district earned income tax for another five years. The rate does not change.

1%
Residents with taxable earned income would continue paying 1% — exactly what they pay today.

IN PLACE SINCE 2007
Voters first approved the tax in 2007 and last renewed it in 2022. The current term runs through 2027.

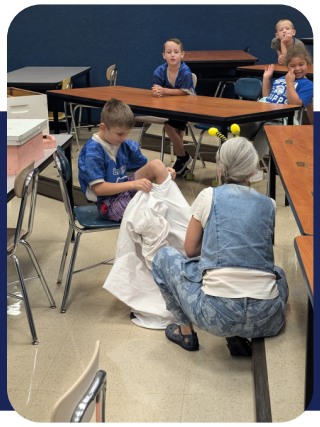
WHAT IS TAXED?
EARNED INCOME ONLY
Wages, salaries, tips and self-employment income. Not Social Security, pensions or other retirement income.

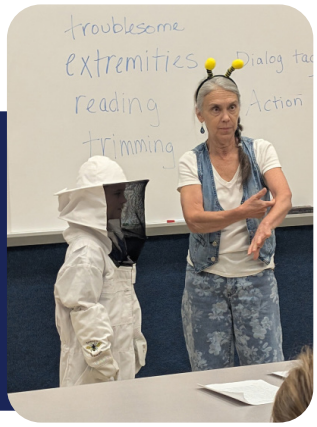
Elementary Adventures

Second Grade Is Abuzz

Second graders got a sweet treat on Friday, August 28, when author Andi Michelson visited to share the nuts and bolts of writing. The Doylestown Friends of the Library organized the special event, giving our young readers a behind-the-scenes look at how a story comes to life.

Students also enjoyed a read-aloud of her book, *Queen Bea*, and talked it over with Mrs. Genet and Mrs. Lewis. The story teaches readers how not to be a queen bee and shares fun facts about how bees work together. Mrs. Breudigam kept the hive humming in social studies, where students explored the science of bees and what it means to be part of a community.











New Year, New Beginnings

What a start! Our students have settled into the new school year beautifully, and the halls are already full of smiles. Our fifth graders have stepped up as fantastic leaders for our youngest Chipps, showing them the ropes with kindness and confidence. And the new playground additions? A certified hit.

A big thank-you to our families, too. With arrival and dismissal routines still new, your patience and support have made all the difference. We couldn't ask for a better team.

Jr./Sr. High Happenings

Sky-High Success

Who knew marshmallows could be so mathematical? Seventh-grade math students took on the Marshmallow Challenge, working to engineer the tallest freestanding structure they could. Ashton and Robert claimed the crown with a tower that soared 23.5 inches, proving that a little geometry and a lot of teamwork can take you to new heights.

Building It, Testing It, Graphing It

Labs across the Jr./Sr. High are buzzing. Eighth-grade STEM students wrapped up the "Grab Lab," seventh graders rolled up their sleeves for an engineering lab, and High School Data Inclusion students dove into real numbers with firsthand data analysis. Whether they're building it or crunching it, Chipps are learning by doing.

Friday Night Lights, Chipps Pride

The student section brought the noise on opening night, and the Chipps delivered a victory to match. New head coach Mr. Leja earned a win in his Chippewa debut, kicking off a new era of Chipps football in style. The football season has continued to show growth and success, with our team building positive momentum as the season progresses. It has been exciting to see the hard work, teamwork, and commitment of our students and coaches translate into success on the field.

Rise and Shine, Class of 2027

Our seniors greeted their final year the best way possible: together, as the sun came up. The Class of 2027 kicked things off with Senior Sunrise, organized by school counselor April Roth-Kimber, the first of many milestones to come. Here's to a senior year as bright as that first morning.

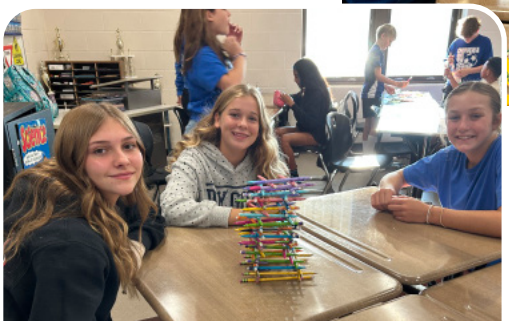












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Chipps Sports Spotlight

Fired Up for the Rivalry

Some traditions never lose their spark. The Rittman Rivalry Bonfire lit up the night and brought the Chippewa community together for an evening of school spirit, cheers, and big-game excitement. Students, families, alumni, and neighbors gathered around the flames to show what Chipps pride is all about. Go Chipps!





Bree Regan Serves Up 1,000

One career. One unstoppable Chipp. Bree is the first in Wayne County history to hit 1,000 assists, digs, and kills. Congratulations, Bree, on a milestone that shows just how much the Lady Chipps rely on your skill and leadership!



Duck, Dodge and Dive

What's the best way to wrap up a week of hard work? Grab a ball and get moving! Our fifth graders took over the gym for "Fun Friday" dodgeball, filling the air with flying throws, epic dodges and nonstop laughter. A great week of learning deserves a fun finish, and these Chipps delivered.



Celebrating the Arts

Ribbons & Talent





Move over, prize-winning pumpkins. Chippewa artists stole the show at the Wayne County Fair! Artwork from Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School students filled the exhibition halls, putting Chipps creativity on display for the entire county to see. Spotting blue and red ribbons hanging next to familiar Chipp names made us proud.

Shop Local, Shop Chipps

Mark your calendar! The Chippewa Craft Fair is coming to the Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Browse handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, fine art, housewares, plush items, sweet treats and so much more. It's the perfect chance to check off your holiday shopping list while supporting local makers.

Calling all creators! Interested in being a vendor? Scan the QR code on the right to register.

REGISTER HERE:



Chipps Grounds Are Looking Grand

Take a stroll around any Chippewa campus and you'll see it: our maintenance team sweats the small stuff so every building and field looks its very best. Their care and attention to detail make a big difference for our students, staff and visitors every day. We're also grateful to *GrassMasters* of Canal Fulton for its generous partnership and donation of materials, led by owner Matt Ellis, a proud member of Chippewa's Class of 1993. It's all part of our master plan to improve and enhance district facilities, and we couldn't be more thankful to have such dedicated people helping make it happen.