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District Financials: Best Outlook in History

BY: BONNIE WEST, TREASURER/CFO

I recently presented to the Board of Education a \$40.4 million general fund appropriation measure representing the expected cost of general operations of the school district for this 2014-15 school year.

I reminded the audience of the 6.5 mill levy passed four years ago in August 2010 and the typical levy cycle in which the district would return to the voters every four to five years for new money. However, now four years later, discussion of the next levy is not yet showing its face on the horizon as history might have predicted would be the case.

Arriving at this point today has not come easily. Soon after the passage of the 2010 levy, the state handed down revenue reductions to local

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governments, including school districts. When faced with what had been a much unexpected decrease in state funding, the school board chose to be responsive to those state revenue losses and made spending reductions to live within its means. Such reductions

included the closure of two elementary schools, resulting in the reconfiguration of how grade levels are now housed across the district.

More recently, the current state biennium budget is proving to be

financially favorable to Wooster City Schools. Now in its second year, the state budget has provided additional funding to the district and has brought the continuing phase-out of tangible personal property reimbursement to a halt.

Given these events, it is very likely that a few more years will pass before the district will need to consider its next levy. I am currently updating the Five Year Forecast to estimate revenue and expenditure trends through the year 2019, as required by state law.

This document will be made available on the district's webpage after formal submission to the Ohio Department of Education on Oct. 31, 2014.

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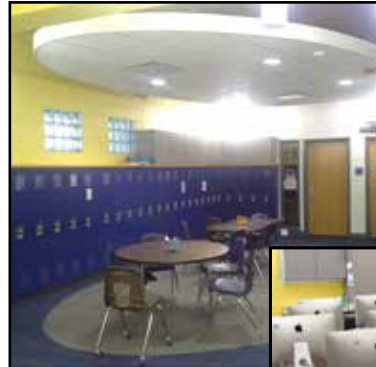
Edgewood Middle School Receives Needed Improvements

During the summer, the Wooster City School District was able to make some needed improvements to Edgewood Middle School as part of its Capital Improvement Plan.

The building had three rooms, including an old shop classroom and the LGIR, that were not being utilized efficiently. The district was able to turn these rooms into five full-functioning classrooms:

- *Two tutor rooms*
- *One extended learning area*
- *Five renovated classrooms*
- *One computer lab*

The district also updated and fully remodeled four restrooms in the building and replaced 800 lockers.



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Wooster City School District

Fall 2014 Calendar of Events

All district events may be seen at www.woostercityschools.org

Saturday, October 25

WHS: ACT Testing

October 27-31

WHS: Fall OGT Testing

Tuesday, October 28

Board of Education Meeting -
WHS LGIR - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 28

WHS: Marching Band Concert - PAC - 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 30

Kean: Grades 3-4 - Grandparents' Day - 10:00 am

November 3-6

WHS: Fall OGT Testing Make-Up

Kean: Scholastic Book Fair

Parkview: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Friday, November 7

No School - Release Day for PTC

Saturday, November 8

WHS: SAT Testing

November 10-13

Kean: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Tuesday, November 11, 2013

End of 1st Trimester (Gr. K-4)

Edgewood: Veterans Day Celebration - 11:45 am -
2:30 pm

Cornerstone: Gr. 4 - Veterans Day Celebration

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Kean: Gr. 4 - Veterans Day Program - 7:00 pm

November 14-15

WHS: Fall Musical - PAC - 7:30 pm

November 17-18

Edgewood: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

November 17-20

Melrose: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Parkview: Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, November 18

Edgewood: Gr. 5-7 Choir Concert and Gr. 6 Orchestra
Concert - Edgewood Gym - 7:30 pm

Melrose: Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, November 20

Melrose: Scholastic Book Fair

Edgewood: Gr. 6-7 Band Concert -
Edgewood Gym - 7:30 pm

November 21-22

WHS: Fall Musical - PAC - 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 23

WHS: Fall Musical - 2:00 pm

November 24-25

Cornerstone: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Tuesday, November 25

Board of Education Meeting - WHS LGIR - 7:00 pm

November 26-28

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, December 6

WHS: SAT Testing

Monday, December 8

WHS: Rotary Orchestra Performance - PAC - 3:30 pm

WHS: Gr. 9-12 - Orchestra Holiday Concert - PAC -
7:30 pm

December 8-9

Edgewood: Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Tuesday, December 9

WHS: Gr. 8 - Band Concert and Gr. 7-8 Orchestra
Concert - PAC - 7:30 pm

Edgewood: Gr. 7 Orchestra Concert - WHS PAC -
7:30 pm

Thursday, December 11

Kean: Gr. 3 - Holiday Program - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 16

WHS: Winter Choir Concert - PAC - 7:30 pm

Edgewood: Spelling Bee - Edgewood - 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2

No School - Winter Break

Friday, January 9

End of 2nd Quarter (Gr. 5-12)

Monday, January 12

Edgewood: Geography Bee - Edgewood - 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, January 13

WHS: Winter Band Concert - PAC - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 14

Kean: Pint Sized Heroes Blood Drive

- Library - 2:00 - 7:00 pm

Monday, January 19

No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 22

Faculty Recital - Zion Lutheran Church - 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 24

WHS: SAT Testing

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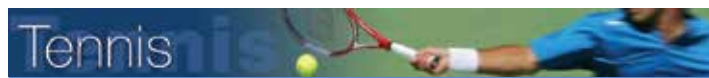
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Friday

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday

11:00 am – 3:00 pm



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2014 Student Achievement Met Expectations

The Wooster City School District was pleased with the results of various reports on last year's student achievement.

Dr. Michael Tefs.

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) released its annual Local Report Card last month and the

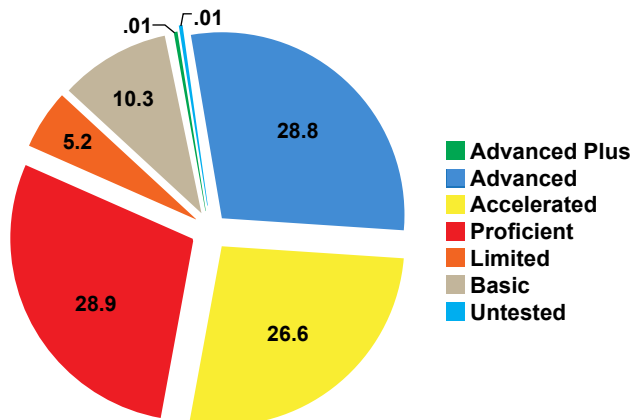
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district earned a "B", as it had in 2013.

"We were pleased that nearly 85 percent of our students met or exceeded proficiency on all state assessments," said Tefs.



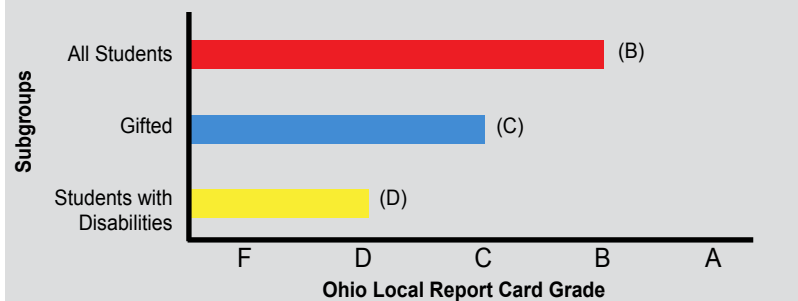
District Working to Improve Gifted and Students with Disabilities Subgroup

To improve the overall student achievement of the school district, data has identified two subgroups where gap closing is required.

"A strategic priority of ours this year will be to improve our Performance Index score and the achievement

of our students with disabilities and those students who are identified as 'Gifted,'" said Tefs.

District and school improvement plans can be found on the district website (www.wooster-cityschools.org) under the "About Us" tab.



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Wooster High School Students Commended in 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

Wooster High School seniors **Han Mahle** and **Michael O'Donnell** were recently named as Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship

To be recognized as a Commended Student, students had to place among the top five percent of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition. Students entered the competition by

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Program is a nationwide competition that recognizes and rewards students for their exceptional academic promise, and is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

A Letter of Commendation from the school and the NMSC will be presented by High School Principal **Tyler Keener** to these talented and academically focused students.

taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"This is quite an accomplishment, and we are very proud of Han and Michael," said Keener. "The dedication and success of these students is a direct correlation of the efforts they put into their studies on a daily basis. We are proud to call them Wooster Generals."



Han Mahle

Michael O'Donnell

2014-2015 Calamity Day Schedule

Calamity Days 1 & 2:

Waived*

*By the Wooster City School District Board of Education. These days will not be made up.

Calamity Days 3 & 4:

**To be made up Feb. 16, 2015
and/or Feb. 20, 2015***

*If days 3 and 4 are used prior to Feb. 16 and Feb. 20.

Additional Calamity Days:

If there are no calamity days prior to Feb. 16, but more than one occurs before Feb. 20, the first calamity day will be made up on Feb. 20. The remainder will be made up at the end of the school year.

Any calamity days occurring after Feb. 20 will be made up at the end of the school year*

*See district calendar at www.woostercityschools.org.

Wooster High School Teacher Receives 2014 Wooster City Schools Outstanding Teacher Award

Christine Mascotti-Rasor, a math teacher at Wooster High School, has been named as the winner of the 15th Annual Wooster City Schools Outstanding Teacher Award. This award recognizes teachers whose performance both inside and outside the classroom goes above and beyond the ordinary. The award comes with an unrestricted \$5,000 cash stipend, funded by the Ralph R. and Grace B. Jones Foundation.

"Our district has many teachers deserving of this honor and Christine is at the top of that list,"

said Principal Tyler Keener. "She has this incredible ability to take a complex topic like Calculus and

Mascotti-Rasor has been a teacher at Wooster for nearly 22 years. She has coached track since

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– Superintendent Dr. Michael Tefs

make it easy for students to understand and excel in. Her students are better for having her as their teacher."

2004 and has served as the girls' basketball coach in the past. She teaches Advanced Placement calculus for the International Baccalaureate Programme and 60 percent of her students receive at least one year of college credit after taking her classes.



Christine Mascotti-Rasor

"Our goal is to have students ready for college when they graduate, and Christine is one of the best in making this a reality," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Tefs. "Not only are her students receiving college-level instruction, many leave her class with college credits and an advantage over their fellow students on campus."

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