



CHIPP REPORT

SUMMER 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Chippewa Community,

As we wrap up another successful school year, I am thrilled to share some wonderful achievements and updates from our district.

First, congratulations to our graduating class. Your hard work and dedication have led you to this incredible milestone, and we are proud of all you have accomplished.

We are also excited to announce that Chippewa Local Schools is the recipient of the \$30,000 Ohio Attorney General Safe Schools Grant. This funding will significantly enhance security measures at Serpentine Stadium at Memorial Park. Special thanks to Jodie Hughes, Chief Tester, Mayor Lindeman, and Village Leadership for their collaboration in securing this grant.

Our Hazel Harvey Elementary Preschool Program earned a prestigious 5-star rating from the state of Ohio for meeting quality standards in early education. This recognition highlights our commitment to excellence in providing high-quality early education.

We have several key leadership appointments effective August 1. Robert Marshall has been named the new Director of Operations, Timothy W. Adams will be the new Principal of Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School and Jud Hartman has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal. These experienced educators bring a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our district, and we're excited to have them on board.

The Chippewa Intermediate School expansion project is underway to accommodate all PreK-6 students on a single campus. You can read more on page 4. We also unveiled a new multipurpose room at Chippewa Intermediate School, thanks to generous community donations.

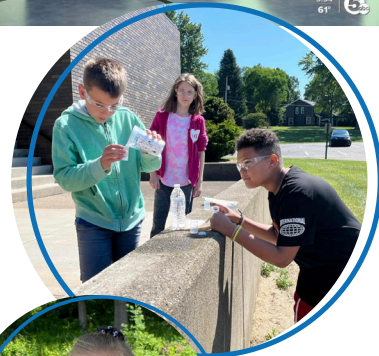
Our students have been actively engaged in various projects and activities. Fifth graders participated in a project-based learning assignment to create their own lemonade stands, integrating lessons from Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Math. We also had a successful STEAM Night and our Physics and AP Calculus students enjoyed their annual trip to Cedar Point.

In athletics, our girls' basketball team made it to the Elite 8 in the Division III OHSAA state girls basketball tournament. In wrestling, Kayla Moroschan won the state title, making history as the first female in Wayne County to do so. Our girls' wrestling team placed seventh in the state, and Coach Hanna Hall was named NE District Women's Coach of the Year.

Thank you for your support and dedication to Chippewa Local Schools. Your involvement plays a crucial role in our student's success and the overall growth of our district. Enjoy your summer!

Go Chipps!

Todd Osborn
Superintendent





From the Treasurer's Chair

Good investments! That's what I'm talking about. Investments tend to be measured by the benefit received and usually measured in dollars returned to the investor. However, not all investments can be measured in dollars and cents. For example, we invest approximately \$11,000 per year, per student for the education of each child in our district to include not only academics but social and emotional development for a child beginning in kindergarten and graduating 13 years later. That represents a \$143,000 investment. What is the return? Difficult to measure in dollars and cents but here are some things to consider. 77% of our graduating class will enter college or a technical school this fall. Equally impressive, \$61,150 in scholarship money was awarded to individuals in the Class of 2024. Now consider the intangible benefits such as the positive impact on others, lives saved through scientific discovery or even personal sacrifice, to name a few. I would suggest that that \$143,000 investment has been a very good investment.

Another excellent investment was the \$140,000 committed to repurposing the multipurpose room at the Intermediate school. In a few short months, this room went from minimal usage to one of great demand for the benefit of our youth. The room is now a very functional area for basketball, volleyball, an indoor sports training area, pickleball and most importantly, an indoor playground during inclement weather. The return? Immeasurable as to the benefit this room will bring to our community.

The district recently invested \$10,000 in security cameras at the stadium. The total system cost \$40,000, with a state grant covering the \$30,000 difference. We invested \$10,000 and received \$40,000 in much-needed security equipment. This is a very healthy return that does not come close to measuring the safety and security benefits to the district and to those who attend functions at the stadium.

Last, my department works hard to ensure that the district is a good steward of the finances you provide for the education – academically, socially and emotionally – of the children of our district. To that end, I am pleased to report to you that I recently had a visit from the Ohio Auditor of State's department to present to the district the Ohio Auditor of State Award for excellence in financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and compliance with applicable laws for the fiscal year ended 2023. I believe this is a first for the Chippewa Local School District!

Until next time,

Ira Hammon
Treasurer



Message from the Board President

The 23-24 academic school year was marvelous! Our students received a multitude of awards from the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) to the Ohio All Student Choir to several athletic awards to Wayne County Career Center awards—some at the state level—and the list continues on and on. What a fine group of students!

We are proud to have graduated 107 students in May, and the community support for our students was demonstrated at the Academic Awards in the amount of \$62,000—which included additional scholarships from previous years and larger scholarship award amounts. Thank you to our generous community.

Our district achieved higher-than-state averages on state testing. Thank you to our dedicated staff and students for outstanding work.

Our Board Policies have been updated and revised for the first time since 2011. Our district is current and in compliance with all areas.

We continue progress on our facilities: the old 'multiple purpose room' at Chippewa Intermediate School is now a true effective space for indoor recess and pick-up activities. The tennis courts were refurbished, and the track is being renovated this summer. Our students are devoted to their commitments and deserve the best facilities we can provide.

Our district was honored with the Ohio Auditor of State Award for "excellence in financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and compliance with the applicable laws for the fiscal year ended 2023." This is the first time our district has been honored by the Ohio Auditor of State. Thank you, Mr. Hammon and staff.

The Chippewa Schools Board of Education nominated Mr. Todd Osborn for a Martha Holden Jennings Foundation award. In July, Mr. Osborn will receive a grant and a Superintendent Award of Excellence.

Our district is truly blessed with dedicated students, staff, administrators and community. We thank each of you.

May your summer be filled with family, friends and fun! "C" you in the fall!

Linda H. Fenn
President
Chippewa Board of Education



Chippewa Awarded Ohio Attorney General Safe Schools Grant, Plans for Safety Improvements

We are excited to announce that, thanks to Jodie Hughes, Director of Literacy, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Chippewa Local Schools is the recipient of the \$30,000 Ohio Attorney General Safe Schools Grant, the largest grant awarded this round. This funding will significantly enhance security measures at Serpentine Stadium at Memorial Park.

Jodie's commitment, in close collaboration with Chief Tester, Mayor Lindeman, and village leadership, has been instrumental in this achievement. Together with the Doylestown Police Department, we have designed a surveillance system that provides the Police Department 24-hour access to ensure continuous safety at the stadium.

In December, the Board supported this initiative with an initial approval of \$34,479.72 for surveillance cameras, contingent upon matching efforts from the Village Council. With the grant now secured, we are proceeding with our part of the project and introducing an additional camera that serves both the Village and the School District. This reduces our expenditure to \$9,772.07—\$24,707.65 less than planned.

The new camera will monitor the playground, fence line, and courts near the SUMMA Press Box from the picnic shelter. We thank the village for their vital support, from offering internet service to allowing us to use their power for the additional cameras, highlighting our strong and cooperative community relationship.

Chippewa Local Schools Announce Key Leadership Appointments

We are excited to announce several key appointments at Chippewa Local Schools, effective August 1. These experienced educators bring a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our district.

Welcome Robert Marshall as Director of Operations

Robert Marshall has been named the new Director of Operations. Mr. Marshall has been a dedicated member of our team since 2003. His extensive experience and leadership in education make him a valuable addition to our administrative team. Having served as Assistant Principal at Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School since 2019 and as a teacher from 2003 to 2019, he brings a wealth of firsthand educational experience and leadership to his new role.



Timothy W. Adams Appointed as New Principal

We are pleased to welcome Timothy W. Adams as the new Principal of Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School. A 1999 alumnus of Chippewa, Mr. Adams brings significant experience in middle and high school education. Following in his father's footsteps, who served as principal from 1993 to 1999, he is excited to return to his roots and lead our school. Welcome back, Mr. Adams!



Jud Hartman Named Assistant Principal

Jud Hartman has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal of Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Hartman brings rich experience in educational leadership, curriculum innovation, and community engagement. Previously, he served as an Instructional Technology Specialist and taught eighth grade Science and Coding.



We are confident that these new leaders will help us continue to achieve excellence in education and support our mission of fostering a supportive and innovative learning environment. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Marshall, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Hartman to their new roles!

HAZEL HARVEY ELEMENTARY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM EARNS 5-STAR RATING

The state of Ohio has awarded the Hazel Harvey Elementary Preschool Program a prestigious 5-star rating for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education.

Step Up To Quality is a 5-star Tier-Rated Quality Rating and Improvement System designed to recognize and promote early learning programs that exceed health and safety licensing requirements. We are proud of our preschool program's commitment to excellence and dedication to providing high-quality early education.



Chippewa Intermediate School Expansion Project

Chippewa Intermediate School (CIS) is expanding to accommodate all PreK-6 students on a single campus. This decision follows a cost analysis, which determined that decommissioning the aging Hazel Harvey Elementary (built in 1956) is more economical than renovating it. The new construction at CIS avoids displacing students and brings several benefits, including reduced administrative and transportation costs, and a unified location for siblings.

What Will the Project Include?

The expansion will add approximately 15,000 square feet, including 10 new classrooms on the south side of the existing building. Renovations will modernize the current facilities and update mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems to support the expanded school.

Next Steps

The Board of Education is evaluating bids and subcontractor qualifications, with selections to be announced shortly. The project will be funded through the Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) and Certificates of Participation (COPS), avoiding additional taxpayer burden.

Estimated Cost and Timeline

The expansion is estimated to cost \$8.5 million, with no additional community funding required. Key dates include:

- April to May 2024: Schematic Design Phase
- May to June 2024: Design Development
- July to August 2024: Construction Documents Preparation
- October 2024: Start Construction

Plans for Hazel Harvey

Once the CIS expansion is complete, Hazel Harvey Elementary will be decommissioned. The district plans to sell the property, which will also alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

For more detailed updates, visit the CIS Refurbish and Expansion Information tab at the top of our website, chippewa.k12.oh.us.



Third Grade Entrepreneurs: Learning Business Through Project-Based Learning

Our third graders recently took part in a project-based learning (PBL) activity, creating their own bakery from the ground up. They began by collecting data on popular cupcake flavors and graphing the results. Using this information, they developed a business survey and started their business venture.

Students created a business name, designed a logo, and came up with a slogan. They then developed a menu and an advertising plan. The project culminated with students taking and fulfilling orders—their favorite part of the experience!

This PBL activity taught students valuable lessons about economics and business creation, giving them hands-on experience in entrepreneurship.

New Multipurpose Room & Facility Upgrades

This year, Chippewa Intermediate School unveiled a new multipurpose room as part of an ongoing effort to upgrade school facilities. The multipurpose room was made possible through generous donations of time and money from the community.



To ensure long-term sustainability without burdening taxpayers, a maintenance replacement fund has been established, currently holding over \$50,000. This fund will help maintain the new facilities and support future upgrades.

Additional recent upgrades across the campus include:

Baseball Stadium: Upgrades to the stadium itself, including new turf, a sound system, improved seating, and better traffic flow to the press box.

Softball Field: The softball field has been relocated to the high school, creating an improved environment for games.

Tennis Courts: The tennis courts have been completely resurfaced in Chippewa blue.

Wrestling Room: The high school's wrestling room has been redone to accommodate both middle and high school teams.

Land Acquisition: The district purchased land next to the stadium, providing access to Gate Street and future expansion opportunities.

These upgrades reflect the district's commitment to providing top-notch facilities for students and the community, as well as fostering an environment that promotes physical activity, teamwork, and school spirit.



Thank You for a Successful STEAM Night!

A big thank you to our Hazel Harvey families who came out for STEAM Night! We hope you enjoyed the evening filled with family activities, STEAM Stations, Robotics, the book fair, Pete the Cat, and more. Special thanks to Mrs. Fenn, Mr. Golub, Mr. Schafrath, Mr. Egli, and Officer Nate for getting soaked for a great cause! We also appreciate the generous donations from the Chippewa PTO, the Doylestown Lions Club, and Conrad's Heating & Cooling Services, Inc. This night wouldn't have been possible without our amazing teaching staff, volunteers, Mr. Gasser, and the Robotics students who join us every year to make this event special for our students and families!



Ms. Bonnema's science students had a great time watching the eclipse safely with their eclipse glasses. Check out their selfies!

Total Solar Eclipse!

On April 8, Chippewa Local Schools closed for the day to allow students and staff to enjoy the rare solar eclipse with family and friends. The Chippewa Parent/Teacher Organization generously provided eclipse glasses to all students to safely view the event. The celestial spectacle lasted from 1:58 p.m. to 4:28 p.m., with peak totality occurring in Doylestown from 3:14 to 3:16 p.m. This memorable experience offered a unique educational opportunity outside the classroom.

Fifth-Grade Lemonade Stand Project

This May, our fifth-grade students engaged in a project-based learning assignment focused on creating a successful lemonade stand.

In Language Arts, students collaborated in small groups to develop a business name, motto, logo, and advertisements. In Science, they learned the engineering process by experimenting with lemonade recipes, perfecting the balance of lemon and sugar. Social Studies lessons covered lemon-producing countries and budgeting for a shopping list. In Math, students conducted online surveys and displayed the data using bar and circle graphs.

This project integrated academic skills with teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving.



Students Excel at National Robotics Challenge

Nineteen students from Chippewa Jr./Sr. High School showcased their engineering talent at the National Robotics Challenge (NRC) in Marion, Ohio, April 18-20. They won six awards across five of the 13 challenges, standing out among over 1,300 participants from 14 states.

The team, featuring 14 innovative robots, performed exceptionally, sweeping the Box Bot event. A highlight was Daniel Wilson's Micromouse robot, the only entry to autonomously navigate and solve a 100-square maze, surpassing both high school and college teams.

Chippewa's robotics program will be featured at the Wayne County Maker Extravaganza on July 27 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Students will showcase robots built from 1959 Erector sets, enhanced with modern robotics technology. The event will highlight local innovation and creativity.



Our Physics and AP Calculus students had a fantastic time on their annual trip to Cedar Point! They celebrated completing their challenging courses by experiencing real-life applications of what they learned in class. We can't think of a better way to see physics and calculus principles in action!



Drama Club Shines with *Beauty and the Beast*

The Chippewa Drama Club delighted audiences with their performance of the Broadway musical “Beauty and the Beast” May 3-5. The students showcased their incredible talent through captivating acting, singing, and dancing, bringing this beloved classic to life. Congratulations to all the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication, making this year’s production a memorable success!



Bus Drivers Impress at Ohio Safety Road-E-O

Congratulations to our Chippewa school bus drivers who represented our bus garage at the Ohio School Bus Driver Safety Road-E-O! Competing against drivers from across the East Region, Jen, Mike, Krissy, and Mark spent months practicing in their personal time, and their hard work paid off.

Jen McLain snagged the Rookie of the Year East Region award, and Mike Rote finished 10th overall. Additionally, our team won the Spirit Award! We're proud of our drivers' commitment to safety and excellence. Keep up the fantastic work!



Celebrating Decades of Dedication

Cheers to these incredible individuals who've dedicated decades to our district! We celebrate their years of hard work and commitment as they embark on their well-deserved next chapter.



Karen Reeves, Secretary, has 27 years of service. Karen has been the backbone of our administrative team, always ensuring smooth operations and offering a welcoming presence to students and staff alike.



Karen Smith, Paraprofessional, has 28 years of service. Karen's dedication to supporting our students has been unwavering, providing essential assistance and making a significant impact in our classrooms.



Traci Zollinger, Secretary, has 10 years of service. Traci's organizational skills and friendly demeanor have been invaluable to our school community, as she consistently goes above and beyond in her role.



Greg McKeown, Custodian, has 21 years of service. Greg has maintained our facilities with exceptional care and pride, ensuring a clean and safe environment for everyone.

Becky Cargill, Payroll, has 10 years of service (not pictured). Becky has managed our payroll with precision and reliability, ensuring our staff are always taken care of.

We are deeply grateful for their invaluable contributions to our schools and wish them all the best. Their dedication and hard work have left a lasting legacy in our community. Thank you for everything!

CELEBRATING CHIPPEWA'S ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

We are thrilled to highlight the incredible accomplishments of our Chippewa athletes this year!

- **Max Warner** from our football team was awarded Academic All-Ohio this year.
- In wrestling, we congratulate **Neil Miller** and **Isabella Adams** for competing in the OHSAA state wrestling tournament. Special recognition goes to **Gabi Gartin** for achieving a fifth-place finish in the girls' OHSAA state wrestling tournament.
- A monumental congratulations to **Kayla Moroschan** for winning the state title in the girls' OHSAA state wrestling tournament. Kayla has made history as the first female to win a state title in Wayne County.

- We are also so proud of our girls' wrestling program for earning seventh place as a team in the girls' OHSAA state wrestling tournament out of 111 competing schools. Additionally, our girls' wrestling coach, **Hanna Hall**, has been named NE District Women's Coach of the Year! Her dedication and passion have helped shape our girls' wrestling team. Congratulations, Coach Hall, on this well-deserved recognition!
- **Corbin Marshall** earned First Team All-Ohio in Division 3 for our baseball program and was one of only 18 first teamers. We're so proud!



Girls wrestling coach Hanna Hall is pictured on the far right, celebrating Gabi Gartin's milestone earlier this year.



Alex Rodriguez and **Braydan Braswell** competed at the OHSAA Division II State Track and Field Championship! Braydan qualified for States in the 300m hurdles and Alex broke a school record with a jump of 14' 4" and placed 6th at the state meet.



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From the girl's soccer team, **Annie Henegar** earned First Team All-Ohio and **Elena Moyer** Second Team All-Ohio.

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Our mission is to provide the students of Chippewa with a state-of-the-art weight room, locker rooms, and turf performance area to support their physical fitness, athletic development and the ability for other school programs and students to maximize their growth. By creating a space that fosters health, wellness, and resilience, we aim to empower our students to reach their full potential both on and off the field.

Your generous contributions will help us build a facility that will not only benefit current student-athletes but also future generations, promoting a culture of excellence, teamwork, and dedication within our school community. Join us in investing in the health and well-being of our students as we strive towards achieving greatness together.