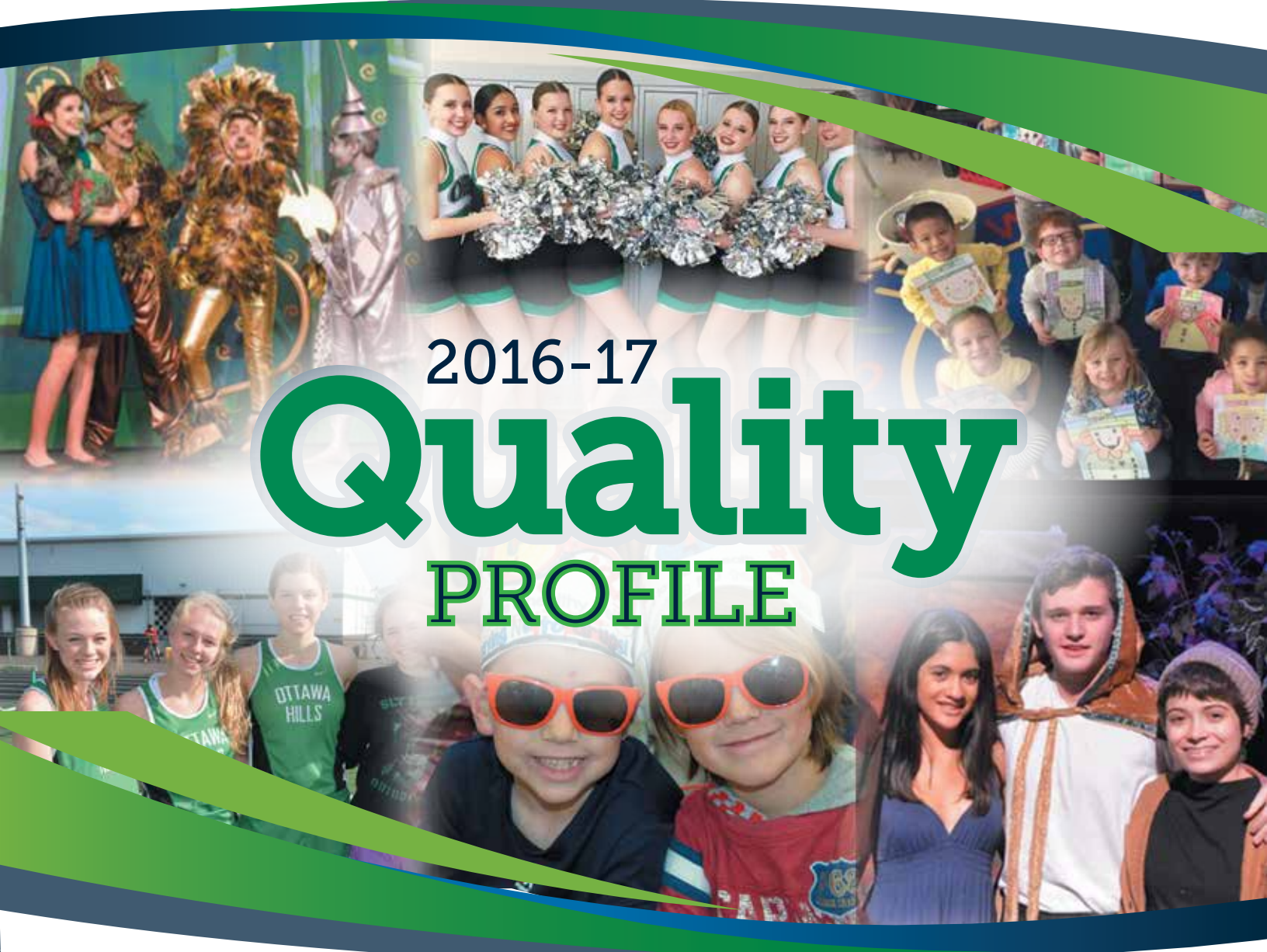




Ottawa Hills Local Schools

Defined by excellence. Supported by tradition.



2016-17

Quality PROFILE



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Superintendent's Message



Ottawa Hills
Local Schools



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. The member schools of the Alliance for a High Quality Education developed the Quality Profile to tell the story of our school districts beyond what the state's Local Report Card shows.

The Alliance is a group of high-performing school districts in Ohio that work together to advocate at the state level for the unique needs of our districts. The Quality Profile is a way to characterize the overall educational value of our individual school districts in areas that matter most to our communities.

The Quality Profile is a companion to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card. The state's Local Report Card is a snapshot of our school. Really, all the data pieces that we look at to determine our effectiveness are snapshots. Each piece of data captures our reality in some specific way. The Quality Profile is more of a portrait. It paints a picture of our school district that helps our community understand the efforts and activities that take place each day to create a school district of excellence.

In the Quality Profile, you will see all the pieces that come together to help us fulfill our district's mission:

In partnership with our community, Ottawa Hills Local Schools will challenge and inspire each student to realize his or her unique potential; to embrace learning as a lifelong process; and to become an active, responsible citizen.

Though each section contains only representative examples, this Quality Profile goes deeper than the data to reveal the hearts, minds, and souls that make us who we are. It tells the story of a high-performing school district that delivers educational excellence.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'K S. Miller'.

Dr. Kevin S. Miller
Superintendent



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Academics



Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

- With the Ohio Department of Education's issuing of the Local Report Card for 2016, Ottawa Hills stood alone as the only school district in the state of Ohio to earn A's in all categories on the district report card.
- Ottawa Hills School District was named to the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll. Only 433 districts nationwide earned this distinction. Districts on the AP Honor Roll have simultaneously increased access to Advanced Placement coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP exams.



U.S. News and World Report awarded **Ottawa Hills** its highest recognition with a **GOLD RATING**. Only **NINETEEN** high schools in Ohio received this distinction. The list ranked **Ottawa Hills** as **#490** in the national rankings, and **#225** among **STEM** high schools in the country.

- *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* awarded Ottawa Hills the highest ranking in the state through a formula that creates a Grade Point Average for each of the state's school districts. OH was the only school district to earn a perfect 4.0 GPA.
- Niche.com, a website that compiles rankings of K-12 schools based on publicly available data as well as user reviews, assigns an overall grade of A+ to Ottawa Hills Schools.
- Ottawa Hills High School is accredited by the North Central Association on Accreditation and School Improvement (now known as AdvancED). OHHS has been approved for accreditation by AdvancED since 1941.
- Two OHHS seniors were named semi-finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program while four seniors were named commended students.
- Students took independent studies in biomedical engineering, macroeconomics, music theory, and cellular biology cancer research.

- Seventeen (17) Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high school. In 2017, 40% of high school students took AP exams and 88% of them scored a three or higher on their exams, potentially earning college credit. Additionally, exams were taken in seven subjects that were not offered as courses, such as Comparative Government and Politics. The students who took these exams all received a top score of five.
- Ninety-seven percent (97%) of 8th graders earned a high school mathematics credit during the 2016-2017 school year. Two (2) 7th graders also earned high school math credit.
- Eighty-one percent (81%) of 8th grade students earned a high school foreign language credit during the 2016-2017 school year. One (1) junior high student took German through the College Credit Plus program.
- Six (6) 8th graders earned high school credit in biology; one of those was in an AP Biology course.
- Three-year average ACT scores: English 28.2, Math 26.3, Reading 28.3, Science 26.29, Composite 27.1
- SAT scores were reconfigured in 2017. Average scores for the Class of 2017: Reading & Writing 680, Math 635, Composite 1315
- Seventy-two (72) members of the Class of 2017 received their diplomas—the 77th class to graduate from Ottawa Hills Schools. Class members were offered 162 scholarships from 166 universities and other sources valued at \$7.5 million.
- Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the members of the Class of 2017 went to a two or four-year college or university this fall. Two members of the class enlisted in the United States Air Force.
- The theme of Agora 2016 was "Rites of Passage." Agora, an Ottawa Hills tradition, allowed students to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom by taking part in week-long workshops. Students also had the opportunity to take part in educational trips to Spain, France, Italy, and Costa Rica.
- Sixth graders met many state standards through outdoor learning experiences at their annual trip to Camp Storer.
- Democracy was made real for the OHJH 8th graders during their annual trip to Gettysburg and Washington, D.C..

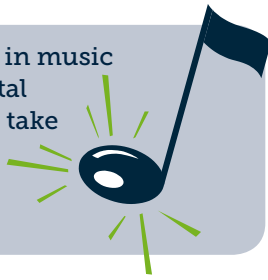
Arts

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.



- Twenty-three (23) high school fine and performing arts courses are offered, including 4 Advanced Placement classes.
- Students in kindergarten through sixth grade take part in visual and performing arts courses each week. Beginning in the fifth grade, students can be involved in the instrumental music program and the Brown Bag Chorus.

Students who have an interest in music other than vocal or instrumental music have the opportunity to take courses in Music Technology, Music Theory, and Advanced Placement Music Theory.



- The vocal and instrumental music departments presented concerts throughout the school year, including the Fall Collage Concert, Holiday Concerts, Brown Bag Concerts, Spring Concerts, the All-District Band Concert, and End-Of-Year concerts.
- The Ottawa Hills High School Jazz Band "Green Tonic" played a special concert with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, northwest Ohio's premier jazz ensemble.
- OH instrumentalists and singers participated in the District 1 Solo and Ensemble Contest, sponsored by the Ohio Music Educators Association.



Over **150** students took part in the elementary/junior high musical ***The Wizard of Oz.***

The OHHS Theatre Arts Department presented **3** OUTSTANDING productions:

- *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*
- *Disney's High School Musical*
- *110 Stories*



- Hundreds of students, parents, teachers, and community members turned out for the 12th annual smART show for an exhibition of student creativity, critical thinking, and art across the curriculum. The show's theme was "Collage."
- Stan Krifka, Assistant Musical Director for several Broadway shows, held a master class for the Choraliers and Village residents.
- Mr. Matthew Younglove, Director of Athletic Bands and Applied Saxophone Professor at Wayne State University, conducted a clinic for members of the OHHS band.
- Toledo Jazz Orchestra director and distinguished trombone artist Mr. Ron Kischuk provided a coaching session for the OHHS jazz band.
- Members of the Choraliers participated in a workshop at Capital University with American composer and conductor Jake Runestad.
- The elementary school hosted a breakfast themed "Muffins with Matisse" in conjunction with the annual Art Fair, which featured students' best artwork.
- OHHS students took first and second place at the local level in the Sister Cities International Art Competition.

Student Leadership and Activities



A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

Ottawa Hills students participated in **23** different service learning projects throughout the school year, benefitting organizations such as Food for Thought, the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School, the American Red Cross, and the Toledo Area Humane Society, to name a few.



- Ottawa Hills teams won 6 Toledo Area Athletic Conference titles in boys golf, boys soccer, jr. high boys cross country, high school boys cross country, 7th grade boys basketball, and Quiz Bowl.
- Tournament accomplishments included:
 - The girls golf team qualified for the state golf tournament; the team finished 12th in the state; one golfer earned second-team All-State honors.
 - The boys golf team qualified for the state golf tournament, finishing 4th in the state. Two golfers earned second-team All-State honors.
 - The boys soccer team won the sectional title and finished as district runner-up.
 - The volleyball team made history by winning its first-ever tournament match.
 - Girls tennis qualified one individual and one doubles team for districts.
 - The boys cross country team won the district title and also had the individual champion; the team finished 11th out of 22 teams at regional competition.
 - The OHHS dance team was runner-up in pom and took fourth place in jazz in state competition.
 - The softball team won its first sectional title in 22 years.
 - The baseball team claimed a sectional title.
 - The boys tennis team made it to the final four of the state team tennis tournament, finishing 4th; one Green Bear tennis player finished 3rd in the state individual tournament.

Each summer, Ottawa Hills students are given the opportunity to travel to Kenya for a three-week service learning experience with SLIK (Service Learning In Kenya). The students teach in the rural schools of Kenya.



- The Learning Leaders is a group of third through fifth grade students who have been nominated by teachers or the school counselor for their demonstration of leadership qualities. Students spend time learning leadership skills and then putting them in action by serving the school and community in a variety of ways.
- OH students served lunch and entertained guests at the Legacy Luncheon. The luncheon gives students an opportunity to honor the citizens of Ottawa Hills for the part they have played in establishing a legacy of excellence in our community and in our school system.
- Ottawa Hills Elementary School won the 3rd and 5th Grade titles at the Ohio Chess Championships. Ottawa Hills also claimed first place in the K-3 Championship section at the 2017 Ohio Elementary Chess Championship. A fifth grader became the youngest player ever to win the individual title in the Toledo area high school chess championship.
- The OHES Lego Robotics team, The Aisle of Misfit Toys, took the regional title and then won first place in Robot programming at the state championships at Wright State University.
- The high school Science Olympiad team won six individual regional titles in qualifying for state competition for the sixth straight year.
- The OHJH Power of the Pen team competed at district tournament, qualifying several students for regional competition at Lourdes University. Three (3) students went on to compete at the state level.
- The junior high MathCounts team finished second in Chapter Competition at the University of Toledo, qualifying them for state competition, where they finished 7th.
- The OH VEX Robotics Team qualified to compete at the state VEX Robotics Competition.
- For the 7th year in a row, OHHS competed in the National Academic Quiz Tournament's Small School National Championships, held in Chicago. For the first time in school history, OH qualified three quiz bowl teams to the national tournament.

Parent and Community Involvement

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.



- The district enjoys the support of organizations such as the Ottawa Hills Schools Parent Association (OHSPA), the Ottawa Hills Music and Theatre Association (OHMTA), the Ottawa Hills Athletic Boosters, OH21, the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation, and the International Student Exchange Association.

THE OTTAWA HILLS SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

completed its first annual campaign, increasing total pledges and donations to over **\$890,000** from more than 240 different donors.

The Foundation funded several school projects, including Agora, flying effects for *The Wizard of Oz*, robotics and Science Olympiad camps, a dance camp, and a ukulele program for the elementary.



- OHSPA contributed over \$81,000 during the school year to support school programs and faculty requests for educational materials.
- The OH Athletic Boosters contributed over \$58,000 during the 2016-2017 school year to support athletic programs at Ottawa Hills.
- OH21 presented a variety of drug and alcohol prevention programs and educational programs for students and parents, including the "Chew on This" speaker series, KidEscape, and Screenagers.
- OHMTA paired up with the OHHS Theatre Arts Department to present "Acting Out" workshops for students in grades 4 through 8.
- The Ottawa Hills International Student Exchange Association hosted their annual Diversity Weekend, welcoming American Field Service (AFS) exchange students from 13 different countries.
- The After-Prom Committee sponsored the annual "Back to School Run" and a Pancake Supper to support the After-Prom program—a safe, drug and alcohol-free activity for students and their guests to extend the fun and excitement of their Junior/Senior Prom.

- The OH Schools Foundation hosted "Homecoming Without Coming Home," an alumni reception held in Chicago in conjunction with the district's annual homecoming. The Foundation also sponsored a Washington, D.C. alumni reception, featuring Christine Brennan ('76), *USA Today* National Sports Columnist, and Phil Mattingly ('02), CNN Correspondent.
- OHSPA sponsored events such as the 12th annual Fall Festival, featuring the Marketplace and live entertainment; and "Carnival 2017—Smiles, Laughs, and Screams," held on the lawn of the elementary school.
- Colonel Lyle Metzler (US Army Retired) was the Veterans Day speaker at Ottawa Hills Jr./Sr. High School, sponsored by the Liberty Memorial Speakers Series. Guest speaker at the elementary Veterans Day program was Commander Tim Cummins, Villager and retired U.S. Coast Guard member.
- Parent volunteers help students at OHES foster their love of reading, providing invaluable support and enrichment to students.
- The Foundation sends the quarterly alumni newsletter, *Around These Hills*, to over 4,000 Villagers and alumni from around the country. The district newsletter, *inTouch*, is distributed quarterly to all Village residents.
- The weekly district newsletter is sent electronically to over 2,000 recipients each Friday during the school year.
- The district's Facebook page provides information on school news and events. Several teachers, administrators, district organizations, and the athletic department use Twitter as a means of keeping parents and the community informed of school news and events.



Village residents and parents, such as **Jay Berschback** of Channel 13, are regular visitors to Ottawa Hills classrooms to support learning experiences.

Student Services



A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment, and support.



Students identified as gifted in at least one area: **60%**

- Students receiving services from a gifted interventionist, who qualify based on standardized cognitive ability and achievement test scores: 17% in grades 3-6.



Students who enrolled in at least one honors course. **84%**

- Thirty-three (33) students were accelerated to courses beyond their grade levels.



Students identified as English as a Second Language Learners. **7**

- Preschool special needs services are offered through the Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West. Eight (8) Village preschoolers were served in '16-'17.



Students identified with disabilities under IDEIA, Pre K-Age 22: **6%**

- Academic Assist class is provided for grades 7-12 IDEIA students.
- Senior IDEIA graduating students receive full assessments for access to post-secondary services.



Students identified with disabilities under Section 504: **8.9%**

- Related services (i.e. physical therapy, occupational therapy) are available to students who qualify.

- The Ottawa Hills Special Education Program received the Ohio Department of Education's highest ratings of "Meets Requirements" for all nine compliance measures of the district's special education programs.
- Tech Prep services are available to students in the neighboring district of Sylvania City Schools.
- School psychologist services are provided three days per week.
- Two (2) full-time and one part-time guidance counselor provide support for students; a high school counselor guides students and parents through the college choice process.
- Study Club Junior is held after school for students in grades 4 – 6; Study Club Senior is held after school for students in grades 7 – 12.
- Math Lab assistance is provided to jr./sr. high school students before school and at lunchtime.
- Sixty-six (66) elementary students received reading intervention services and 16 students received math intervention services through Title I tutors.



"Positive Attitude Kids" (PAK) is an elementary program that promotes awareness and development of positive character traits in students. The program focuses on the traits of Responsibility, Respect, Gratitude, Empathy, Friendship, Collaboration, and Creativity.

- The YMCA provides after-school programming for students in grades K – 6.
- The district's drug and alcohol prevention program delivers lessons designed to help students make good decisions, lead healthy lifestyles, and know where to seek assistance if necessary.
- The Teen PEP program (Peers Educating Peers) at OHHS provides trained student mentors who bridge the gaps between guidance counselors and students when difficult situations arise.

Fiscal Stewardship

Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.



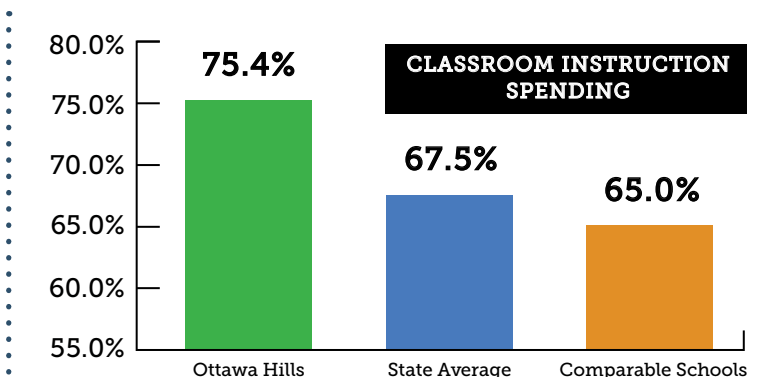
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We know that academic and extra-curricular opportunities for Ottawa Hills students are important to our community. Every decision we make is made to maintain our tradition of excellence and high expectations.

Without reasonable budget priorities and a stable financial forecast, these educational opportunities are not possible. That is why the financial health of the school district is so important. Just as there are academic successes and challenges that we share with the community, we also like to share the same financial challenges and successes with our community.

All businesses like to share financial information with stakeholders and investors. The brief financial information provided is to illustrate our priorities on spending, as well as measures taken to be prudent and efficient with our resources into the future.

We want to serve the educational needs of all students and continue to create great opportunities. This goal must be accomplished in a fiscally responsible manner. Protecting financial resources helps to maintain the financial excellence of the school district.



Data provided by the Ohio Department of Education shows that **75.4%** of district funds are spent on classroom instruction. This compares with the state average of **67.5%**. Districts that are comparable to Ottawa Hills as far as demographics spend **65%** of funds on classroom instruction.

When compared to 163 other school districts of similar size statewide, Ottawa Hills ranks #1 in percentage of funds spent on classroom instruction.



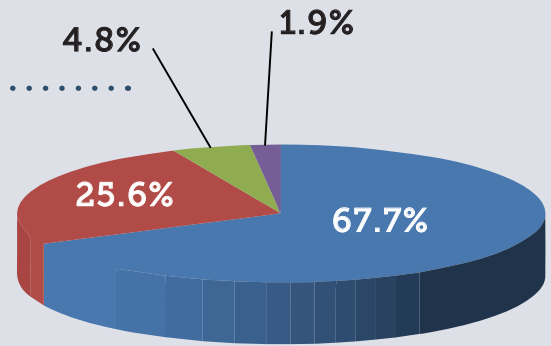
Please review the financial information listed in this Quality Profile. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Bradley Browne
Treasurer
Ottawa Hills Local School District



2016 - 2017 | REVENUES

Real Estate Tax	10,675,459	67.74%
State	4,029,785	25.57%
Other (Local, Non-Tax)	758,442	4.81%
Federal	295,874	1.88%
TOTAL	15,759,560	100.0%



Where does the money come from?

Like all public school districts in Ohio, the majority of Ottawa Hills Local Schools funding comes from two sources. First, the largest revenue source is real estate taxes. The residents of Ottawa Hills have graciously supported our school district with stable funding of property tax levies. 72% of our general fund revenue is received for day-to-day operating dollars from local taxpayers. 96% of our local tax dollars are from our homeowners. The remaining 4% comes from commercial properties. The state provides the second largest operating revenue for the district. Just over 25% is provided by the state of Ohio. The level of state support changes every 2 years with a new state budget. Predictable and stable funding from the state is not guaranteed.

District Local Revenue as a
percentage of Total Revenue = 67.7%
(Fiscal Year 2016)

**4th highest
in the state**

District Business Valuation
as a percentage of the
district's Total Valuation = .03%

**2nd lowest
in the state**

District State Revenue as a
percentage of Total Revenue = 25.6%
(Fiscal Year 2016)

**44th lowest
in the state**

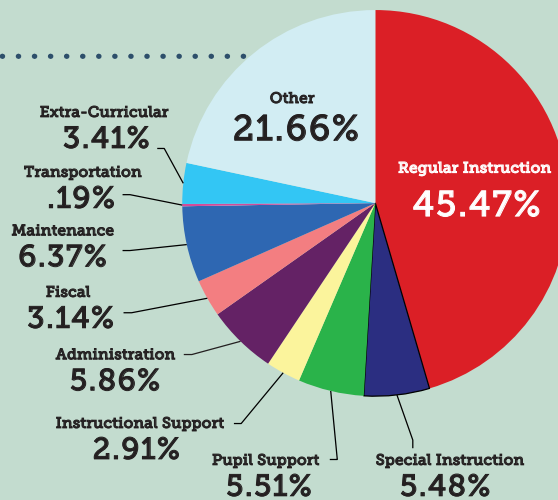
District Federal Revenue as a
percentage of Total Revenue = 1.9%
(Fiscal Year 2016)

**4th lowest
in the state**

Fiscal Stewardship

2017 | EXPENDITURES BY DISTRICT FUNCTION

Regular Instruction	7,907,783	45.47%
Special Instruction	953,624	5.48%
Pupil Support	958,265	5.51%
Instructional Support	505,453	2.91%
Administration	1,018,764	5.86%
Fiscal	545,446	3.14%
Maintenance	1,108,364	6.37%
Transportation	33,142	.19%
Extra-Curricular	592,807	3.41%
Other	3,766,936	21.66%
TOTAL	17,390,586	100.0%



Expenses by Function:

The best way to understand a school district's spending priorities is to look at their budget. Ottawa Hills spends 53.8% of the district's expenses on Regular and Special Education instruction and Instructional Supports. Spending district funds in the classroom is a smart investment of our money.

Other areas include 21.6% on Other expenditures, 6.3% on Maintenance, 5.8% on Administration, 5.5% on Pupil Support, 3.4% on Extra-Curricular, 3.1% on Fiscal, and 0.2% on Transportation. The 21.6% on Other expenditures was due to a one-time transfer of funds to the permanent improvement fund in 2017 to complete a \$2.4 million Capital Improvement Project at the elementary. These funds will be repaid to the general fund over a ten-year time frame. Normally, the category of Other expenditures is a smaller percentage of the budget. The five-year forecast is posted on the district's webpage, and gives additional details regarding expenditures.

Ottawa Hills' Instructional and Pupil Support Expenditures Per Student is 6th highest in the state:

Orange = \$14,497
 Cleveland Heights = \$13,649
 Beachwood = \$13,348
 Indian Hill = \$12,115
 Danbury = \$12,022
 Ottawa Hills = \$11,605

\$46,659

was the daily cost for general fund expenditures to operate the school district in fiscal year 2017.

District Average Income = \$173,486
 (Tax Year 2014)

4th highest in the state

Highest = \$327,659
 (Indian Hill)

District Median Income = \$67,551
 (Tax Year 2014)

7th highest in the state

Highest = \$74,911
 (Olentangy)

OH Connections Registration

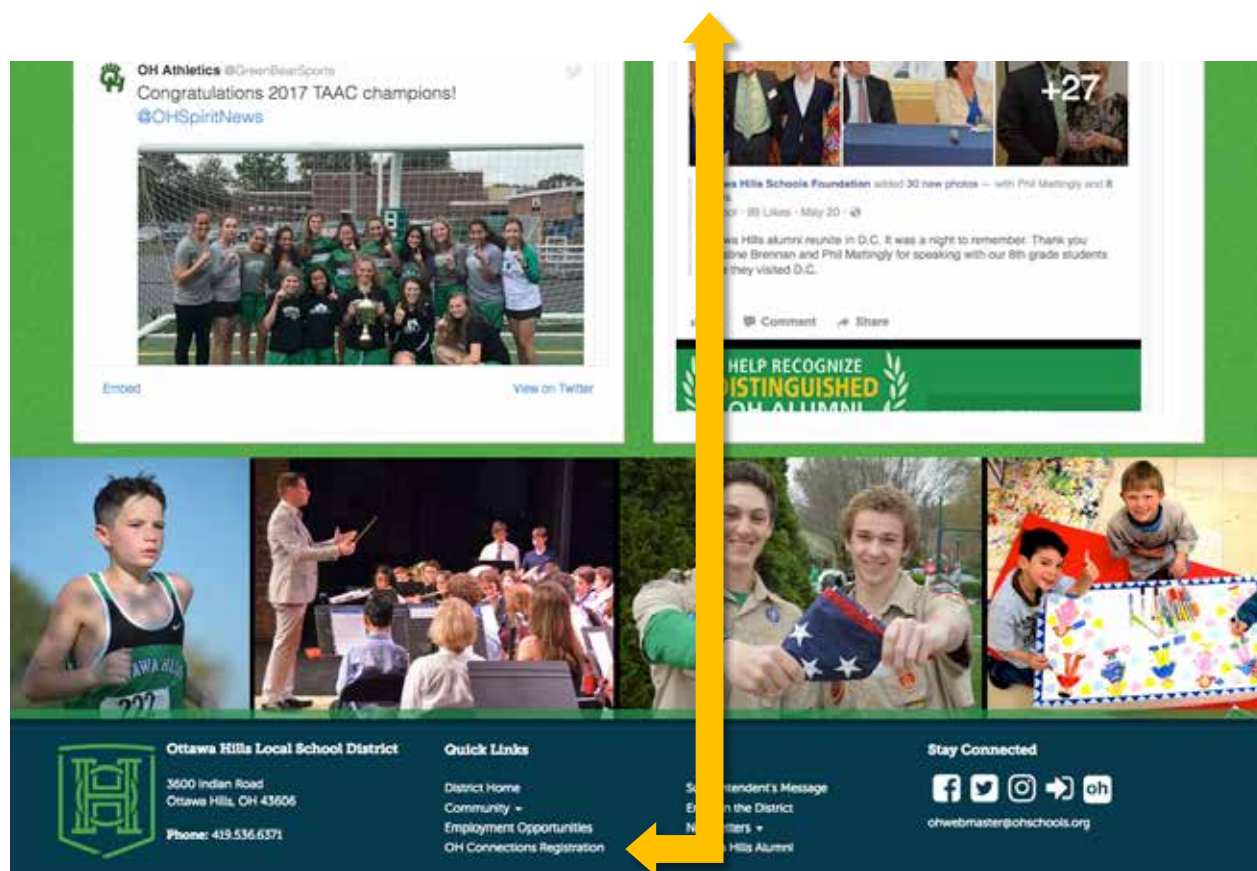
We are pleased to provide you with information about the Ottawa Hills Local School District **OH Connections** electronic subscription registration.

The goal of **OH Connections** is to provide a vehicle for electronic communications between the Ottawa Hills Local School District and its constituents - the students, parents, and community members. We are also doing our part to provide a "greener" environment while conserving paper and printing costs for the district.

Register for **OH Connections** to also receive electronic district and building newsletters, press releases, board reports, and other important information from the school district and school community organizations.

Register today to receive these important communications. To access the **OH Connections** registration site click on the **OH Connections Registration** at the bottom of the district website:

www.ottawahillsschools.org



All residents are encouraged to subscribe to General District News.

Suggested subscriptions for Elementary parents: General District News, Elementary News, Village Life, and Parent Association.

Please remember to subscribe to the Jr./Sr. High School News when your child enters 7th grade.

For assistance in signing up for school communications via OH Connections, contact the Superintendent's office at 419-536-6371.



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