



Tecumseh Local Schools Connecting Link

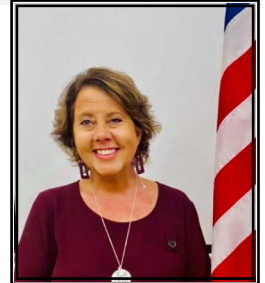
Summer, 2022

Learning For All ~ Whatever it Takes!

Mission Statement: Tecumseh Local Schools is the driving force behind a community of diverse and proudly connected Arrows. We are relentless learners who strive to become better tomorrow than we were today.

From the Desk of Superintendent Crew. . .

Dear Tecumseh Community,



Our school year culminated with the graduation of our Class of 2022 in June. The pandemic presented many barriers in education over the past several years. One positive event that resulted from the pandemic was moving the location of our graduation to Spitzer Stadium, as we were unable to use our usual venue in 2021. We had such an overwhelming positive response from our students, parents, staff, and community, after holding graduation at Spitzer Stadium that year, that we planned it again for our Class of 2022. Our plan is to continue with this tradition into the future. A special thank you to all of our staff members who helped make graduation a success. Thank you also to the many businesses and community members for graciously donating the funding for the fireworks at the end of the ceremony. Graduation under the Spitzer Stadium lights brings a sense of hometown connection, family atmosphere, and a sense of the ARROW PRIDE that makes Tecumseh Local Schools such a special place. We wish our 2022 graduates the best of luck as they embark on their future endeavors.

We look forward to the start of the 2022-2023 school year in which we will continue to work toward the full achievement of our Strategic Planning Goals. The district goals revolve around academic growth, wellness, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement. The specific overarching goals in each area include;

- **Academic Growth** - *We develop and enrich the academic capacity of our students and staff to prepare for success in a changing world.*
- **Wellness** - *Tecumseh Local Schools emphasizes the development of mental, physical and social wellness of our staff and students.*
- **Fiscal Responsibility** - *We are honest and responsible stewards of the school district funds, ensuring the best possible learning environment for all students.*
- **Community Engagement** - *We provide and create opportunities to actively engage the diversity, support and experience for our community.*

We do have a committee representing each of the four goal areas and we continue to welcome anyone who would like to be part of a particular committee to join us. If you are interested, please contact the committee facilitator of the committee you are interested in joining:

Academic Growth Committee: Ms. Beth Moore, Curriculum Coordinator beth.moore@tecumsehlocal.org

Wellness Committee: Mr. Brian Dixon, Director of Facilities and Safety brian.dixon@tecumsehlocal.org

Fiscal Responsibility Committee: Mrs. Denise Robinson, Treasurer denise.robinson@tecumsehlocal.org

Community Engagement Committee: Mrs. Paula Crew, Superintendent paula.crew@tecumsehlocal.org

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We continue to have systems in place to promote student growth, learning, and engagement, especially with the learning loss school districts experienced from the pandemic. Additional resources, interventions, professional development, and a continual analysis of the data yields evidence of student growth in the district over the past school year. Additionally, we offered a Summer Learning Program once again for grades K-12, utilizing the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) and plan to do so next summer as well with ESSER Funding. We are very appreciative of our staff members who dedicated six weeks of their summer to provide very meaningful learning opportunities for our students.

In the area of wellness and safety, we continue to concentrate on the needs of the whole child; specifically, their social, emotional, and mental health needs. We are partnering with Mental Health Services of Clark and Madison Counties for four full-time mental health therapists who are available to offer services to students within the school setting. Recent legislation mandates that we incorporate a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support System within the district. Fortunately, our district implemented PBIS over a decade ago. Legislation also requires school districts to offer approved evidence-based suicide and violence prevention and social inclusion programs, an additional health curriculum, and a threat assessment team at the building level. These are the areas we will focus on this coming year in the area of wellness, in addition to a continual presence and scrutiny of our safety measures.

Fiscal responsibility and transparency continues to be on the forefront in our district. The graphs included in this publication (see page 5) illustrate where our revenue comes from and where this revenue is spent. We currently have a projected, positive carry-over for the next five years. Although additional operating funding has not been secured since 1995, we have continued to utilize strategies to ensure we have a positive balance. We used a large portion of the ESSER COVID Funding to offset the cost of current salaries over the last couple of years, which reduced the amount of funding coming from our general fund significantly. Additionally, we have made program cuts, eliminated or reduced positions, and filled openings internally when possible. We will need to seek new funding as our spending costs are projected to exceed our revenue funds within the next couple of years. Like you, the district is experiencing a drastic increase in costs in many areas. Examples of increased costs include the cost of fuel for our school buses, which has doubled, and the cost of electricity, which has also doubled. We recognize this is a very difficult time to ask for new funding, given the economic state of the country, hence we are pushing this need forward and implementing alternative saving strategies. To ensure we have quality programming, support, and resources for our students, additional funding will be needed within the next couple of years.

Our goal continues to be transparency and frequent communication with our students, staff, parents, and community. The Community Engagement Committee developed a communication plan several years ago that the district still utilizes. This includes the use of multiple sources of communication to ensure those residing in our district are aware of our district goals, activities, and pertinent information. Please visit our website at tecumseh.k12.oh.us for more information. We will continue our efforts to maximize the reach of our communication with our community.

We are fortunate to have an amazing district with a team of dedicated staff members who work hard each day to meet the needs of our students and our Vision Statement, ***Learning for All ~ Whatever it Takes!*** I appreciate the efforts of our students, staff, parents, our board of education members, and our community for all of the support they provide to Tecumseh Local Schools. We are most certainly stronger together when working as a cohesive team to attain common goals.

If you have any questions about this information, or any other information, please reach out to me at paula.crew@tecumsehlocal.org.

Sincerely,

Paula Crew



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FACTS, FIGURES, & FINANCES

- ♦ In September 2019, Tecumseh Local Schools initiated a Direct Private Placement of Debt for the 2012 General Obligation Bonds. This is similar to a bond refunding – it lowered the interest rates due on the bonds from 3-4% to 2.2%, saving taxpayers \$905,590 over the life of these bonds, which mature on December 1, 2031.
- ♦ In October 2020, Tecumseh Local Schools initiated another Direct Private Placement of Debt for the 2013 General Obligation Bonds. This lowered the interest rates due on the bonds from 1-3% to 1.18%, saving taxpayers another \$220,362 over the life of these bonds, which also mature on December 1, 2031.
- ♦ The above mentioned bonds were issued to build the new school buildings in 2004. The savings mentioned above are individual taxpayer savings. This savings represents less money the district receives from taxpayers to pay off the debt, because less money is needed due to the lower interest rates. This is not additional revenue for the district.
- ♦ Tecumseh Local Schools received a \$242,015 grant from the Ohio Department of Education, to purchase four new school buses. Tecumseh Local Schools had to contribute \$159,168 as a local portion in order to receive the grant. The four new school buses are anticipated to arrive by January, 2023.
- ♦ Tecumseh Local Schools received an Ohio Attorney General Safety Grant in the amount of \$15,306 to purchase fourteen Halo Smart Sensor devices. TLS was required to contribute \$4,171 as a local portion in order to receive the grant. HALO is a vape detector, an air quality monitor, and a complete security device that provides Building Health Monitoring, Indoor Air Quality Monitoring, Vape Detection, THC Detection, Gunshot Detection, Emergency Key Word alerting, Audible alerting, Light/Occupancy alerting, Chemical alerting, VOC alerting, Tamper alerting as well as Temperature, Humidity and Pressure alerting.



Soon after the end of the 2021-2022 school year, the parking lots at Tecumseh High School and the Board Office were repaved, utilizing money from the general fund (\$214,325). The old surface was ground up and used to smooth out the gravel road that goes back to the FFA Barns.

Tecumseh Local School has a Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan detailing the repairs, upkeep and replacement of equipment and facility needs. In addition to the new pavement at Tecumseh High School this year, it was necessary to undertake the following projects:

- ♦ A restoration of the water tower at the main campus was completed, (approximately \$425,000 - Permanent Improvement Fund).
- ♦ The flat roof at Tecumseh Middle School was resealed, (\$590,970 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund).
- ♦ The two HVAC boilers at Tecumseh High School are in the process of being replaced this summer, (\$299,964 - Permanent Improvement Fund).
- ♦ The sixteen-year old phone system will be replaced throughout the district, (\$120,767- Permanent Improvement Fund).
- ♦ Parking lot LED lighting retrofitting / repair of the elementary and main campus (\$25,238- General Fund).
- ♦ The internet backbone was replaced for the district, (\$53,000 - General Fund).
- ♦ The fifty-year old fuel oil furnace was converted into a new natural gas furnace at the board office along with the installation of a high efficiency air conditioner, (\$20,974 - Permanent Improvement Fund).

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Class of 2022 Retirees: Once an Arrow ~ Always an Arrow

As the 2021-2022 school year drew to a close, we bid farewell to the following staff members as they began their retirement. We wish them well in the next chapter of their lives



Brenda Clark



Val Edmiston



Jane Farrell



Joe Hoffman



Jamie Trick



Judy Virgalitte



The Tecumseh Local Teacher of the Year Award recipient for the 2021-2022 school year was Mrs. Pala Suver, Title I Teacher at Donnesville Elementary School. Mrs. Suver was nominated for this award by her fellow colleagues.

The Tecumseh Local Employee of the Year Award recipient for the 2021-2022 school year was Mrs. Brenda Clark, Secretary at Tecumseh Middle School. Mrs. Clark was nominated by fellow colleagues for this award.



NEW CARLISLE ROTARY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR - Lisa Allen and Melinda Lombard

The New Carlisle Rotary recognized two teachers from Tecumseh as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year recipients during a luncheon held in their honor in May. Lisa Allen is a Kindergarten/1st Grade Looping Teacher at Park Layne Elementary and has been with Tecumseh for 32 years. Melinda Lombard is the Music / Choir Teacher at Tecumseh High School, and has been with the district since 2010.

NEW CARLISLE ROTARY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - Jennifer Lewis

The New Carlisle Rotary added an Employee of the Year Award in 2022. The New Carlisle Rotary recognizes and appreciates that it takes the efforts of all school employees to effectively run a school district. Congratulations to Jennifer Lewis, Paraprofessional at Tecumseh High School, who was the first recipient of this award.



FRIENDS OF TECUMSEH AWARD

The Friends of Tecumseh Award was established in 2018 to celebrate those individuals who have had a positive impact on the lives of many. It is intended to celebrate those who have gone above and beyond to serve the Tecumseh Local School District and community. Those selected for this award are individuals who have made a positive difference and made the district a better place by their presence. This certainly defines the recipients of the Friends of Tecumseh Award this year, Mr. Ivan Gehret and Mr. Jim Leathley.



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HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES

CLASS OF 2020



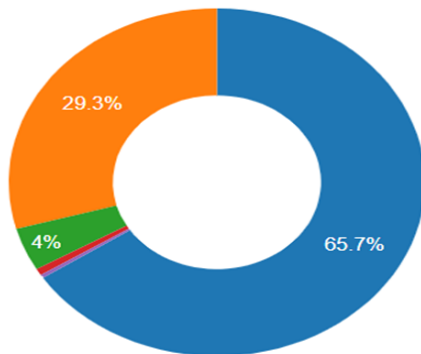
CLASS OF 2022



This year marked the return of the Hall of Honor Ceremony. Due to Covid restrictions, our last ceremony was in 2019. Pictured above are Greg Birk, who presented Cindy Scarff, accepting the award on behalf of her late husband, Peter Scarff; Dan Studebaker, inductee, and his presenter Tim Kraus; Scott Jewell, Inductee, and his presenter Sarah Jewell; and Brian Macy, Inductee, and his presenter Dale Steinlage. These fine individuals have all made significant contributions to society.

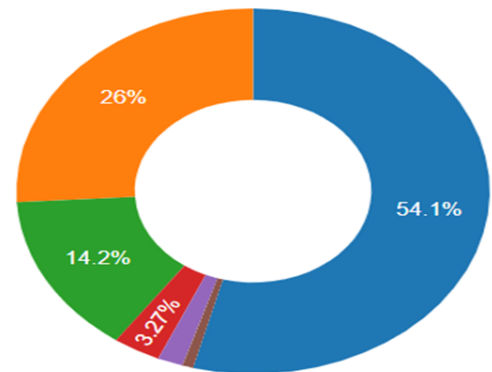
If you know of someone worthy of induction into the Hall of Honor, please see Tecumseh's website for more information and the nomination form. Nominations are due by November 1, 2022.

General Fund Current Year Revenue by Source



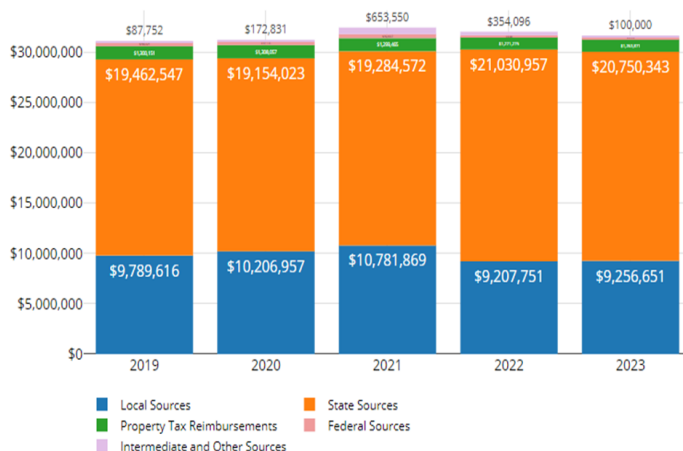
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■ Property Tax Reimbursements
■ Federal Sources
■ Intermediate and Other Sources

General Fund Current Year Expenses by Object



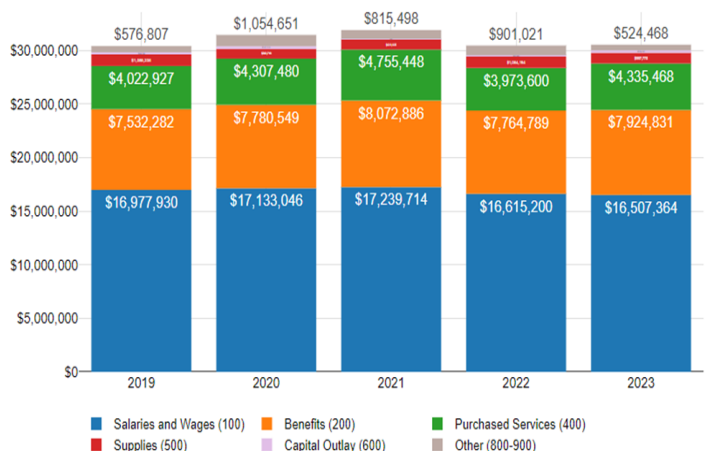
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■ Benefits (200)
■ Purchased Services (400)
■ Supplies (500)
■ Other (800-900)
■ Capital Outlay (600)

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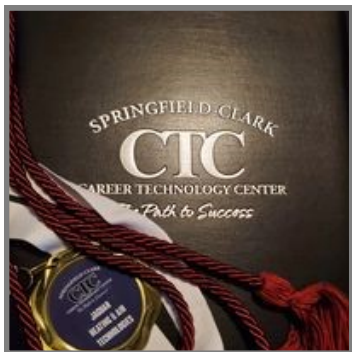
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Farewell Class of 2022



We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the following sponsors from the community. Thanks to their generous donations, the Class of 2022 graduation ceremony ended with an outstanding fireworks display.

Berner's Auction Gallery

Macy Agency, Inc.

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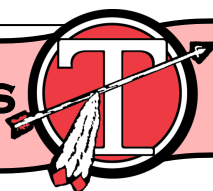
Michelle M Maciorowski Law, LLC

New Carlisle Federal Savings Bank

Tecumseh Administrators

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



2022 – 2023

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Tecumseh High School August 15 5:30—7:00 pm

Tecumseh Middle School August 15 5:00—6:30 pm

Park Layne August 16 5:00—6:30 pm

Donnelsville & New Carlisle August 16 5:30—7:00 pm

AUG.

17

**FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL**

**LAST DAY
OF SCHOOL**

MAY

25

SCHOOL BREAKS ARE GREAT FOR TRAVEL AND ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS

**THANKSGIVING
BREAK**

Nov. 23 - 25

(Nov 23 - Conference Make-up Day)

**HOLIDAY
BREAK**

DEC. 19 - 30

**SPRING
BREAK**

APR. 3 - 7

**QUARTER
END DATES**

OCT.

14

REPORT
CARDS
Oct. 25

DEC.

16

REPORT
CARDS
Jan. 10

MAR.

10

REPORT
CARDS
Mar. 21

MAY

25

REPORT
CARDS
May 25

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Park Layne Elementary:

Tuesday, October 11 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, October 13 4:00-7:00 pm

Monday, February 13 4:00-7:30 pm & Wednesday, February 15 4:00-7:00 pm

Donnelsville Elementary:

Tuesday, October 4 4:15-7:45 pm & Thursday, October 6 4:15-7:15 pm

Tuesday, February 21 4:15-7:45 pm & Thursday, February 23 4:15-7:15 pm

New Carlisle Elementary:

Tuesday, September 13 4:00-7:00 pm & Thursday, September 15 4:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 7 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, February 9 4:00-7:00 pm

Tecumseh Middle School:

Tuesday, September 27 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, September 29 3:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 14 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, February 16 3:30-6:30 pm

Tecumseh High School:

Tuesday, October 18 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, October 20 3:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 14 4:00-7:30 pm & Thursday, February 16, 3:30-6:30 pm

— OTHER SCHEDULED CLOSINGS —

Sept. 5—Labor Day

Sep. 30—Staff In-Service

Oct. 28—Fall Break

Jan. 11—Staff In-Service

Jan. 16—M.L.King, Jr. Day

Feb. 17—Conference Make-up

Feb. 20—Presidents' Day

May 12—Staff In-Service

— VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS —

September 14, 2022

November 8, 2022

January 25, 2023

March 8, 2023

April 12, 2023

— SCHEDULED 2-HOUR DELAY DAYS —

October 12, 2022

December 14, 2022

February 8, 2023



Tecumseh Local Schools



Communication remains a top priority for Tecumseh Local Schools. To ensure our students, staff, and families stay up to date with everything happening at Tecumseh Local Schools, we use a communication system called ParentSquare. This system allows better communication between the district and families, and will allow parents to communicate more easily with teachers and administrators. You must have a valid email address and phone number in FinalForms to access this tool, and it is for use by Parents and Guardians only. Parent Square will completely replace the Tecumseh App, effective this school year.

FINAL FORMS

Parents / Guardians -
NOW is the time to

update your students' information in Final Forms. You can access Final Forms from our website, tecumseh.k12.oh.us, then click on Parent Resources and you will see the link to Final Forms. It is important to keep your child's information current. Even after you have made your updates for the new school year, you can access Final Forms at any time when you have a new phone number, or need to add or change emergency contact information.

Identification of Students with Disabilities

Each year school districts in Ohio must attempt to find and identify all children and youth from birth to age 21 who have a disability or are suspected of having a disability. Parents or Guardians of Children with possible disabilities are encouraged to contact Susan Wile, Director of Special Education at susan.wile@tecumsehlocal.org. All information will be treated confidentially.

Tecumseh offers sports specific passes and All-Sports Passes to help families save money for home events. Senior Citizens that live in the Tecumseh School District may go to the Central Office to get a FREE All-Sports Pass. You then present the pass at the gate and sign-in.

A big change this year is the cost of a student pass. We want students to attend as many events as possible. A student pass may be purchased for \$20 plus \$3 for the cost of the card and banking fees. You must use your student ID number to purchase this pass. These passes are not to be shared. We can also help you purchase these passes in the Athletic Office.

****All passes are for regular season events only! ****

Download the **HomeTown Fan App** from the Apple Store or Google Play, then you can make Tecumseh High School one of your favorites. This will show tickets available for purchase at Tecumseh High School or Middle School. You may also look up opponents we are playing to purchase tickets at their place if they use HomeTown Tickets.

Federal Programs

The Tecumseh Local School District participates in various federal programs including Title I-A, I-C, II-A, III, IV-A, IDEA, and IDEA-B. Your comments and suggestions regarding these programs are always welcomed. Please contact DeAnna Gehret, Federal Grants Coordinator, if you wish to discuss any of the federal programs. (deanna.gehret@tecumseh-local.org)

Central Buckeye Conference Ticket Prices **ONE TICKET PRICE FOR ALL EVENTS**

Varsity Football - \$8 All other Varsity Sports - \$7
All other events not attached to a varsity contest, this includes Middle School games - \$5

Online Tickets

Tecumseh will only sell online tickets through HomeTown Ticketing. No cash will be accepted at the gates. We will have credit card readers available for people who struggle to purchase tickets online.

Is your child going to be absent or tardy?

PLEASE CALL US!

We have a dedicated phone number for absences.



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