



— Lakeview Local Schools —

LAKEVIEW LEDGER

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From the Desk of the Superintendent



As we welcome the month of November we have much to be thankful for here at Lakeview Local Schools. As a school superintendent, my days are filled with the hum of classrooms, the laughter of students, and the dedication of teachers and staff. Yet, amid the hustle and bustle, it's essential to pause and recognize the power of gratitude.

First and foremost, I am grateful for our educators. Their unwavering commitment to our students' success is nothing short of inspiring. They have gone above and beyond, often at their own expense, to ensure that every child feels valued and heard. Each time I see a teacher engage a student with enthusiasm or help a struggling learner find their footing, I am reminded of the profound impact they have on our future.

I also want to express my gratitude for our students. Their curiosity, creativity, and resilience shine brightly, even in the face of adversity. Watching them grow, not just academically but socially and emotionally, fills me with hope. They remind us daily that education is not merely about grades; it's about nurturing well-rounded individuals who will contribute positively to our world. Their voices, ideas, and dreams fuel our mission and inspire us to strive for a better educational experience.

Additionally, I am thankful for our families and the broader community. Your support, trust, and engagement are vital to our success. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering, or advocating for our schools, your involvement strengthens our partnership. Together, we create an environment where students can thrive. The collective efforts of

parents, community members, and local organizations help us bridge gaps and provide resources that enhance educational opportunities.

Lastly, I extend my gratitude to my administrative team and staff. Your tireless efforts behind the scenes ensure our schools run smoothly and efficiently. Your work often goes unnoticed, yet it is the backbone of our educational system. Your collaborative spirit and commitment to excellence enable us to navigate challenges and celebrate successes together.

With heartfelt thanks,
Ashley Handrych
Superintendent

Important Dates:

- ▶ 11/13 Veterans' Day Ceremony at 9:30 am
Lakeview High School Auditorium
- ▶ 11/20-22 5th Grade to Camp Fitch
- ▶ 11/26 National Honor Society
Induction Ceremony
- ▶ 11/27-29 **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break



NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Literacy Curriculum

The District is still in the process of selecting a new literacy curriculum for students in grades K-8. Ohio has mandated a list of approved curriculum to be adopted by the end of June of 2025. The K-4 Literacy Committee is currently engaged in site visits through various schools in the surrounding counties. The team visited Pymatuning Valley Elementary to preview their program and have scheduled visits to two other schools in the coming weeks. This process will ensure our alignment with the Science of Reading and keep us compliant with the state requirements.

The Great Lakeview Pumpkin

Middle school students had the opportunity to compete in a pumpkin decorating competition as part of our Positive Behavior Incentive program at LMS. Led by Mrs. Welshhans and Mrs. Ramey, the kids took pumpkins donated by Board of Education Member, Mr. Taylor Pease, and in a spirited display of creativity and fun, decorated them in any way imaginable! The young artists transformed ordinary pumpkins into vibrant masterpieces, showcasing a variety of themes from classic Halloween designs to imaginative characters. The competition not only fostered artistic expression but also provided students time to socialize and enjoy the fall season.



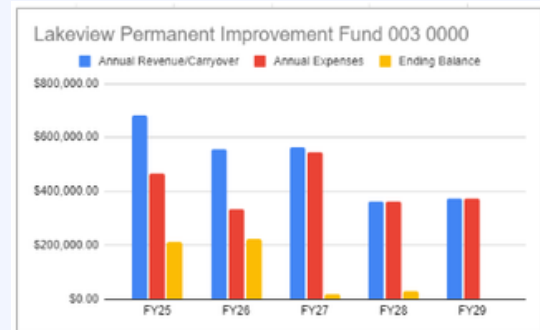
SCOPE Visit

A group of middle school students recently visited the Cortland Scope Center with Mrs. Handrych to partake in line dancing lessons with the members of SCOPE. An unlikely friendship blossomed as the students stepped onto the dance floor for line dancing lessons with a spirited group of senior citizens. Bridging the generation gap, these young dancers learned not only the intricate steps of line dancing but also the rich stories and life lessons shared by their older partners. As they twirled and shuffled together, laughter filled the air, fostering a sense of community and understanding. It was a heartwarming journey of rhythm, connection, and the joy of learning from one another.



Five Year Facility Plan

The District Maintenance and Central Administration team recently worked on a 5 Year Facility and Permanent Improvement Fund Plan and presented it to the Board of Education at the October meeting. The plan utilizes the funds we have for permanent improvements from a PI Levy that was first approved in 1987, since then the PI Levy has consistently been renewed by our community and allows us funding for things like buses, roof repairs, parking lot paving, boilers and other HVAC needs, furniture, or technology. The funds from this PI levy are utilized to maintain the aging high school building. With average maintenance costs of \$260,000/year the team needed to put a strategic plan in place that maximized the funding to ensure we extend the longevity of the high school while living within our means on the funding side. As you can see from the chart below, we are working to keep expenses in line with revenues. The plan concludes in FY2029 with a zero fund balance. If the PI Levy is renewed in 2026, we will continue to project out yearly projects and would expect to see continued revenue to this fund. At the end of this plan, we will have new needs and concerns for the high school building that we will continue to address.



Projects Slated for this Fiscal Year at Lakeview High School:

Annual Maintenance Costs	\$260,000
Replacement of 3 Rooftop HVAC Units	\$159,000
Parking Lot Sealing	\$30,875
Paint New Gym	\$12,000
Mechanical Fixes in New Gym	\$1,000
Flooring Improvement in Media Center	\$5,000
Total PI Costs FY25	\$467,875

District Safety Committee

The District Safety Committee met on Friday, October 18th. Topics discussed at our meeting were drills and training as well as reunification and communication plans. Our School Resource Officer, Officer Smith, discussed with the team several successes of the start of the year drills and what areas he noticed we could improve upon. Additionally, our team was recently retrained in CSTAG or Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines so that all members of the Threat Assessment Team had the same training and were ready to implement with fidelity and consistency. Parents have given great feedback on the communication piece of school safety and those suggestions have been utilized to strengthen our systems of communication.