



— Lakeview Local Schools —

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

As we welcome the month of February, I want to take a moment to reflect on the power of innovation within our means. Every day, our educators, staff, and students push the boundaries of what's possible, finding creative ways to adapt, grow, and thrive—even when resources are limited. We are a district that prides itself on doing more with what we have, fostering an environment where innovation and creativity aren't just encouraged—they're essential.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership in this important work. Your encouragement, enthusiasm, and commitment to our students and staff are recognized and appreciated.

Warm regards,
Ashley Handrych
Superintendent

This year, we've worked diligently to find new ways to enhance our programs, engage students, and create opportunities for learning that extend beyond the classroom. Our commitment to providing the best possible education remains unwavering. But as we continue to innovate and evolve, we must also acknowledge that the foundation of these efforts rests on adequate and sustainable funding.

Funding remains one of the most pressing challenges facing school districts across the state, and we are no exception. The financial landscape continues to evolve, with shifts in state and federal resources affecting the resources we are able to allocate toward our students' educational experiences. The reality is that the quality of education we provide is closely tied to the funding we receive. This includes everything from hiring and retaining exceptional teachers, ensuring our facilities are safe and equipped with up-to-date technology, to providing extracurricular activities that enrich our students' lives.

It is essential that we continue to advocate for the resources needed to support our educational mission. However, I'm proud to say that even in the face of financial challenges, we have found innovative ways to do more with less. Our focus has been on maintaining the integrity of our educational programs, increasing operational efficiency, and finding creative solutions that maximize every dollar we have. But this is a shared effort, and your support—whether through advocacy, involvement, or simply staying informed—makes all the difference.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to leveraging every resource available to provide the best possible education for our students. Together, we can continue to innovate, adapt, and push forward, ensuring that our district remains a place where all students can achieve their full potential.

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Celebrating the Arts in Education

The final weekend in January brought an extraordinary celebration of the arts at Lakeview Local Schools! We are thrilled to share that 14 of our talented music students performed at Severance Hall in Cleveland, joining the



Stambaugh Youth Band for a prestigious concert. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to showcase their musical skills on one of the most renowned stages in the region. Mr. Sensabaugh and Mr. Husosky also had the unique opportunity to conduct in such a beautiful venue.



In Youngstown, another group of our students were displaying their artistic talents at Bliss Hall at Youngstown State University, where they presented their work in a stunning art show. The event also included an awards ceremony to honor their hard work and creativity. It's a weekend filled with artistry, achievement, and pride, as we continue to foster the growth of our students' creative talents. Our commitment and dedication to excellence in the arts remains steadfast.

Senior Citizen Game Day

The Lakeview High School National Honor Society is excited to invite local senior citizens to a fun-filled Game Day in the high school cafeteria on 3/15/25, 1-4 PM! Join us for an afternoon of food, prizes, and entertainment, including BINGO, card games, board games, and even dancing. Our students look forward to creating a lively and welcoming environment where seniors can relax, socialize, and enjoy some friendly competition. This event is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community bonds and bring generations together for an afternoon of joy and connection. We hope to see you there for a day of laughter, games, and great memories!

Changes Coming to Lakeview High School

As we step into the 2025-2026 school year, we are thrilled to announce a transformative shift in how we prepare our students for success beyond the classroom. Lakeview High School is embracing a new structure that aligns with emerging career fields and strengthens the pathway from education to the workforce. This change is designed to help our students develop the skills, knowledge, and real-world experience needed to thrive in their future careers.

As a District, we've heard from multiple stakeholders that we needed to diversify course offerings and adopt more electives. Our high school administrators and guidance department have worked to make that a reality within the confines of our staffing footprint. The team took a deep dive into our current offerings and how they align with the clusters listed below. They then created academic pathways that will help guide students based on their future interests. We will begin by adding a course to all of our 7th and 8th graders in the 2025-2026 school year that will allow them to explore career pathways and set them on a course for their high school experience. In order for this to grow, it is imperative that we set the foundation with our students in middle school. Our current high school students that will not have the middle school foundational class can still look forward to several new courses next year. You can review each pathway and course offerings at the following link: www.lakeviewlocal.org/pathways

New Career Clusters for a Changing Workforce

- Agricultural & Environmental Systems
- Engineering, Technology, and Transportation
- Health Science and Public Safety
- Business, Finance, Accounting, and Law
- Arts & Communications
- Education, Hospitality, and Human Service

Perfect Scores

The Lakeview Board of Education is proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students who earned perfect scores on the state's AIR (American Institutes for Research) assessments. These students exemplify dedication, hard work, and academic excellence, and we couldn't be more thrilled to honor their accomplishments. Their success is a testament to their commitment to learning, as well as the support they receive from our exceptional educators and staff.

A special recognition was held at the December and January Board of Education meetings to celebrate these remarkable students. Their excellence not only reflects their individual talents but also highlights the strength of our district's educational programs. Congratulations to all of our students who earned perfect scores—you make us proud!

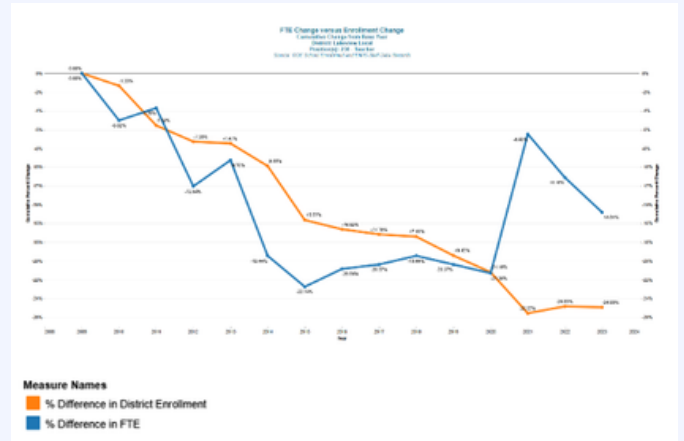


Staffing Footprint

As we continue to navigate the complexities of providing an exceptional education for all students, one of our top priorities is the responsible management of our staffing footprint. Ensuring that we have the right balance of staff across our schools and departments is crucial not only for maintaining high-quality educational experiences but also for being good stewards of district resources.

We are committed to thoughtfully evaluating our staffing needs to align with student enrollment, programmatic demands, and budget constraints. This approach allows us to ensure that we are providing the necessary support for our students and staff while also maintaining fiscal responsibility. By carefully assessing staffing levels and making data-driven decisions, we strive to maximize our resources and continue to offer outstanding opportunities for learning and growth.

The graphic below illustrates that at Lakeview we are on track to balancing staffing with enrollment trends. We responded to the pandemic by increasing academic support and have since continued to reduce through attrition. We are often told to bring back teachers, but doing so needs to be examined through multiple lenses. The data shows us closing the gap to fiscal responsibility based on enrollment.



The chart above shows the change in Lakeview's enrollment over the last fifteen years in orange. Declining enrollment is not a Lakeview specific issue, it is occurring in all Trumbull County Schools.

The blue line shows the level of staffing compared to enrollment. Ideally, the two lines meet. This data was captured last school year, for reference, this year the staffing numbers are more in line with 2020 levels.

Important Dates:

- 2/6 LES Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/12 LMS Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/14-17 NO SCHOOL
- 2/19 LHS Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/27 High School Spring Play
- 3/1 High School Spring Play
- 3/2 High School Spring Play
- 3/15 Senior Citizen Game Day
1:00-4:00 LHS Cafeteria

