

WINTER 2025



SEBRING
LOCAL SCHOOLS

Trojan Talk

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Superintendent



Dear Trojan Families,

We are thrilled to announce some fantastic news! Our care and clothing closets at B.L. Miller and McKinley have both been completely restocked and are ready to help families in need. These essential resources reflect our strong commitment to making sure every student feels supported, valued, and prepared for success. Read more about these great assets in this newsletter. A big thank you to our amazing community members and partners whose generosity made this possible. Together, we truly represent the spirit of Trojan pride!

January was a month full of celebration and gratitude, as we recognized our devoted Board of Education for their outstanding service to our district. During the January board meeting, we proudly honored each of our five members and welcomed Melinda Vecchio as our new Board President and JoAnn Jones as Vice President. Other board members include Debra Green, Scott Latham, and Tammy Eckert, all of whom bring expertise and passion to our school community. We're thankful for their leadership, which promotes and provides a successful learning environment for every student here at Sebring.

The holiday season was nothing short of spectacular, thanks to the heartwarming efforts of our Trojan community! Events like Trick or Treat for Turkeys and the BL Christmas Baskets brought joy and much-needed support to families across the district. Our Christmas concerts were a magical showcase of the incredible talents of our students and staff.

As winter continues, we're cheering loud and proud for our basketball teams as they take the court this season! A huge shoutout to our amazing cheerleaders for clinching first place at the January Bulldog competition--your energy and dedication are an inspiration! Additionally, our honors band has been wowing audiences with excellent ratings at recent events, proving once again that hard work and passion lead to greatness.

Looking ahead, we can't wait for the excitement of our spring sports season to kick off, as baseball, softball, and track are gearing up to take center stage. Our students' energy and determination--both in the classroom and on the field--fill us with immense pride.

As we enter the final stretch of this school year, we're energized by all that's to come and look forward to some busy and memorable months ahead. Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in making Sebring Local Schools a place where excellence thrives.

Go Trojans!
Toni Viscounte, Superintendent

Sebring Local Schools Expands Free Resources for Students and Families Through Care Closets

In a continued effort to support its students and their families, Sebring Local Schools has significantly expanded its free resource offerings, making clothing, hygiene products, and more available to those in need at each of its buildings.

This year, B.L. Miller Elementary's Care Closet has grown exponentially, moving into an entire classroom to create a space that resembles a small store.

The transformation has allowed for better organization, making it easier for families to access items at their convenience. Stocked with clothes, shoes, socks, boots, coats, accessories, hygiene products, and even laundry detergent, the Care Closet offers a one-stop shop for students and their families.



Family Engagement Coordinator Jill Dennis oversees the Trojan Care Closet at B.L. Miller Elementary, while working closely with the YWCA of Alliance and local partners to provide a vital resource to the community.

AmeriCorps VISTA staff from the YWCA visit regularly to help organize and restock the closet, ensuring it remains well-supplied with new and gently used items donated by local families and businesses.

Additionally, a personal care station has been set up with hygiene products, also including a diaper bank, sponsored by Project MKC, to support families with young children.

Donations continue to pour in following the holiday season, including a generous contribution from the Sebring Elks Lodge 1529, which has supported the purchase of new items, including winter clothing for both the Trojan Care Closet at B.L. Miller Elementary and McKinley.

"We are incredibly grateful for our partnership with the YWCA of Alliance and for the generous support from our community," said Jill Dennis, Family Engagement Coordinator for Sebring Local Schools. "We've seen a wonderful cycle of giving, where families who have received help from the Care Closet are now donating clothes and items to support others in need. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and our community has proven time and time again how strong that village is."

The Care Closet is open during the school day, Monday through Friday, or by appointment if a time is needed outside of school hours.

The growth of the Clothing Closet at Sebring McKinley Jr./Sr. High School is equally impressive. After doubling in size last year, it continues to provide essential clothing and hygiene products to students in grades 7-12.



Clothing and shoes sizes are available for children to adults, providing something for everyone in the family.

Run by the Junior High Student Senate, the closet is open once a week during enrichment class and after school on Thursdays, allowing students to "shop" for up to three free items per visit.

Since opening its doors in February 2023, the Clothes Closet has distributed thousands of items, all thanks to donations from local families, businesses, the district's board of education and the school community.

"It's been incredible to watch how much the program has grown in just two years," said Lori DeHoff, Sebring Intervention Specialist and advisor of the Student Senate. "The donations keep pouring in, and our student volunteers help with everything from organizing to tracking the items we distribute. We couldn't do this without them."

Both the B.L. Miller Care Closet and the Sebring McKinley Clothes Closet are crucial resources for the district, offering students and families a helping hand during difficult times. Sebring Local Schools encourages anyone who would like to contribute to these initiatives to consider donating gently used or new clothing, hygiene products, or financial support to continue expanding these efforts.

Additional resources and programs offered to Sebring families and the community through the YWCA and community partners include a laundry program, a transitional housing program, transportation assistance, and utility assistance program. For more information on these resources, as well as the Trojan Care Closet at B.L. Miller Elementary, contact Jill Dennis at jdennis@sebring.k12.oh.us or (614) 915-2514.

For information about the Sebring McKinley Clothes Closet, or if you'd like to contribute, contact Sebring High School at (330) 938-2963.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & SCREENING

Friday, March 21
8am-2pm by appointment only

If your child is turning five on or before **September 30th, 2025**, it is now time to register for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please bring the following with you to complete registration:

- Child's official birth certificate
- Shot records @
- Any custody paperwork
- Social security card
- Parent/Guardian driver's license
- Two proofs of residency (utility bill, etc.)

CALL MRS. HARLAN TODAY TO SCHEDULE:

330-938-2025

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MARCH 21

Appointments typically take one hour.

Sebring Local Schools Votes For New Board President, Vice President During School Board Appreciation Month



Sebring Local Schools Board of Education: (front, from left to right) Board President Melinda Vecchio and Vice President JoAnn Jones; (in back, left to right) Debra Green, Scott Latham, and Tammy Eckert.

Congratulations to Melinda Vecchio, our new Board of Education President, and JoAnn Jones our Vice President, who were recognized at the January Board Meeting.

“Our board members work diligently behind the scenes to ensure a positive and productive learning environment,” said Sebring Local Schools Superintendent Toni Viscounte. “They provide resources and make critical decisions that influence the day-to-day operations of our schools. We are deeply grateful for their tireless efforts and the countless hours they dedicate to making our schools a better place. Their leadership and unwavering support inspire us all to strive for excellence.”

Vecchio, who has served on the board for seven years, and Jones, who has served for seven and a half years, will continue to lead the district's board in supporting educational excellence.

Other board members include Debra Green (serving for seven and a half years), Scott Latham (nearly seven years) and Tammy Eckert (one year).

2024-25 DISTRICT CALENDAR

2024-2025 DISTRICT CALENDAR OPTION #2

176 Student Days - Yellow
2 PT Conference Comp - Blue
3 Staff - Pink
3 Waiver - Green

2024

August
20 Optional NEOEA Day
21 Convocation Day
22 First Day Classes

September
2 Labor Day - No School

October
10 Conference Night
11 NEOEA
14 Conf. Comp Day - No School
25 End 1st Grade Period (44 days)

November
27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December
2 In-Service Day - Staff Only
20 Last Day Classes

2025

January
6 Classes Resume
16 End 2nd Grade Period (45 days)
17 Staff Records day-No Students
20 MLK Day - No School

February
13 Conference Night
14 Conf. Comp Day - No School
17 Presidents' Day - No School
18 In-Service Day- Staff Only

March
21 End 3rd Grade Period (41 days)

April
18 Good Friday - No School
21 Spring Break

May
26 Memorial Day
29 End 4th Grade Period (46 days)
29 End Semester/End Year
29 Last Day Classes
30 Staff Records Day

June
1 Graduation

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Sept			20	20
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Nov			18	18
Dec	1		14	15
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Feb	1	1	17	19
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Apr			20	20
May			20	21
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If necessary, make-up days will be at that the discretion of the Board of Education.

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June	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Join the Trojan Family!

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS MAY 1, 2025

For New Families Enrolling for 2025-2026

Contact our board office for applications: (330) 938-6165

Open enrollment for families currently enrolled outside of the district - Ongoing

Open enrollment for new families outside of the district - May 1

**KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
March 21**

Call Mrs. Harlan to schedule an appointment: (330) 938-2025

<https://www.sebring.k12.oh.us/>

Register Early as a Current Family!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 2025 AIR DATES

- 4/18 - Mrs. Sisler Kindergarten
- 4/21 - Mrs. Walsh Kindergarten
- 4/22 - Miss Kirksey Grade 1
- 4/23 - Mrs. Shepherd Grade 1
- 4/24 - Ms. Guy Grade 2
- 4/25 - Miss Campbell Grade 2
- 4/28 - Ms. Householder Grade 3
- 4/29 - Mrs. Laure Grade 3
- 4/30 - Ms. D'Ostroph Grade 4
- 5/01 - Ms. Lanham Grade 5
- 5/02 - Mr. Scala Grade 6
- 5/05 - Mrs. Naples Grade 6
- 5/06 - Mrs. Umbs Grade 5



PLEDGES AIR ON
33 WYTV
BETWEEN
6:30AM - 7:00AM

THE VIDEOS WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON WYTV.COM THE MORNING AFTER THEY AIR LIVE.

Beatrice L. Miller Elementary School News

A Message from Principal Hanley

What a wonderful first half of the school year we have had this year at B.L. Elementary School! The holidays have come and gone, the seasons have changed, and we even got to enjoy a few snow days this school year! We have been hard at work expanding our minds in math and reading, while enjoying all of the sciences and arts as well. Not only have we been working on growing our intellectual minds, but we have been working hard to grow in our mindset and character as well.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best, "Intelligence plus character, that is the true goal of education." Not only are we striving to build the minds of our students in academics, but we are helping to shape them as future adults and leaders. At B.L. we have a wide variety of guests and programs that are nurturing our students. We have a partnership with the Sebring Library who visits monthly in our kindergarten through third grade classrooms. We also have a partnership with The Ohio State University Extension Office, who provides us with nutrition classes weekly for a 7-8 week course for all grades Preschool through 6th grade. This school year, we have adapted a new program called "7 Mindsets," where students are focusing weekly on recognizing their emotions, feelings, and how to regulate what they are feeling. We also have a full time ALTA counselor available for our students or families who may need some extra support in counseling. Last but certainly not least, we have an after school program through United Way for 1st through 5th grade students that meets many needs. These services and courses are helping to develop the whole child while growing in the learning environment.

On the academic forefront, we have adopted a new reading curriculum this year and are enjoying the exciting instruction while also navigating a new system. Our students are enjoying the reading and writing components as we are keeping up with the Ohio Science of Reading standards. We are excited to watch our students' growth academically and still thrive on our small class sizes for such personalized instruction.

They say that it "takes a village," to raise a child, and that's exactly what we are doing at B.L. Miller. We are working on growing the entire child, from their self worth, to their math facts. It truly takes a village. The support from our community, our amazing staff, outside resources, the volunteers, the board of education and superintendent, our parents, and all who make the value of our students a priority have the true goal of education in mind.

- Principal Nichole Hanley

B.L. Miller Spelling Bee



Congratulations to our B.L. Miller Spelling Bee champion, Violet Sheen, and runner-up, Jaxsyn Shell! Violet will represent us at the Regional Spelling Bee in Youngstown on Saturday, March 1st! Thanks to all of our wonderful contestants.

Trojan Kindergarten Spotlight



Have you seen our new video spotlight series on our district Facebook page? Each Friday, we've been sharing the sweet faces of our kindergarten class. In short video interviews, they tell us their favorite part about school, what they hope to be when they grow up, and what they like to do outside of school.

These videos are sure to brighten your day. Follow Sebring Local School District on Facebook to tune in!



Muffins with Mom



Thanks to all of our families for making events like these so memorable.

Our annual "Muffins with Mom" event was a wonderful success, thanks to all of our extraordinary moms and caregivers. It's always special seeing our students enjoy breakfast with their loved ones, setting the tone for a great day!



B.L. MILLER 3 MONTH PLANNER

MARCH 2025:

March 3-7: "Read Across America" Week
March 4: Spring Pictures
March 12: PIE Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
March 14: Father/Daughter Dance; 6-8:00 p.m.
March 21: End of 3rd Grading Period
March 28: Report Cards Sent Home

APRIL 2025:

April 9: P.I.E. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
April 16: PIE Egg Hunt
April 18: No School: "Good Friday"
April 21: No School: Easter Break
April 25: Mother/Son Dance; 6-8:00 p.m.

MAY 2025:

May 2: PIE Fun Fair; 5-8:00 p.m.
May 15: Spring Concert (Grades 4-6) & BL Art Show; 6-7:00 p.m.
May 20: Track & Field Day (Rain date: May 21)
May 27: Kindergarten Graduation at 6:00 p.m.
May 28: 6th Grade Graduation at 6:00 p.m.
May 28: End of Year Awards Assemblies:
1st & 2nd Grade- 12:30-1:15 p.m.
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade- 1:15-2:15 p.m.
May 29: Last Day of School/
End of 4th Quarter

Holiday Happenings: A Season of Joy and Giving



B.L. Miller Elementary School embraced the spirit of the season with a variety of festive activities throughout November and December, bringing students, families, and staff together for moments of fun and community.

More than 150 guests joined us for our annual Christmas Family "Grinch" Night on December 13, for an evening full of holiday cheer. Attendees enjoyed a screening of The Grinch, complete with themed treats like Grinch punch and Grinch popcorn. The night was made even more special with a surprise visit from the Grinch himself, who interacted with families and posed for photos. In addition to the movie, families participated in holiday crafts, games, and enjoyed shopping at the Secret Santa Gift Shop, sponsored by Parents In Education (P.I.E.).

"We're incredibly grateful for the support of our families, volunteers, and community partners who help make these events so special," said Jill Dennis, Family Engagement Coordinator for Sebring Local Schools.

During that same week, we celebrated our Success After Six Family Christmas Party. Santa Claus, along with his Elf on the Shelf, Jax Mellott, visited the event to present gifts to the students, adding an extra touch of joy. Families enjoyed a delicious dinner, participated in festive activities like a gingerbread house competition, and joined in on holiday sing-alongs. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the event possible.

Another special thanks goes out to our parent volunteers who chaperoned and led classroom parties the last day before winter break. Our kiddos enjoyed many festive activities and treats, and fun was had by all!

Our students, staff and community partners also participated in our annual Christmas Basket Fundraiser, putting together food, supplies and gifts for more



than 42 local families. Read more about the 30th annual food drive on page 8 under District News.

Flash back to November, when we enjoyed Thanksgiving activities and programs. Our 2nd-graders presented their annual Thanksgiving Feast Performance, where students dressed as turkeys and pilgrims, reading poems and singing turkey songs to the delight of their families. B.L. Miller students also participated in a Thanksgiving feast, bringing together students and staff to share a meal with all the Thanksgiving fixings! The cafeteria team worked hard to prepare a delicious spread for all to enjoy.

These holiday events at B.L. Miller Elementary were not only a time for festive fun but also a reminder of the strong sense of community and support that makes Sebring a special place to be.



McKinley Jr/Sr. High School News

A Message from Principal Clark

As we reach the midpoint of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our journey so far and look ahead with excitement and enthusiasm. Through our thriving school spirit and service-oriented building culture, we have plenty to proudly look back on and much to look forward to.

We have witnessed an incredible display of school spirit this year! From our spirited pep rallies to the outstanding participation in various clubs and sports teams, our students have shown what it means to be a part of this vibrant community. Additionally, our students have collected thousands of dollars for community service projects, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and volunteered in organizations throughout the village. I encourage everyone to continue supporting one another and fostering a positive and inclusive environment. Together, we can make our school a place where everyone feels valued and empowered.

I am incredibly proud of our students' academic achievements. Their hard work and dedication have resulted in impressive accomplishments, from excelling in classroom projects to earning honor and merit roll status on the recently released report card. It is awesome to witness the enthusiasm and dedication our students bring to their classrooms each day. This is evidenced by the incredible number of students on the Honor Roll and Merit Roll. Our teaching staff is very proud of the fact that 58.7% of our students maintained a 3.0 GPA or above in the last quarter, meaning nearly 6 out of every 10 students are on the honor or merit rolls this quarter. Our students should be proud that we are establishing a high level of academic expectation in the building. This number is even higher than the first grading period, demonstrating sustained success and improvement in the classrooms. Great job, Trojans! Let's continue to strive for even greater success in the second half of the year.

In addition to an experienced and caring staff that "know you," our wraparound student services are helping us remove the barriers to learning. Whether it is our free food pantry cart in the cafeteria, our clothing closet for necessities, Alta mental health counseling, or health clinics with the Akron Children's Nurse Practitioner, we strive to provide care to the whole child and give our students everything they need to succeed academically.

Our dedicated guidance counselors have been working tirelessly to support our students' academic and emotional well-being. They are available to assist with course selections, college applications, career guidance, and personal concerns. Please encourage your children to take advantage of these valuable resources, as they play a crucial role in helping students navigate their high school experience and plan for their future.

As we leave winter behind us and look to springtime, we begin to prepare for the next school year. In early February, course registration for the 2025-26 school year will open for students in grades 9-12. It is important that all parents discuss a graduation pathway with their child. Students must meet all local and state requirements to graduate. We offer a couple of classes that specifically focus on graduation and career pathways. Our senior-level NIMS course has proven to be extremely successful in allowing students to acquire readiness seals. We also designed a course specifically for freshmen called Trojan Academy to teach them graduation requirements and begin career exploration. We believe graduation is attainable for every child and work hard to open doors for each child's success.

Moving forward, let's keep the momentum going and support each other in all aspects of our school life. Together, we can achieve remarkable things.

GO Trojans!

- Principal Brian Clark



March, April, May
2025 Planner

McKinley

MARCH/APRIL 2025:

March 10	NHS Induction Ceremony
March 11	Masculine Matchup
March 21-22	Spring Musical at 6 p.m.
April 8-9	Ohio State Test in ELA
April 23-24	Ohio State Test in Social Studies
April 29-30	Ohio State Test in Science
April 30	McKinley Band/Choir Concert & Awards at 6 p.m.

MAY 2025:

May 3	Promenade at 5 p.m. at McKinley Prom at Ala Carte Catering at 6 p.m.
May 6-7	Ohio State Test in Math
May 7	Academic Awards Banquet at Almost Home Event Ctr. at 6 p.m.
May 23	Senior Awards at McKinley at 9 a.m.
May 29	Underclass Awards at McKinley at 9 a.m.
May 29	Last Day of Classes
June 1	Graduation at McKinley Gymnasium at 2 p.m.

"STEM Goes Red" Field Trip



A group of our 8th-grade girls took a field trip to NEOMED for the "STEM Goes Red" event to explore the infinite possibilities in the world of STEM. Girls from all over northeast Ohio were there to hear from women in STEM careers and participate in breakout activities, including a real heart lab demonstration. Among the speakers was Miss Ohio, who also wears the hats of a scientist, ballerina and STEM student! Thank you to her and the many wonderful women in attendance who were such an inspiration to our students!

"Stay in the Game" + Show Up!



At McKinley, we're proud to be participants in the Cleveland Browns and Battelle for Kids "Stay in the Game Attendance Network," a program designed to encourage strong school attendance. To recognize the commitment of our students, we've been awarding free giveaways to those who show up each day, celebrating their dedication to learning. These small incentives serve as a reminder of how important it is to be present and engaged, and we're excited to continue supporting our Trojans for their consistent efforts throughout the school year.



American Heart Association



McKinley Jr/Sr. High School News

Sophomores Explore Hands-On Offerings at MCCTC



Our sophomores visited the MCCTC on Nov. 15 to tour the labs and see if anything sparked their interest to pursue next Fall. They were able to see what the career center has to offer, including programs in welding, nursing, culinary arts, auto tech, cyber security, animal science, cosmetology and more.

Applications for MCCTC enrollment are currently open. Contact McKinley Counselor Mrs. Jackson at mjackson@sebring.k12.oh.us with any questions.

On the Path to NHS Membership: Tapping Ceremony



In late November we had our National Honor Society Tapping Ceremony, led by NHS advisor, Mrs. Rummel, during which our current members did the tapping of the upcoming potential new members, to be officially inducted in the Spring.

These students have displayed characteristics of the four pillars of NHS, which include: character, leadership, scholarship and service.

Congratulations and keep up the great work! We'll look forward to the official induction ceremony on Wednesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. in the McKinley Auditorium.

SENIORS

Jay Zheng

JUNIORS

Alayna Braham
Nikki Freet
Emily Wright

CURRENT MEMBERS

Allison Hoschar
Katelyn Leeland
Michael Moyer
Abigail Stuller
Myla Thomas
Isabella Threet
Angelo Vecchio
Kiera Weekly

McKinley Spelling Bee



Congratulations to the 2025 Sebring McKinley Junior High Spelling Bee winner, 8th-grader Brenlee Armour (pictured left) and our runner up, 7th-grader, Alanis Giron-Perez. Thanks to everyone who participated! Congratulations, Brenlee, and good luck at the next level, competing at YSU!

SEBRING
TROJANS
2025
HOMECOMING
KING & QUEEN

CONGRATULATIONS
BETO GONZALEZ ALVARADO
&
CAMRYN KINSER





2025 Winter

Homecoming Court



Back row: (From left) Tony Baddeley (Sophomore), Tre Stevens (Junior), Beto Alvarado Gonzalas (Senior), Cameron Doolan (Senior)

Front row: (From left) Brittney Nagy (Freshman), Kiera Kemmery (Sophomore), Raegan Wynn (Junior), Kiera Weekly (Senior), Myla Thomas (Senior), Camryn Kinser (Senior)

Not pictured: Ruger Bowers (Freshman), Michael Moyer (Senior)

McKinley High School crowned its winter 2025 Homecoming king and queen. Congratulations to Beto Gonzalez Alvarado and Camryn Kinser!

An Update From Our Treasurer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

As we continue to improve and maintain our school facilities, we want to provide you with an update on recent and ongoing projects made possible by your continued support.

Completed Projects: Over the last two years, we have worked diligently to address various facility needs, and we are pleased to report significant progress. Here are some of the key projects that have been completed:

- Roof Repairs: We have successfully completed repairs to all flat roofs and are now turning our focus to the metal roofs.
- Facility Upgrades: Replaced torn stage curtains (which were also losing their nonflammable properties) and installed new carpet in the auditorium and band room.
- Exterior Improvements: Aging exterior doors, which were no longer functioning properly, have been replaced.
- Technology Updates: A new internet server installed at the elementary school.
- Safety Enhancements: Repaired damaged sidewalks, which were a safety hazard.

Vehicle and Equipment Replacements:

- We replaced our band cargo trailer with a newer used trailer purchased from another school, as the old one had a rusty frame.
- A used Ford F250 truck has replaced our previous truck, which was no longer suitable for hauling heavy loads due to rust.
- A new three-bay garage has been built to store our fleet, including our special education van, Suburban, and Ford F250.

Additional Improvements: A commitment to improving safety, security, and comfort:

- Replacement of a broken walk-behind floor scrubber.
- Installation of safety railing at the football stadium.
- Added cameras to enhance security.
- Installed vape detectors in high school and junior high restrooms.
- Implemented an access control system utilizing key fobs for added security.
- Replaced aging cafeteria furniture.

Looking Ahead: Our next major project will focus on replacing our aging boiler systems. We are currently applying for a grant from the Ohio Department of Development, which, if awarded, will cover half the cost of replacing the end-of-life boiler systems.

Additionally, we are excited to announce the purchase of a Trojan mascot, which has served to promote school spirit and unity across our district and will continue to do so for years to come.

If you have any financial questions or would like further information on these projects, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at dwelsch@sebring.k12.oh.us or by phone at 330-938-6165.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to create the best possible learning environment for our students!

Warm regards,
Dawn Welsch, Treasurer/CFO

SEBRING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT						
REVENUES	Actual 2023-2024	FORECASTED 2024-2025	FORECASTED 2025-2026	FORECASTED 2026-2027	FORECASTED 2027-2028	FORECASTED 2028-2029
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,244,120	\$1,343,649	\$1,357,086	\$1,370,656	\$1,384,363	\$1,398,207
Tangible Personal Property Taxes	\$245,507	\$208,681	\$214,941	\$221,390	\$228,031	\$234,872
Income Tax	\$723,109	\$737,571	\$763,386	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuition & Open Enrollment	\$53,782	\$57,317	\$58,074	\$58,842	\$59,622	\$60,414
Other Receipts - Local	\$80,240	\$60,092	\$60,690	\$61,294	\$61,904	\$62,066
Interest Income	\$352,683	\$381,603	\$373,971	\$366,492	\$359,162	\$351,978
State Funding	\$4,229,875	\$4,193,093	\$4,130,197	\$4,068,244	\$4,007,220	\$3,947,112
Rollback & Homestead	\$145,751	\$145,895	\$146,040	\$146,187	\$146,335	\$146,485
Other Receipts - State	\$840,598	\$825,701	\$809,485	\$813,344	\$817,279	\$785,451
Federal Revenue / Medicaid	\$84,801	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Transfers/Advances In	\$197,259	\$11,809	\$11,809	\$11,809	\$11,809	\$11,809
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,197,723	\$8,015,410	\$7,975,678	\$7,168,258	\$7,125,726	\$7,048,394
EXPENSES	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Salaries & Wages	\$3,229,568	\$3,507,392	\$3,609,292	\$3,702,310	\$3,810,337	\$3,840,069
Fringe Benefits	\$1,590,603	\$1,827,095	\$1,960,156	\$2,105,375	\$2,265,007	\$2,436,989
Purchased Services	\$1,531,262	\$1,512,725	\$1,574,255	\$1,640,466	\$1,709,082	\$1,780,342
Supplies	\$373,183	\$409,287	\$419,446	\$429,808	\$440,457	\$445,490
Equipment & Capital Purchases	\$470,030	\$181,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Other Objects	\$177,224	\$188,110	\$190,710	\$192,682	\$195,470	\$193,963
Transfers Out	\$317,004	\$218,083	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,688,874	\$7,843,692	\$7,903,859	\$8,220,641	\$8,570,354	\$8,846,853
Salaries & Benefits as a % of Revenue	58.80%	66.55%	69.83%	81.02%	85.26%	89.06%
TOTAL REVENUES Excess/Shortfall	\$508,849	\$171,718	\$71,819	(\$1,052,384)	(\$1,444,628)	(\$1,798,459)
GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE, Begin FY	\$5,283,777	\$5,792,625	\$5,964,344	\$6,036,163	\$4,983,779	\$3,539,151
GENERAL FUND CASH BALANCE, End FY	\$5,792,625	\$5,964,344	\$6,036,163	\$4,983,779	\$3,539,151	\$1,740,692
RESERVES						
ENCUMBRANCES, JUNE30TH	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
FUND BALANCE, JUNE30TH	\$5,782,625	\$5,954,344	\$6,026,163	\$4,973,779	\$3,529,151	\$1,730,692

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B.L. Miller 30th Annual Christmas Basket Fundraiser Supports 42 Local Families

Students and faculty at B.L. Miller Elementary School, along with the support of many generous community partners and families, are providing 42 local families with food and supplies from their annual Christmas Basket Drive.

Of those families, 108 children benefited from the drive, and also received gifts to add under the tree.

Since November, students, families and staff have been contributing food items daily to the drive. The sixth-grade student senate and third-grade classes have been collecting the items, and the third-graders tallied and graphed them daily. The elementary group that contributed the most received a candy party sponsored by Partners in Education (P.I.E.).

Laundry baskets filled with household items and overflowing boxes of food lined the elementary hallways, and Sebring teachers, staff, family members and community volunteers helped deliver them on Friday, the last day of school before break.

“Our goal is to provide food to support our families in keeping our kids’ bellies full over the winter break, a time when finances are tight and there are more mouths to feed,” says Leann Laure, third grade teacher at Sebring who leads the drive.

Laure initiated the effort with her parents 30 years ago, after her first year of teaching in the district. She recalls putting together baskets for eight families the first year, and credits the helping hands of many who have contributed to its great success.

“I say it every year, and I will say it again--we could NOT provide all that we do for our families if not for the support of all of our very generous individuals, businesses and organizations,” Laure says. “We are so blessed to have and retain their support each year. So many hands go into helping make this month-long initiative happen, and as a result, we’re able to bless so many families.”



Household items included shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, body wash, deodorant, laundry soap, dish soap. There are food items for holiday cooking and everyday meals for families, including milk, bread, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, Poptarts, eggs, stuffing, sugar, flour, turkey pans, potatoes, turkey bags, hot dogs, spaghetti sauce, brownie mix and pancakes.

In addition to food, household items and gifts, hats and gloves will also be distributed to all families who

requested them. The district would like to thank the many local businesses, churches, nonprofit organizations, families and individuals who contributed to the efforts through monetary, food, household supplies and gift donations.

Donors included Sebring Villas and Mrs. Connor, Brickhouse, Danny’s Cans, Sebring Friends Church, Myers Family, P.I.E. (Partners In Education), Accent Home Improvement, Brunner’s Farm Market, Copeland Oaks residents (who would like to remain anonymous), Apex Control Systems, Industrial Wire Solutions, Tru Cut, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebring Presbyterian Church, Scarpitti Foundation, United Women in Faith of Christ United, Methodist Church, Alliance Elks, Sebring Salvation Army Unit, YWCA-Alliance, United Way of Youngstown & the Mahoning Valley, Tim Ramsayer, Keely Kandel, the Weibush family, and a Cincinnati “cheer mom”.

There were also several families who would like to remain anonymous, some of which are former third grade students who helped run the drive years ago and remembered the impact it had on them.

The district would also like to thank our volunteers who packed baskets, including John and Allison Everhart, Morgan Kincade and Macagey Laure, as well as basket deliverers, Debbie and Les Weibush, Morgan Kincade, Kathy Schroeder, Lynn Chiu and Joe, Leann and Macagey Laure.

McKinley Provided Thanksgiving Meals for 27 Local Families

Students from Sebring McKinley Junior and Senior High School joined forces to collect food and hygiene supplies for 27 families in the district during the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

In October, McKinley High School’s Ecology Club went “Trick-or-treating for Turkeys,” an annual fundraising effort during which students decorate empty milk jugs as turkeys and venture out into the community, going door-to-door asking for donations that are used to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for local families. This year, they raised \$800 for turkeys and hams.

In November, the Junior High Student Senate hosted their eighth annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, and together, with the money raised from the Ecology Club, they were able to purchase turkeys and hams to put together complete Thanksgiving meal baskets, as well as pantry staples and hygiene products.



“We’re so proud of our students who worked together and gathered hundreds of items for the food drive, which increases the amount of support we can provide to district families,” said Student Senate Advisor Lori DeHoff.

The donations ranged from holiday favorites to pantry staples such as potatoes, stuffing, gravy, pasta, pasta sauce, applesauce, tuna, cereal, macaroni and cheese, desserts, fruit, vegetables and soup, as well as hygiene products, including soap, dish soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, and more.

The district would like to thank the community for its support, and commend its students and staff, the Ecology Club and Junior Senate for their efforts to fund these essential Thanksgiving food giveaways.



McKinley Alumni Speaker Series

In our second ongoing year of our Alumni Speaker Series at McKinley, we are inviting our alumni speakers to share their story through faculty-led interviews. Sebring Trojans do great things and we’re thankful to be able to shine the light on them at any opportunity we have.

In November, we were grateful to have 2004 graduate, **Drew Diver**, who took the time to visit us while he was in town. Drew currently lives in Sweden and works as a platform engineer. He has a bachelor of science degree in Computer Information Systems from DeVry University. Special thanks to Mrs. Segretario for leading the interview. Thanks for your time and inspiration, Drew! We love seeing our former students succeed and we appreciate you sharing your journey with us.



Next, we were so glad to have **Gabrielle Lozoya**, a Sebring graduate of 2019, join us to share her remarkable story with us. Gabrielle has a degree in criminal justice from Mount Union and is currently employed as an operational/client service associate at Hunter Associates in Salem. She currently resides here in Sebring. Special thanks to Mrs. Mathias for leading the interview discussion. Thank you, Gabrielle, for emphasizing the power of building relationships and taking full advantage of all that Sebring has to offer!



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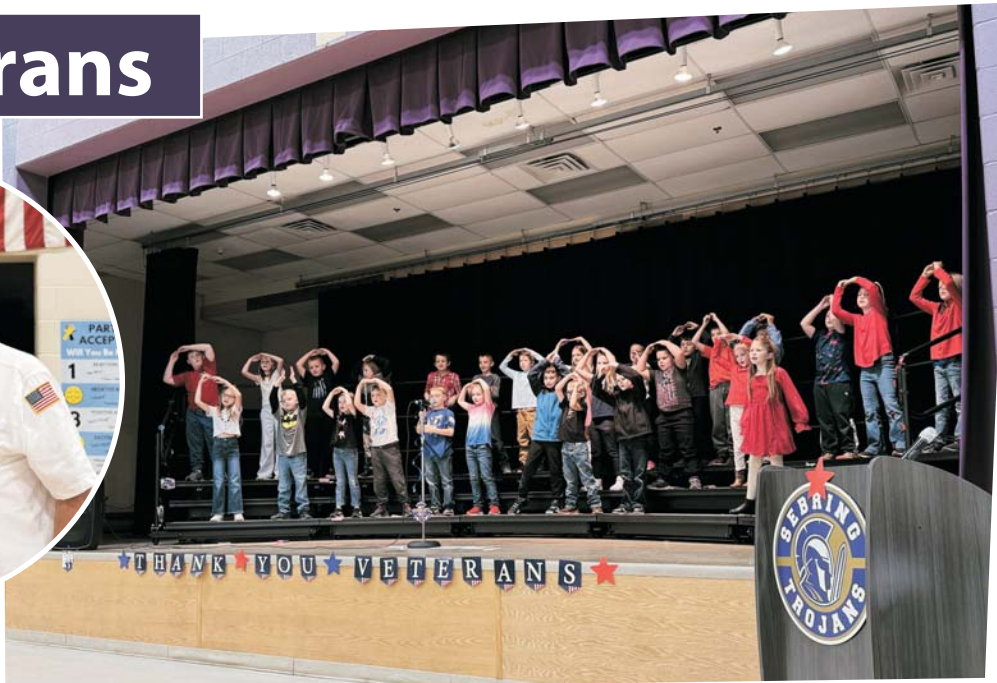
Salute to our Veterans

We were so honored to give thanks to our veterans in November during our "Salute to our Veterans" ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who attended and to all of those who played a special part in our programs.

A special shout out to our music, choir and band teachers, Mrs. Mansfield and Mr. Engstrom, who led our students in patriotic songs and salutes.

We'd especially like to give a very heartfelt "Thank You!" to our guest speaker, Al Schaeffer, a Navy Seabee who served in the Vietnam War, for sharing his story with us.

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TROJAN ATHLETICS



Signs of Growth for Trojan Girls Basketball

The Lady Trojan basketball team continues making strides forward, with three conference victories and four wins overall in the first half of the '24-25 season. The ladies hope the progress continues as they head into the final six weeks of the season. Led by senior returners Alli Hoscahar and Shannon Aberegg, along with the addition of senior Precious Cundiff the girls have shown themselves to be extremely resilient, as two of their recent victories were highlighted by fourth quarter comebacks.

Juniors Daviana Bowyer, Ava Coen and Raegan Wynn continue to play key roles on the team which dresses 13 girls, including three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. The future also looks bright as the junior high girls team has recorded four victories thus far, preparing themselves for varsity competition next season. They will join the three mentioned juniors along with junior underclassmen Kristal Giron, sophomores Kiera Kemmery, Marissa Saldivar and Chloe Ensell and current freshmen Taylor Johnson, Mariah Vansteenberb and Amariana Choice.



Boys Basketball Fighting Through Adversity

Often in life, winning efforts cannot always be defined by wins and losses. They often are exemplified by diligence, grit and perseverance. The varsity boys team, led by Head Coach Lee Knepp and assistants Mike Harshman and Joe Davis have worked to build those traits in the team throughout the 24-25 season. The boys continue to battle night in and night out and were rewarded for their efforts with a 56-23 victory over the visiting Urban Scholar Hawks early in the new year.

The boys continue to lean heavily on senior point guard Caleb Rowles as well as senior Reece Runyan. Sophomores Blake Hunter, Zack Todd and Tony Baddeley and Thomas Lair continue to log several minutes. Juniors Noah Betz, Trey Stevens, Aidan Seevers, Daniel Defferding and sophomore Micahel Tewksberry are also working to finish the season strong and head into a productive off season.



Let's Hear it Loud & Clear for Trojan Cheer!

We are thrilled to announce that our Sebring Cheerleaders will advance to the OASSA State Cheerleading Championship in Columbus on February 22nd at Big Walnut High School. This is the first time in 11 years that Sebring will be represented at the state level.

The squad earned their way to state through their hard work through competition season, during which, they took first place in the High School Gameday Building Division at the Bulldog Rumble in January, and then in early February, placed at the OASSA Regional Competition at Lake High School.

This is a huge accomplishment for the squad, and it reflects their dedication and continuous hard work this season.

"This squad has put in an incredible amount of effort, and I am excited to see all their hard work pay off," says Head Coach Cassy Wynn. "I'm confident we'll continue to achieve great things!"



Senior Allison Hoschar to Continue Cheer Career at Mount Vernon Nazarene University

We are excited to announce that Allison Hoschar has signed a letter of intent to cheer for Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU)! Allison earned a spot on both their sideline and competition squads, marking an incredible achievement in her cheerleading career.

Allison plans to attend MVNU in the fall, where she will major in Mechanical Engineering. While at Sebring, she has been an invaluable member of the Cheerleading squad since her sophomore year and is a proud 2-year Varsity letter winner. Currently serving as the Captain of the McKinley Cheer squad, Allison has demonstrated exceptional leadership both on and off the mat, setting a positive example for her teammates and younger students alike.

"Allison's dedication and hard work showcase the talent and determination that Sebring students possess," says Coach Cassy Wynn. "While we will miss her on the sideline, we are excited to see the incredible impact she will undoubtedly have at MVNU and beyond."



Youth Basketball Camp Brings Fun and Skills to Elementary Students

Our high school basketball team had a blast leading our little Trojans in grades 2-6 at the January Youth Basketball Camp! The kids had a great time practicing their skills, playing games, and enjoying their time on the court. We can't wait to see these athletes make their mark at McKinley one day!

Go Trojans!



To view our winter sports calendars, please scan the QR code or visit our website at sebring.k12.oh.us and click on the "Athletics" tab. You can also visit trojannation.org to see all of the latest athletic news and upcoming events.

A Musical Update from Mrs. Amanda Mansfield, B.L. Miller Elementary

We've had a fantastic start to the school year, with students of all grades engaging in exciting musical activities and learning new skills. Our music programs are growing, and we are thrilled to share some of the wonderful opportunities available to our students this year.



Trojan Choir

We are excited to introduce our very first Trojan Choir, a singing group consisting of 65 students from 2nd - 6th grade. This marks the inaugural year for our elementary choir, and we couldn't be more thrilled to see such a wonderful turnout. The choir meets once a week for rehearsals and has already had the opportunity to perform at several local venues, including Copeland Oaks Assisted Living (pictured), Youngstown State University, and various school events. Stay tuned for future performances!

Advanced Recorder Class

For our 5th grade students, we offer a special "Advanced Recorder Class." This class meets once a week and is designed to prepare students for band in 6th grade while also teaching them fundamentals of music theory and how to read music. In 4th grade, all students learn the basics of recorder, but this class takes those skills further. We incorporate a fun "Recorder Karate" program, where students earn colored belts (ribbons) as they master songs. It's a great way for students to develop their skills in a motivating way!

5th and 6th Grade Ukulele

This year, our 5th and 6th grade students are learning to play the ukulele! They have started exploring the parts of the instrument, tuning it, learning basic chords and practicing rhythm while strumming. We are preparing for a performance at the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade concert on May 15th, where students will showcase their ukulele skills. Be sure to attend the concert to see the students in action!



Photo: Fred Schriener

L to R: Emily Warrick, Finn Rumberger (face down), Arlo Stickle, Myla Thomas, Kaden Weston, Kiley Lacher

McKinley Drama Club Takes Center Stage: A Journey of Growth & Creative Expression

In November, our McKinley Jr. Sr. High School Drama Club wow'd the community with an evening of laughter, suspense, and dinner with the presentation of "Murder on the Menu," a comedic mystery dinner theater production.

Led by Drama Club advisor, Mrs. Nicole Rummell, and consisting of students in 7th to 12th grade, the program is focused on continued growth.

"We've had more and more interest in our drama club as students realize how much fun their peers are having," says Rummell. "Our students are gaining wonderful experience and confidence on stage, acting, singing and performing, as well as behind the scenes, handling logistics and running the show."

Come support the drama club this Spring, as they present their upcoming Spring Musical, Annie Jr. Performances will be held Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, 2025. Follow our Sebring Local School District Facebook page and keep an eye out for more information.

A Musical Update from Mr. Wyatt Engstrom, McKinley Jr/Sr High

Our music programs at McKinley Jr/Sr High are in full swing this year, and we're excited to share updates from our band and choir ensembles!



Trojan Marching Band

Our marching band is a dynamic and visually striking ensemble for grades 7-12 that plays an essential role in school spirit. In addition to performing at Friday night football games, the marching band has had opportunities to perform at the Columbiana and Beaver Local Band Shows, the Canfield Fair, and parades in Sebring and Kennywood. The band had 35 members this year and is expected to grow to over 50 members. Due to this growth, the marching band is currently raising funds to purchase new uniforms, ensuring that they can continue to perform with both style and pride at upcoming events.

Choir

The choir program is also currently on the rise. Our high school choir consists of 7 singers in grades 9-12. The choir has had the honor of performing at our local Veteran's Day Assembly and Christmas Concert, bringing powerful music to these meaningful events. In addition, a few of our choir members were selected to perform in OMEA District V Honors Choir, which consisted of singers grades 9-12 from schools in Mahoning, Trumbull, and Ashtabula county. A recent addition to the choir program is the introduction of a junior high choir for all 7th and 8th grade students, providing new opportunities for young singers to develop their talents.



Concert Band

The concert band program consists of three different bands: 6th-grade band, junior high band, and senior high band. The 6th-grade band is currently developing foundational skills on their instruments and will be making their concert debut on April 30th. As they progress, the Junior High Band builds on these skills, tackling more complex music while preparing for performances at school events and introducing opportunities to perform in Honors Bands at YSU and for OMEA District V. The High School Band continues to refine their techniques, offering more advanced and varied repertoires. The High School Band also offers the opportunity to join Jazz Band. The Jazz Band allows opportunities to learn new instruments, explore different music styles, and practice techniques to expand their musical skills.



McKinley Band Needs Your Support

Will you please consider helping Sebring's band members reach their goal of purchasing new band uniforms? The current uniforms were purchased eight years ago from another school (used) and are very worn and faded. Our band program is growing and it is difficult to find enough uniforms in the appropriate sizes to accommodate the students. The new uniforms will cost \$350 each and have a 10-year warranty.

Donations can be sent to Sebring Local Schools, 510 N. 14th St., Sebring, OH 44672. Please write "donation for band uniforms" in the memo. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Kiley Lacher in a new Trojan marching band uniform.

More Performing Arts News on the next page

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

An Artistic Update from Ms. Samantha Luca

Students in grades 5-8 have been hard at work creating self-portraits to showcase at the Canfield Fair in September. Students took photos of themselves and used those images as references to paint their own likenesses on canvas. Each student put in a lot of effort and creativity to ensure their portraits were unique and true to themselves, and the results are sure to make for an impressive display.

At the high school level, a uniquely expressive tradition is continuing into its third year. Senior art students are once again adding their personal touch to the student lounge by painting individual bricks with their names and graduating year. The process starts with students designing a rough sketch of their envisioned brick art, which is then transferred to a single brick. This tradition, which began in 2022, allows students to leave a lasting legacy at Sebring McKinley.



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

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Sebring partners with Stark State College to provide college courses at our school, taught by our teachers in the classroom. College Credit Plus courses are available to students in grades 7-12, as long as they meet the requirements of the college. Students also receive high school credit for completing these classes.

"We have had many students graduate with 30 or more college credit hours, and they have been able to knock out requirements and even semesters of coursework for free before they leave high school," says Mary Jackson, Sebring McKinley School Counselor.



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Please visit our website at www.sebring.k12.oh.us/page/guidance-office or contact Mary Jackson at mjackson@sebring.k12.oh.us for more information.

Gifted Identification Procedure

In accordance with House Bill 282, gifted and talented identification procedures are in place in the Sebring Local Schools for kindergarten through grade 12. Students may be identified as gifted in one or more of the following categories using the State of Ohio criteria:

- superior cognitive,
- specific academic (reading, math, science, and/or social studies),
- creative thinking,
- visual/performing arts (art, instrumental and vocal music, dance, and drama).

The Ohio Department of Education has provided districts a list of assessments that must be used for gifted identification. State test scores may not be used to identify students.

Students will be screened for superior cognitive ability in the 2nd and 5th grades using InView. To qualify for identification in superior cognitive, students need to achieve a student ability index (SAI) that is two standard deviations above the mean (minus the standard of error) (128).

Students will be academically screened for possible reading and math identification in kindergarten through the 6th grade using iReady. Students qualify for a specific academic area when they achieve a score 95th percentile. In all other gifted identification categories, students will be assessed on an as-needed basis to determine gifted identification.

Creative thinking gifted identification requires an SAI of a 112. In addition, students must meet a qualifying checklist score to meet identification qualifications.

Visual and performing arts referrals can be made by the district's arts teachers, but can also be made by parents or students as well. These assessments take place on a Saturday at an out-of-district location in the fall and spring. To qualify as gifted in one of the visual and performing arts, students must meet a qualifying checklist score and provide an audition or display of work for assessment. The criteria for identification in art, dance, drama, and music vary by discipline.

A student may be individually referred for testing at any time by a teacher, parent, peer, or self-request. Individual tests are scheduled at a minimum of twice a year -- in the fall and spring. Contact Toni Viscounte, Superintendent / Gifted Coordinator, at 330-938-6165, or email at tviscounte@sebring.k12.oh.us to make a referral for gifted identification.

The Board of Education for Sebring Local Schools recognizes that the educational growth of children varies; therefore procedures are in place for academic acceleration. This includes early entrance to kindergarten, whole grade acceleration, subject acceleration, and early graduation.

The district ensures equal opportunity for all district students identified as gifted and talented to receive gifted services offered by the district when available. Selection of students will be based upon the criteria for gifted identification as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education's Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Gifted Students. Depending on the services available, students may be required to have more than one area of identification in order to be served. Students identified and currently receiving services will not need to be re-identified and will remain in the program as long as the district chooses to provide services to students.