NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Superintendent:

There is a lot of excitement happening at Northeastern Local Schools as several major facility improvement projects are underway or recently completed. These projects represent a significant investment in our students, our athletic programs, and our entire school community.

Elementary Inclusive Playground - Our students now have a new inclusive playground designed to provide opportunities for children of all abilities to play, explore, and interact together. The playground includes accessible features that allow more students to participate and enjoy time outdoors with their classmates. Thank you to the Tinora Elementary PTO and the Northeastern Local Schools Fund committee for their hard work on this project.

HVAC System Upgrade (Elementary Building) - As our building approaches 25 years old, we are updating the HVAC system to ensure reliable heating and cooling for our students and staff. This essential upgrade will improve air quality, enhance energy efficiency, and provide more consistent climate control throughout the building. By updating these systems, we will be able to maintain a comfortable learning environment while also reducing long-term maintenance costs.

Infield Softball Turf - Another exciting improvement is the addition of infield turf at our softball field. The new surface will provide our softball program with a high-quality playing environment while also helping address some of the challenges associated with weather and field conditions. The turf will provide greater consistency for practices and games, improve drainage and playability, and help reduce weather-related cancellations.

Track Reconstruction - Our track reconstruction project has been progressing over the last couple months. The existing asphalt surface had reached the point where replacement was necessary, and the project will provide our athletes with a new track surface for competition and practice. As with any major construction project, there have been some scheduling adjustments and temporary disruptions. We appreciated everyone's patience and understanding. Weather and construction conditions can impact the timeline, but the end result will be a significant improvement to our athletic facilities.

3M Window Film Installation - We have installed 3M security film across campus windows to enhance the safety and security of our facilities. This protective film adds an additional layer of security by reinforcing windows and making them more resistant.

We are grateful for the support of our Board of Education, staff, families, and community as these projects take shape. Go Rams!

Mrs. Nicole Wells

WELCOME NEW STAFF!





Jennifer Brubaker (Bus Driver)

Front row left to right: Felicia Parker (Van Driver), Jill Fouts (Director of Student Engagement and Support, Katie Black (Vocational Agriculture Techer).
Back row left to right: Micayla Weisenburger (MS Paraprofessional), Sarah Sehlmeyer (HS Science Teacher), Matt Frey (HS Principal), Lora Richards (MS Paraprofessional) and Aubrey Relyea (MS History Teacher).

Homecoming Court 2026





King & Queen
Riley Baldwin & Lucas Stein

Freshmen attendants are Madison Nunn and Jackson Siewert. Sophomore attendants are Aria Leonard and Landon Meyer. Junior attendants are Alex Fields and Kenzy Bacon. Senior boy attendants are Owen Ferrell, Nate Sattler, and Logan Stein and senior girl attendants are Riley Baldwin, Emma Seip, and Madison Spangler. Crown bearers are Paisley Helberg and Evan Bostelman.

Northeastern Local Schools November 3, 2026 Levy Questions and Answers

Question: What will the voters of Northeastern Local Schools be voting for on November 3, 2026?

Answer: Voters will be voting on a 9.9 mill renewal levy which will be used for general operating purposes. This is the fourth time this levy is up for renewal.

Question: Is this levy new?

Answer: No. The voters of the Northeastern Local School District first passed this levy in the 1990's. The original millage of 9.9 has been reduced to an effective rate of 5.6 mills.

Question: Is the effective millage rate of 5.6 mills likely to decrease over the next ten years?

Answer: We are very fortunate to live in a community that continues to grow in terms of both our commercial and residential tax base. Yes, we anticipate this 5.6 effective rate will continue to be reduced.

Question: Will my taxes go up?

Answer: Your taxes should not increase as a result of this renewal.

Question: During the past 30 years that this levy has existed, has it always been used for general operating purposes?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How much revenue does this levy generate each year?

Answer: The Defiance county auditor has certified that the estimated tax revenue generated by the levy will be approximately 3.6 million annually.

Question: How does the Northeastern Local Schools effective millage rate (rate you actually pay) compare to what was voted on?

Answer: Northeastern Local Schools voted millage is 39.15 with a residential / agricultural effective rate of only 15.000.

Question: Does Northeastern Local Schools have an income tax?

Answer: Northeastern Local School is the only district in Defiance County with no income tax.

School District Income Tax

Ayersville	1%	Central Local	1.25%
Hicksville Village	1.5%	Defiance City	½%
Northeastern Local	**0%**		

Question: Why doesn't Northeastern Local Schools District have a school income tax?

Answer: Because of our large commercial tax base, it has always made more sense to support our school with property taxes. A school district income tax would not tax our commercial base and thus only our residents would be taxed.

Question: How long of a time period are we voting on for our levy?

Answer: We are asking that this levy be approved for an additional 10 years of collection.

Question: What will the levy funds be used for?

Answer: The funds for this levy are for general operational purposes (27% of our general fund expenditures) and will be used to pay costs associated with the following:

1. Everyday costs for utilities.
   - Electricity
   - Natural Gas
   - Network Connectivity
   - Water
2. Purchase of textbooks, supplies, technology and campus security.
3. Purchase school buses and general bus expenses in terms of maintenance, fuel, etc.
4. Personnel costs.
5. School building repair and general maintenance.

Questions: Will Northeastern Local Schools need additional general fund revenue in the next several years?

Answer: The Northeastern Local Schools five year forecast looks favorable and no new levies for general operating purposes are anticipated.

Question: If I have questions in regards to this levy, how do I get my questions answered?

Answer: Call Superintendent, Mrs. Nicole Wells or Treasurer, Mrs. Sara Buchhop at the Central Office at 419-497-3461 or email at nwells@tinora.org or sbuchhop@tinora.org.







THS Student Council

Student Council hosted Freshmen Welcome before Open House. The council also organized a fun week of Homecoming activities, including themed spirit days and festive hallway decorations, and ending the week with fun competitions at the pep rally. On September 25th, class attendants were recognized during the Homecoming Ceremony before the football game. Logan Stein was crowned Homecoming King, and Riley Baldwin was crowned Homecoming Queen. The festivities continued on September 26th with the “A Night in Rio” Homecoming dance in the Middle School Gym.

Veterans Day Programs

Northeastern Local Schools will once again celebrate Veterans Day with a program that will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026. Area Veterans and their guests are invited to attend. Breakfast will be available for Veterans and their guests starting at 8:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center with the program beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Performing Arts Center. Students in grades 5-12 will be in attendance. On Friday, November 13th we will have a program for grades K-4.



High School Yearbooks Available ~ Don't Miss Out!

Sales for the 2027 Tinora High School yearbook are currently underway. You can take advantage of the early bird price of $60 by ordering now at jostens.com/yearbooks. Prices will increase in November, so be sure to reserve your yearbook today.

The Tinora High School yearbook staff has launched a website to sell student photos. Digital downloads are $2, and a range of print sizes and photo gifts (like magnets) can be shipped directly to you. Visit https://northeasternlocalschools.zenfolio.com/ to browse and purchase.

The site was made possible through a grant from the Northeastern Local Schools Fund. All profits go back into the yearbook account, helping keep the book affordable for families and funding quality photography equipment for students. Photos will be updated throughout the school year, so check back often.

German Club News

Guten Tag! The German Club has kicked off the new school year. The Advent Calendar sale is scheduled to start in October. Advent Calendars will cost $6. Be sure to secure yours before they're gone! The German department will hold an Oktoberfest in conjunction with the Spanish department's Dia de los Muertos on November 10th at 7 pm in the PAC. At Oktoberfest, German students will perform dances and skits and show families what they've been learning in class. In December, German Club will visit the Christkindlmarket in Bryan and sell traditional German baked goods.

After Prom Committee



We are looking for any Junior and Senior parents wanting to help plan a successful event for our Juniors and Seniors. It takes many hands to create a successful and safe event. The committee plans fundraisers to help raise money for the after prom so we can provide prizes, entertainment, and a variety of food for our high school students. If you are interested in joining our committee you can let Megan Wiles know at mwiles@tinora.org or come to one of our meetings to see what it all entails. The following dates are our next meeting dates Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, Dec. 2nd, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3rd, April 7th, and April 28th. Meetings take place at the elementary conference room starting at 7:00 p.m.

FFA Events



Tinora FFA has been busy before the school year started, with FFA Members competing in the Henry and Defiance County Fairs, helping the Tinora Young Farmers with Pedal Pulls, and competing in the Defiance County FFA Ag Olympics.

Additionally, both of our soils teams did extremely well at the District 1 Soils Contest. With the D1 Contest being held at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, next to the Portage River, students were challenged with properly identifying landforms and ribboning soil textures to determine how much clay was present in each sample. The soil profiles were very unique and provided the students with a challenging and unique experience! For our next contests, students will be headed to the District 1 Dairy Cattle and Dairy Foods Contests at Fairview High School, and are starting to prepare for the county Job Interview Contest.

Later this month, the annual Fruit and Fall Sales will start. Please contact Mrs. Black at kblack@tinora.org if you would like to order and support our students.

Lastly, the Give the Gift of Blue nomination and application will end on October 15th for first-year FFA Members. If you would like to nominate a deserving student, please do so by contacting Mrs. Black to get the link.

Middle School Student Council



The Tinora Middle School Student Council is again collecting hats, scarves, and mittens to be donated to the Annual Coat Give-Away held in Defiance. The Student Council will be happily accepting any new or nearly new winter accessories to compliment the new winter coats chosen at the First Presbyterian Church, 501 Washington Avenue, Defiance. Items need to be turned in by November 6, 2026. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Runk (krunk@tinora.org) or Mrs. Fuller (efuller@tinora.org) at the school, 419-497-2361. Our Tinora donations are a highlight of the whole giveaway, and always scooped up first!! We hope you can help us prepare those in need for the cold winter season that is ahead of us.

Tinora Elementary PTO News

Join the PTO Meeting – October 13 @ 7:00 pm & November 10 @ 7:00 pm.
The Tinora Elementary PTO supports our students and staff in many ways throughout the school year, including:

- Covering a portion of field trip costs
- Organizing a Fall Fest for students during the school day
- Hosting the Santa Shop
- Running the Book Fair
- Planning and running the End-of-Year Field Day
- Providing classroom materials for special occasions
- Supporting larger district projects like the new playground at TES and the planetarium project at the Performing Arts Center

If you're interested in getting involved, PTO meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the TES cafeteria. We'd love to see you there!

Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Boosters held an officers/trustees election and the new board of directors are President: Noah Hampton, Vise President: Bob Guisinger, Treasurer: Andy Helmke, Secretary: Vacant, Assistant Treasurer Robyn Helmke and Trustees: Heather Hampton, Jason Lieb, Keith Brown, Nikki Guisinger, and Rodney Hancock.

We will be holding a Gun Bingo at the UAW Hall on April 3rd.
The boosters continue to support the teams by contributing to HUDL subscription and allocating money from the general fund to help with team expenses.

We are always looking for people to join and continue to grow the club. Please ask a member if you are interested in joining.

Fine Arts Boosters

The Tinora Fine Arts Boosters are having a busy and exciting school year! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who have helped in the football concession stand this season. We couldn't do it without each one of you.

We are looking forward to multiple other fundraising opportunities throughout the year. With the growing band program, we are looking ahead to purchasing additional uniforms, while the choir is gearing up for their trip to New York in March. Be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers and volunteer opportunities to help us reach our goals and support our students.

We're always looking for new members, fresh ideas, and helping hands! Join us for our next meeting on October 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Band Room.

Questions? Want to get involved? We'd love to hear from you! tinorafineartsbooster@gmail.com

Academic Boosters

The Tinora Academic Boosters are looking for new booster members and donations to support the academic efforts of our students. Our fundraising covers the costs for the quarterly honor roll rewards, GPA plaques, patches for varsity coats, book scholarships and gift card drawings. We sold 50/50 tickets at the home football game on October 2nd against Antwerp and will be selling again October 16th against Ayersville. Please look for additional fundraising opportunities coming soon!
Thank you, Jessica Ball, Academic Boosters President, 419-956-2289.

Senior Citizen Breakfast



Any senior citizens living in our district are welcome to be our guest at the fall Senior Citizens' Breakfast. The high school volunteer group, Ram Radicals, will be hosting a breakfast for district senior citizens on Thursday, October 22, in the Performing Arts Center lobby beginning at 8:30 AM. A free, hot breakfast will be served with a short program to follow. Come to learn more about what is going on in the district, socialize with friends and neighbors, and enjoy a delicious breakfast. The event should last about one hour.

Tinora Performing Arts Center

A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation
October 15th 7:30 PM
Fall Choir Concert
October 22 - 7:00 PM
Tinora High School Drama Department Fall Play - Cabin Chronicles
Friday, November 6th - 7:00 PM
Saturday, November 7th - 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 8th - 2:30 PM
Dia de Oktoberfest
Tuesday, November 10th - 7:00 PM
Veterans Day Programs
Thursday, November 12th - MS/HS Students
Veterans Breakfast at 8:00 AM
Program at 8:30 AM
Friday, November 13th - TES Students
Program at 8:45 AM
Empowering the Famale Student Athlete
Thursday, November 12th - 5:00 PM
Jingle and Mingle - Holiday Market
Saturday, November 14th - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Kick off the holidays with local vendors, one-of-a-kind gifts, and live piano music!)
A Magical Motown Christmas
Saturday, November 21st - 7:30 PM
Santa Experience
Sunday, December 6th - 5:00 PM
5th & 6th Grade Holiday Band & Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 8th - 6:00 PM
7th & 8th Grade Holiday Band & Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 8th - 7:00 PM
Holiday Arts Festival (HS Band, Choir & Art)
Friday, December 11th - 7:00 PM
Home for the Holidays: Dueling Pianos
Sunday, December 13th - 2:00PM
(Featuring the Varner Brothers!)
Siberian Solstice: A Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute
Sunday, December 20th - 7:00 PM

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Subs Are Needed

The Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center, along with Northeastern Local Schools, are accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Aides/Paraprofessionals. To apply for a substitute Teacher or Aide/Paraprofessional position follow the steps below.

Go to: nwoesc.schoolspring.com/
Create an account by clicking "Sign In / Register in the top right corner:
Once your PowerSchool account is created, you will continue to SchoolSprings
You will scroll the job postings or type "2026-27 Substitute Teacher and Paraprofessional at Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams Counties" in the search field
Click on the job posting:
Then click "Apply for this job!"
Fill out each page of the application and submit when completed.
Your application will be received by Amy Mitchell amy.mitchell@nwoesc.org and she will reach out to you for the next steps in the process towards board-approval as a substitute.

To apply for a substitute bus driver and custodian positions, please go to www.tinora.org, under Employment Opportunities, click on “Tinora is looking for substitutes” and complete an online application.

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