



Update from the Superintendent

Health of Students and Staff Remains Top Priority for 2021-2022 School Year

Welcome back! I'm so excited to see our students and staff return to the classroom for five day a week, in-person learning. This learning model is critical to the social, emotional, and academic health of our students.

While the pandemic continues to be fluid, and will most likely present additional challenges this school year, I'm confident we will be able to offer a consistent, 100% in-person schedule with a high-quality education. I'm confident because the health of our students and staff remains our top priority.

There are currently no emergency health orders in Ohio. We have updated our COVID-19 policies and procedures accordingly, but we will continue using mitigation strategies we implemented last year to ensure a successful year. Some of these efforts include: intense cleaning procedures, consistent hand-washing, and maintaining social distancing when possible. I know many of you have questions about masking as we start the school year. At this time, and at the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health, we welcome and encourage the use of face coverings at school and at all school events. We



Superintendent Kim Schubert

will continue following the changing data and working in partnership with the Huron County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health, and CDC to adjust these protocols as needed. If you are interested in vaccination for yourself or your child (currently available for kids 12 and up), you can contact The Bellevue Hospital or your local health department.

We know the last year has taken its toll on the mental health of students and staff alike. I'd like to thank the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties for providing critical funds to Bellevue Schools as well as other districts

across the region for prevention and mental health services for our students. Bellevue received more than \$24,000 to be put toward these efforts.

Again, welcome back, and I can't wait to see what the 2021-2022 school year has in store!

With Red Pride!

Kim Schubert, Superintendent
Bellevue City Schools

Project-Based Learning Tools Coming to Middle School

Middle school students taking Career and Finance classes during the 2021-2022 school year will have the opportunity to advance their learning with new project-based tools.

Seventh grade students will complete defined learning modules focused on healthcare and renewable energy resources. They will research the healthcare profession and begin putting into practice what they learn with a CPR mannequin, IV arm, and blood pressure cuff. Renewable energy modules include experiments with solar, wind, and water (hydrogen) energy.

These project-based resources will help students define their future career path.



Despite pandemic, Bellevue Schools ends FY21 with positive balance.

Fair School Funding Plan Expected to Create Future Equitable Revenue Stream



**Treasurer
Tammy Flicker**

Despite a challenging year financially, Bellevue School District received the State Auditor Award for FY20, which recognizes entities that have a clean audit.

After a significant reduction to Ohio's school budgets in 2020, our district was able to rebound the second half of the 2020-2021 school year thanks to ESSER 1 funding, or monies designed to address the impact of COVID-19. ESSER funding replaced 50% of what was lost in 2020. This, combined with a 20% reduction to our budget, allowed us to end FY21 without a deficit. The funding was also integral to our students being able to safely return to the classroom last January.

Additionally, ESSER II funding has been allocated for technology, COVID-19 protocols, student wellness, district recovery plans, and other areas affected by the pandemic. This is further helping to fill voids in our general fund, which provides us with the opportunity to once again end the fiscal year with a positive balance.

Looking ahead, a new state budget was enacted June 30 of this year and included a new funding plan for primary and secondary education in Ohio. The Fair School Funding Plan is expected to create a more equitable, stable, and predictable revenue stream for Ohio's schools. The funding model is based on the school district's actual expenses to educate students, determined by local incomes and property values. We are participating in several conversations over the next couple of months to learn more about this funding plan, and are excited to see how we can better serve the students of Bellevue.

Tammy Flicker
Treasurer, Bellevue City Schools

Eight-hour training session equips high school staff and students with quality leadership skills

Leadership Matters for Staff and Students!

All Bellevue High School teachers participated in an eight-hour training Aug. 19-20 to learn key leadership skills through the Student Leadership Excellence Program. The goal of the program is to equip staff and students with high-quality, research-based leadership skills.

This was the first of a three-part process for Bellevue High School to earn its Student Leadership Excellence Program accreditation. The second phase will take place in September and will include 10 teachers taking an additional 18 hours of training. Phase III involves Bellevue High School students, who will participate in 14 hours of training throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

The program addresses the Ohio Department of Education's social and emotional learning core competencies, including the following:

- **Self-awareness**
- **Self-management**
- **Social awareness**
- **Relationship skills**
- **Decision making**

This program is one more tool in the toolbox for Bellevue Schools to further prepare students for life beyond high school.



Don't pull off those gumdrop buttons!

Students Produce a Play in a Week



Bellevue elementary students recently put on a heartwarming production of "Shrek Jr." The most impressive part? They did it all in just under a week's time.

The last week in July, 41 junior actors met daily at Bellevue Elementary to practice lines, and learn dances and songs, all under the tutelage of more than 20 Bellevue High School drama students. On Friday, they performed for their families, where audience members peeled with laughter as the Gingerbread Man, Zane Dennings, squealed to Lord Farquaad, Taylor Schlosser, not to pull off his "gumdrop buttons."



Free breakfast and lunch meals will continue for the 2021-2022 school year.



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Expanding Industry-Recognized Credentials Increase Pathways to Success for Bellevue High School Students

As part of **Each Child, Our Future**, Ohio's strategic plan for education, industry-recognized credentials are offered through the state. These credentials create pathways to success for students post-high school by connecting them with in-demand jobs. They also allow for deeper learning through work experience.

Bellevue High School is taking full advantage of these opportunities. The following industry-recognized credentials are currently offered:

- **Ag-Science (OSHA and Agribusiness)**
- **CPR**
- **Adobe**
- **SolidWorks**
- **Student Leadership Excellence**

In the near future, the following credentials will also be offered:

- **Business Advisory Council (Manufacturing, Drivers License, CDL, Lean Six Sigma, RISE Up)**
- **Officiating**
- **Sports Medicine Trainer**
- **Certified Personal Trainer**

To learn more about these opportunities, contact your guidance counselor.

