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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

JENNIFER ADAMS



In the three years since I joined the Pleasant Local Schools family, I've met so many wonderful people who have shown me the strength, compassion and character of this community.

We value the hard work necessary to educate our students as we ensure they unleash their potential. This work begins with our Board of Education that has established five goals and three core values to support the work of our students and staff.

The five goals include:

- **Future Ready Learners**
- **Globally Literate Citizens**
- **Innovative & Creative Thinkers**
- **Fiscal Responsibility**
- **Communication**

In addition, we are inviting all residents to share their thoughts about the Spartan Strong experience. We value your input and want to listen to what you have to say about the type of educational opportunities we are providing. Please take a few minutes to complete our electronic survey so that we can gather your feedback as we make decisions regarding the future of our school district. The survey is available on our website at pleasantlocalschools.org, or you can scan the QR code in this mailer.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to us. Our residents are an integral part of the success of our students, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

These goals combined with our three core values (i.e., Serve and Empower Others, Driven by Purpose and Vision, Act with a Positive Mindset) define what it truly means to be Spartan Strong.



This Quality Profile outlines these key areas as well as provides an update on the building

project so that all residents are not only informed, but they are true partners in our efforts to build a Spartan Strong community. We have additional information about each of these areas on our website.

Our hope is that every resident will have a better understanding of where our district stands today, what our goals for the future are and how our plan to achieve success for our students will be implemented.

GO SPARTANS!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Adams
Superintendent



OUR FINANCES

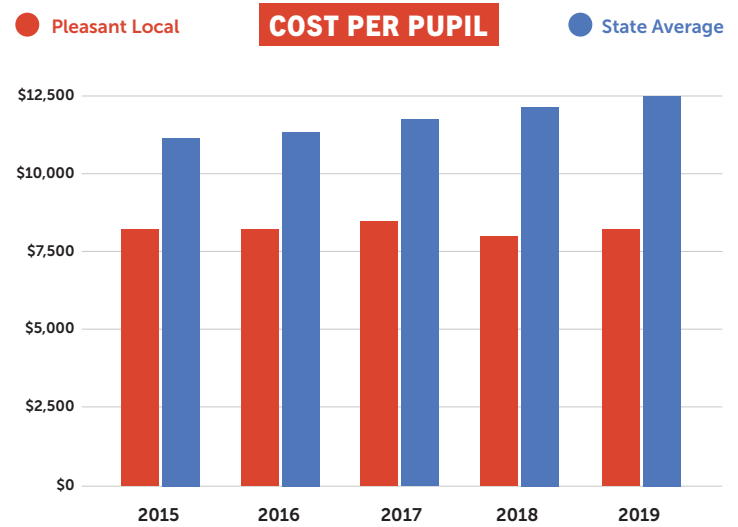
At Pleasant Local Schools, we have established fiscally responsible practices and financial forecasts that align to our academic goals and operational priorities.

With appropriate funding, we can achieve the academic goals and standard that our students need.

Thanks to voters, Pleasant Local Schools now have the funding necessary for a new K-12 campus that includes 178,403 square feet of modern yet no frills space for students.

This not only provides students with what they need for their academics, but it also provides a better operational budget for taxpayers. In addition, voters approved a one percent earned income tax for new operating dollars in May 2019.

This is the first operational increase for our schools in more than 24 years, and we greatly appreciate your confidence and support. While this certainly makes a difference in our ability to support student needs, it does not solve all of the district's financial challenges.



The Governor recently announced cuts to the current fiscal year for May and June and additional cuts in state funding are anticipated for the coming fiscal year that begins in July. In December, the 2.31-mill emergency operating issue is set to expire. This issue provides \$495,000 in operating dollars for expenses such as teachers, technology, academic programs and utilities.

The renewal of this issue **would NOT** increase taxes to residents and takes advantage of more than \$49,500 per year in state rollbacks. The Board of Education is currently in discussions to decide if a renewal of this issue will be placed on the November 2020 ballot for voter consideration.





COMMUNICATIONS

The Pleasant Local School District is committed to creating a collaborative and connected community of positive leaders who celebrate the success of others.

This Quality Profile mailer is simply one of the ways the district is working to make this goal a reality. The focus is to make sure every resident has the information they need to understand the district's priorities and critical focus areas. It is important that you understand how your investment is being used for the betterment of students and the community.

District leadership is committed to being open and honest about the issues facing the schools and community and the solutions being put into place. To this end, Pleasant Local Schools cares about what the community thinks and expects from its schools.

The district has initiated a community survey to gain insights and listen to our residents about some of the top issues and decisions before our schools.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online at pleasantlocalschools.org or by using the QR code





OUR FACILITIES

Thanks to voters in the November 2018 election, Pleasant Local Schools will construct a new K-12 building.

This facility provides a modern space for students that meets their academic needs without going to financial extremes for our taxpayers. Recently the district worked with the construction manager to make sure the designs and concepts our community expects fit within the space and budget available.



While this building needs to last for many years, it also must be completed on time and within budget.

The timeline calls for groundwork and early construction of phase one to begin in late spring or early summer. You can view renderings of what some of these spaces may look like online, and the district promises to keep residents updated throughout the construction process.





INNOVATIVE & CREATIVE THINKERS

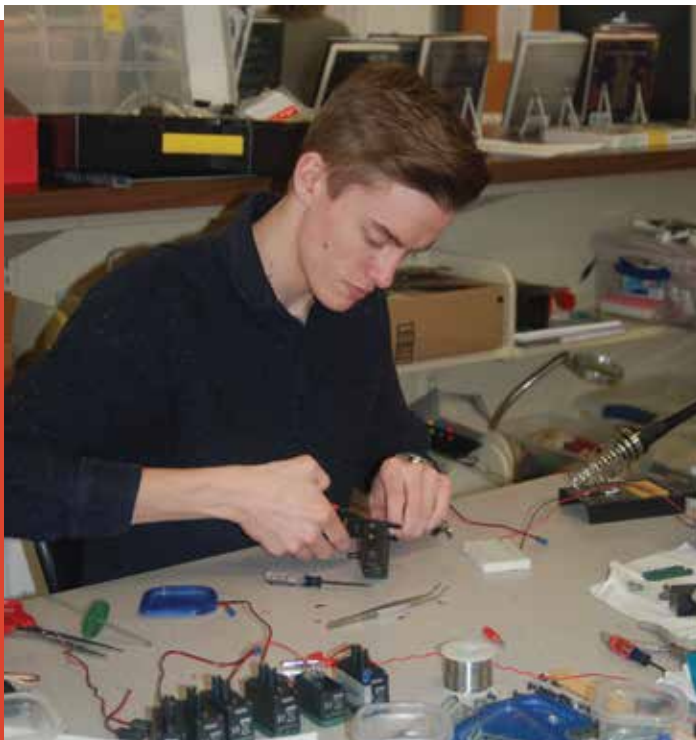
This pillar of academic success focuses on student learning that is enhanced through experiences that foster resilience and perseverance, develop deep conceptual understandings and activate strategic questioning in order to produce innovative and creative thinkers.

This school year, this pillar focused around resiliency and perseverance. From mental health and wellness for both youth and adults to skills that build the type of grit and determination that our youth require in order to thrive in today's society, Pleasant Local Schools is finding the right tools to support student needs.



One of these resources is the drug and alcohol testing program. Pleasant includes a nicotine substance screener that other districts do not use, yet achieves much lower student substance usage numbers in comparison to other school districts. Other tools include the one-to-one expanded technology offering with iPads, student success coaches, student attendance home visits and specialized learning classrooms.

Each of these programs offers an opportunity for today's students to become stronger learners who are ready to face the challenges of tomorrow.





GLOBALLY LITERATE CITIZENS

It isn't a secret that we live in a global society. Pleasant Local Schools students need to understand groups, cultures and businesses that extend beyond our community and state borders.



History has shown us how the events in countries thousands of miles away can have a major impact on our local community and economy. That is why the district has an academic pillar dedicated to student learning that is enhanced through diverse cultural options, experiences that extend the walls of the classroom and a blended literacy design that is tailored to develop Global Literate Citizens.

This year the district has focused on the blended learning design through the expanded use of one-to-one technology with iPads and the middle school tech squad. These support systems allow our students and staff to access information more quickly and seek out opportunities to collaborate with experts from around the world.

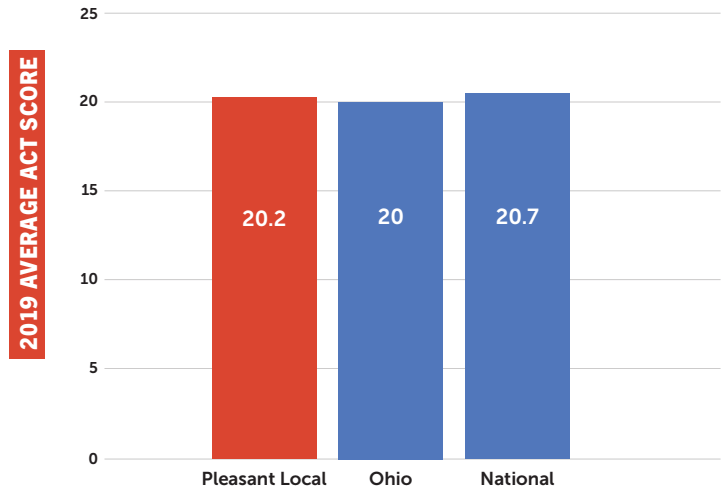




FUTURE READY LEARNERS

The ultimate goal of educating students is to make sure they become adults who are fully capable of contributing in a positive manner to society.

Pleasant Local Schools prioritizes student learning that enhances instruction which aligns to assessment results, promotes collaboration and communication, connects to personal pathways and nurtures a mindset for continuous learning to ensure graduates are future-ready learners.

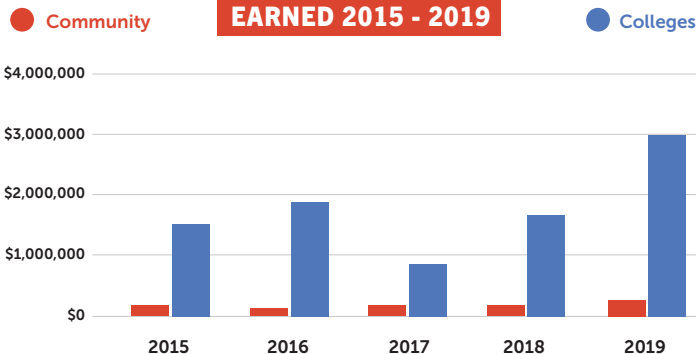


A countywide grant is providing teachers with the coursework they need to become certified College Credit Plus (CCP) instructors. This not only saves taxpayers thousands of dollars, but it also provides more opportunities for students. The Local Report Card (LRC) shows that not only do 100 percent of students graduate within five years, but that more than 80 percent of all students are earning at least a year's worth of academic growth. This includes students in specific sub-groups such as those with learning disabilities.

Finally, the elementary school has earned the state Momentum Award for a third consecutive year. This means that every grade level is meeting a year's worth of growth in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. **What all of this means is that it's a great time to be a Spartan student.**

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS

EARNED 2015 - 2019



Pleasant Local Schools understands that the growth in this area is neverending, yet there is also much to celebrate.

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