



MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOLS THE OWL EFFECT

DISTRICT PROFILE 2018



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



From the desk of Dr. Reva Cosby, Superintendent:

What an exciting time to be in Mt. Healthy City School District. We are in the fourth year of our five-year strategic plan, Education Destination. We have made great strides with our implementation of this plan, most notably, going 1 to 1 with computers, receiving \$1.2 million Striving Readers Grant, and reducing barriers to student success in many ways including expanding our food bank, and we have been able to offer parents more opportunities to increase their involvement in their children's education.

This year our focus is literacy. As I mentioned, we received a grant to help us provide the resources for success with our literacy plan. We are empowering our teachers, through professional development, to meet all their students where they are as readers and then help the students improve their reading through vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Additionally, we will be working on literacy skills through all subject areas. I want to invite you to join us in helping our students improve their literacy skills. We encourage parents/guardians and students to visit the library and check out their selection of books and other reading materials.



MT. HEALTHY CITY SCHOOLS' MISSION

- **A number of diverse, high quality academic programs designed to maximize each student's potential;**
- **a highly skilled and innovative professional staff, who reflect our community's values;**
- **a safe, clean and caring environment, where discipline and respect are held in the highest regard; and**
- **an atmosphere and attitude that welcomes parents, family, and community involvement.**

OUR GOAL IS YOUR SUCCESS!

OUR STUDENT POPULATION

Total Student Population: 3,344 (April 2018)
North Elementary School: 930 students (Pk-6)
South Elementary School: 927 students (Pk-6)
Jr/Sr High School: 1,487 students (7-12)

African-American: 68%
Caucasian: 15.3%
Hispanic/Latino: 3.2%
Multiracial: 10%
Other: 1.9%



Mt. Healthy Board of Education
Top: Steve Harness, Board President, and Emmett Kilgore
Bottom L-R: Carole Ellis, Dr. Julie Turner, and Lori Jones

WHO WE ARE

We are leaders; we are learners; we are educators; we are artists and performers; we are athletes; we are safe, kind, and responsible; we are positive; we are role models;

#WeAreMtHealthy

Mt. Healthy City Schools serves the communities of City of Mt. Healthy, Springfield Township, and parts of Colerain Township.

Did you Know?

School colors:
red and black
Mascot:
Fighting Owls



Message from the Board President, Steve Harness

Mt. Healthy City Schools continues to be a thriving community! Our students continue to learn and grow, and their involvement in our schools and community cultivates their sense of pride in themselves.

Over the last year, the district has adopted a one-to-one technology standard. This will place technology into the hands of every student. Simultaneously, our curriculum has moved towards literacy focus – emphasizing the ability to read as the backbone of learning. We have expanded Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) district-wide, which focuses on encouraging productive conduct from students. PBIS also engages parents as partners in the learning and growth of students. Our highly qualified teachers have a long-lasting impact on students' lives that continues after the students graduate from Mt. Healthy and become productive citizens. Mt. Healthy City Schools looks to have a bright and successful year ahead.

ACADEMICS

Class of 2018 By the Numbers



229
graduates



47
grads with a 3.5 or better



4
students entering Military



19
students entering vocational
careers



1
graduate received Associates
Degree and High School Diploma



61%
applied for college



17,000
Community service hours



21%
will enter the workforce



2018 Highest GPA in 15 years

Valedictorian GPA 4.62 and Salutatorian GPA 4.48

Colleges that the Top 10 students are attending:

Tennessee State University, Miami University (Oxford), The Ohio State University, The University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, Wilmington College, Christ College of Nursing, and Northern Kentucky University.

ACADEMICS

By the Numbers



25%
high school students on Honor Roll in 2018



13 %
took AP courses

16.6%
took College Credit Plus classes



27,000 hours
of community service by high school students



5
grade levels raised proficiency
percentage in 2018



50%
Parent/Guardian Engagement increase



56%
Elementary students recognized for
Academic Honors



1250
Elementary students recognized for
PBIS Achievement



Gifted Learning

Students identified as gifted are offered opportunities to progress academically and grow at an accelerated pace. These students participate in STEM activities in and out of the classroom as well as a Robotics extracurricular group. Students have had the opportunity to design and develop their ideas using a 3D Printer in the classroom. These students have won several awards for their ideas, designs, and products.



TEACHING & LEARNING



The Teaching and Learning team: Robin McGinnis, Michelle Linnere, Brock Kinser, Jana Wolfe, Dr. Andre Roldan, and Tonda Carroll.



Mt. Healthy City Schools is entering the fourth year of the Education Destination Strategic Plan that guides the direction of the Teaching and Learning Department. Education Destination is a living document that changes and updates as the needs of the students change. Therefore, this school year objectives and goals changed to address the students' changing needs.

In accordance with the plan's first objective focused on academics, a [Reading Achievement Plan](#) was implemented and a dedicated [Response To Intervention](#) block was created for K-6 to assist with reading intervention. Furthermore, they increased Reading/Math coach time for students.

[Positive Behavior Intervention Supports](#) were successfully implemented and well used in all buildings, which will continue into the next school year. A new Math Program in the high school will be introduced in 2018-2019 and dedicated reading time included in the master schedule.

Additionally the Striving Reader's Grant was awarded to the district by the State of Ohio. This provides much needed money to successfully train teachers and offer intensive professional development in the areas of reading, comprehension, and intervention. Furthermore, teachers are provided more professional development than ever before with a PD calendar and useful, structured programs. Building administrators spent a dedicated amount of time doing [learning walks](#) through teachers' classrooms.

Mentoring and tutoring programs were developed over the last year through partnerships with local companies like The Hillman Group as well as student tutoring programs between the elementary schools and junior high students. Junior high students benefited from targeted learning, character building, and through OWL Time each day and the high school had advisory time they used for character building activities and team building activities.



STUDENT SERVICES

Mt. Healthy City Schools' mission is to educate the whole child and assure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. The staff is highly-qualified to meet the diverse needs of all Mt. Healthy students and support all students in teaching them life long learning skills.

Supports for Students and Families

The schools in Mt. Healthy, in conjunction with outside agencies, provide students with a large range of support including counseling services, academic tutoring, mentoring, character education, and crisis intervention.

Student Support Programs

- Beech Acres Counseling
- Children's Home Behavioral Services
- Crisis Prevention Intervention Services
- Instructional Assistance for hearing and visually impaired
- Specialized therapies or physical speech, and occupational needs
- Social workers in the elementary buildings



The Student Services team:

Dr. Apollos Harris, Cori Stevens, Lizzy Wessel and Carol Moore.

Supporting Special Needs

A variety of services are offered to special needs students in North Elementary, South Elementary, and Jr/ Sr High Schools. There are 55 intervention specialists supporting students in programs designed to promote learning in the most successful ways. Each building has a nurse and an aide available to assist students with medical and medication needs.

Did You Know Mt. Healthy Preschool Program Has a 5 Star Rating?

North and South Elementary Schools' Preschools earned a 5 Star Rating from Step Up to Quality from the Ohio Department of Education. The five star rating is the highest quality rating any program can achieve and assures parents and the community of the high standards under which the the preschool program works.



FINE ARTS

By The Numbers



**48 students in Mt. Healthy
Marching Band and Guard**

**120 students in junior high
and high school Choir**



24 students in Jazz Band

25 students in High School Concert Band

27 elementary choir members

74 students in Jr High Band

186 high school students take Art and Advanced Art classes



Mt. Healthy City Schools offers many opportunities in the Fine Arts for students. Mt. Healthy is fortunate to have such strong leaders in the music and the art departments at Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School. New in 2017-18 was 5th grade band with concerts performed throughout the year. Digital Music was an offering for students who have no previous training in music and learn about music production and composition using technology. The department will also offer an advanced section of Digital Music where students will learn about recording and sound mixing for the upcoming year.

The Choir continues to highlight students' talent and were the talk of the town when they performed for two distinguished church congregations, Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church and Quinn Chapel AME. Overwhelming support from the community continues to grow as their 2017 Winter Concert filled the auditorium to capacity! This year they are tentatively planning a performances in Cleveland at the "Rock N Roll" Hall of Fame in the spring. They continue to offer Intro Piano and Piano 2 classes along with Music Theory classes for the upcoming year! North Elementary Choir performed at several occasions including The Crosstown Showdown held in The Nest in 2017-18.

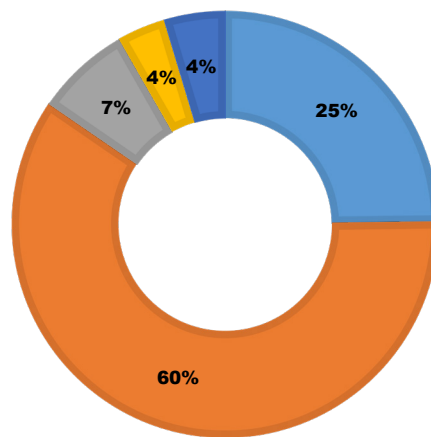
Mt. Healthy High School poses several opportunities in the traditional and digital arts at the high school. Intro to Art, 2D/3D Art, Exploring Arts, Video Production, and Advanced Art 1,2,3,4 are offered for students to express and grow their talents in the arts. We have had several students pursue the arts in the post-secondary arena.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Treasurer's Office, led by Rebecca J. Brooks, has consistently earned The State of Ohio's School Clean Financial Report.

FY18 GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES

Local Real Estate State Aid State Restrict Aid St Homestead/Rollback Other Local Revenue



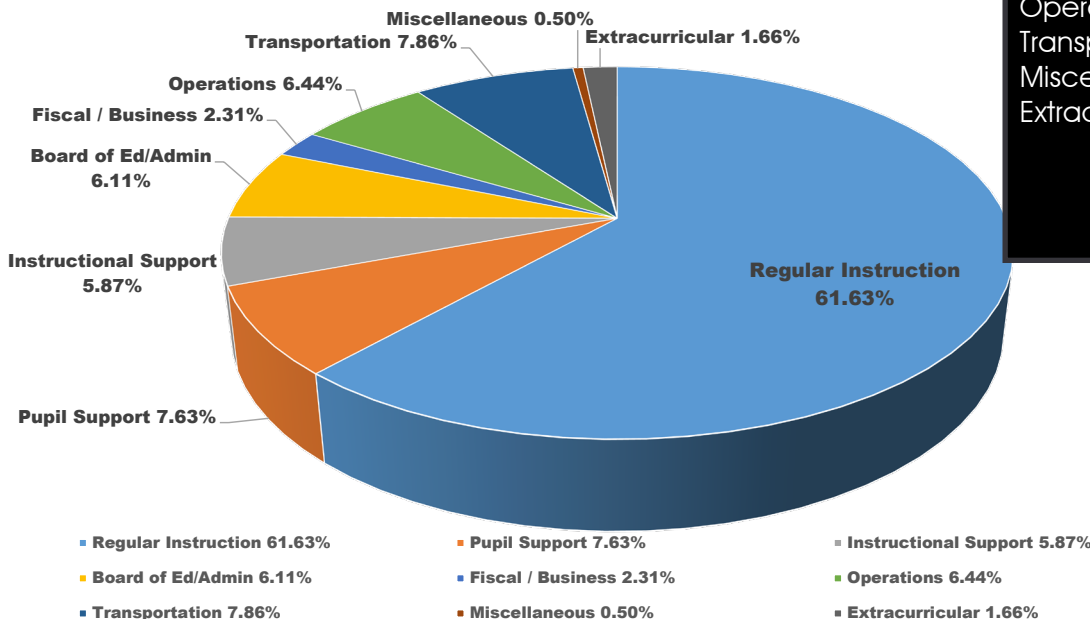
Revenues 2017-2018

Local Real Estate	\$10,970,725.21
State Aid	\$26,443,859.27
State Restrict Aid	\$3,187,114.36
St Homestead/Rollback	\$1,605,984.39
Other Local Revenue	\$2,035,960.71
100.00%	\$44,243,643.94

Expenditures 2017-2018

Regular Instruction	\$26,433,791.48
Pupil Support	\$3,272,050.67
Instructional Support	\$2,516,739.89
Board of Ed/Admin	\$2,619,686.55
Fiscal/Business	\$991,063.85
Operations	\$2,760,143.05
Transportation	\$3,371,597.80
Miscellaneous	\$215,554.16
Extracurricular	\$711,977.26
	\$42,892,604.71

FY18 General Fund Expenses



ATHLETICS

Athletic Highlights

68 student-athletes were Scholar-Athletes for the 2017-2018 school year earning a 3.5 GPA while playing sports.

Track:

- Sr. Kayela Houston (long jump) and Jr. Justin Abrams (pole vault) qualified for State Track Meet.
- The boys team won the SOWC championship for the 5th straight year.
- Kayela Houston made broke a SWOC record in Track and Field and made 1st Team Honors.

Bolwing:

- Kelsey George broke three school records.

Soccer:

- Girls soccer team earned State Academic Award for maintaining 3.0 GPA or higher during the school year.
- Cali McQueen and Gelanni Jones were named Ch.5 Student- Athletes of the Week.

8th Grade highlights:

- Wrestler Jodiyah Howard qualified for State Tournament and placed
- Football team went undefeated for 2nd straight year winning SWOC championship back to back.
- Boys basketball team had undefeated regular season and won the SWOC tournament in back to back years.

Seniors Playing at Next Level:

Nyla Houston, University of District Columbia, track;
Ju'Aries Montgomery, Alderson Broaddus University, football;
Mariah Baumer, Wilmington College, soccer;
Derrick Sanders, baseball;
Taylor Dickerson, Ohio University, soccer



FOOD SERVICE AND MT. HEALTHY FOOD PANTRY

Mt. Healthy Food Service offers all Mt. Healthy students a healthy breakfast and lunch through the USDA National School Lunch Program. Additionally, students have the opportunity to receive afterschool meals through Child and Adult Care Food Program and food for the summer that offers breakfast and lunch to all children in the community through Summer Food Service Program.



Additionally, Mt. Healthy City Schools promotes healthy living and a school environment that encourages healthy lifestyles and well-being. For these purposes, we have a Wellness Committee that meets monthly to discuss new ways to support healthy lifestyles as well as Mt. Healthy Wellness Policies. You may also visit Mt. Healthy City Schools website (www.mthcs.org) under Food Service and Healthy Living for meeting times and more information.



Did You Know Mt. Healthy City Schools has a Food Pantry?

The Food Pantry began out of the simple necessity of providing basic needs to many Mt. Healthy families who were struggling. However, due to consistent efforts and extra time by Karen O'Connell, Homeless Liaison, and several others on the Basic Needs Committee, it has grown significantly. The pantry assists in the basic needs of our school families by supplying much needed food for families and feminine care products for our young ladies. It offers non-perishables through the FreeStore FoodBank to families of students. This summer Procter and Gamble donated feminine products and deodorant for young ladies in the district.



PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Parents and Guardians continue to offer their time and talents to our schools through volunteer work, assistance in fundraising, and attendance at school functions. We offer opportunities to involve our parents/guardians and community members to provide role modeling to our students.

Parent Teacher Organizations is in each building, and each meets the needs for the that individual building. They help to fundraise to provide items for the students.



The Mt. Healthy Band Boosters help fundraise and support the Band Department with the purchase and repair of district owned equipment, provide funding for special leadership and performance training, pay entrance fees for large band group events, provide scholarships to graduating seniors who were active participants over the years, and sew or repair band uniforms.



The Athletic Boosters collaborate with the Athletic Department in working the concession stands for football and soccer, supplement sports programs with assistance funding, and provide the Bob Kline Scholarship to graduating seniors who were sports participants.



Hillman Group Mentors have made significant strides this past year with more than 20 volunteers mentoring 3rd graders. Ms. Urso also volunteered as a mentor to 3rd graders at North Elementary and South Elementary Schools.



The Sharing Tree and Coordinating Council offer assistance to our school families during the holidays and other times in which a family might need an extra helping hand. Additionally, Coordinating Council provides scholarships to graduating seniors to pursue post-secondary education.



Mt. Healthy Historical Society offers 3rd and 4th graders an opportunity to learn about the history where they live. Students receive a visit in the spring, from volunteers, to learn about their history, and then tour the Historical Society house to see the items of those who settled in Mt. Healthy and built this city.

