

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



Preparing our students for success!

Quality PROFILE





...where the schools and the communities are one.

Twinsburg, Ohio

Superintendent's Message

Dear Twinsburg City School District Family:

t is with great pride that I present to you the Twinsburg City School District's *Quality Profile*. This year's *Quality Profile*, the fourth annual publication, includes important information about the ways in which we invest each and every day in our more than 4,000 students. The accomplishments of our students at every grade level are the result of the focused efforts of our highly qualified, committed staff, combined with the support and dedication of our parents and community members. We know that excellence in education goes beyond a data point and a letter grade on a state report card. In the Twinsburg City School District, we clearly understand that behind every data point is the heart and soul of a child.

Included in the *Quality Profile* for the 2016/2017 school year is information that helps characterize the overall value of our public school district; beyond standardized testing and state-mandated assessments. This information is categorized into six (6) sections: Academics, Arts, Parent & Community Involvement, Student Leadership & Activities, Student Services and Fiscal Stewardship.

Our *Quality Profile* is an accountability report designed to give our community members a transparent view of our District's strengths and areas of concern. It serves as a supplement to the State of Ohio's Local Report Card and it offers accountability measures along with a broader perspective and deeper understanding of the high-quality educational experiences we offer the students who attend the Twinsburg City School District. The *Quality Profile* provides insight into the overall educational experiences the students in our District receive. We strive to provide wrap-around services which address the needs of the "whole child", meaning programs which assist our students to be successful academically, athletically, in the arts and through community service.

The *Quality Profile* is supported by the Alliance for High Quality Education, a consortium that works to improve educational opportunities for students and represents member districts on matters of educational policy and funding. Our school district is a member of the Alliance for High Quality Education.

A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring all students have opportunities to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. The Twinsburg City School District provides a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience, balanced with a breadth of extra-curricular and athletic programs. Such a high quality education is nurtured by the valuable partnerships and collaborations fostered with members of our school community to ensure student success and engagement. This year's *Quality Profile* provides you with an overview of the accomplishments of our students and staff. I hope you find this report enlightening and informative.



Yours in education,

Kathi Powers

Kathi Powers Superintendent



Academics



Our District's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wilcox Primary Reading Intervention teacher, Susan Wozniak, was invited to present at the Great Minds retreat in New Orleans. Great Minds is a non-profit organization founded to encourage content-rich education for all American children. Ms. Wozniak shared her expertise in Fundations, phonics, and reading as the key presenter at this conference.
- Rhonda Albers received the district nomination for the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Master Teacher Award. Among her many talents, Mrs. Albers is an expert at utilizing assessment data to target specific skill development with children. She also understands the importance of mindfulness and helping students reduce anxiety to make learning fun and productive.
- During the Summer of 2017, Wilcox Primary School partnered with SPARK Ohio for its first "Get Ready for School" Bootcamp. This program was offered to 24 children entering kindergarten in the fall to give them a literacy-based introduction to school.
- During the November 2016 presidential election, Wilcox students were introduced to voting and the electoral process. All students participated in "Every Kid Votes" a national program whose learning objectives align with social studies, English-Language Arts, and critical thinking standards.
- Technology is integrated into instruction every day at Wilcox Primary School. Every preschool, kindergarten, and first grade classroom has interactive white boards and 3 iPads.
 Wilcox has a set of 30 laptops and listening centers available to students. In addition, K-1 students visit the computer lab weekly where they work on academic, keyboard, and mouse skills through interactive games and participate in online assessments in reading and math. During the 2016-2017 school year, first grade students participated in Hour of Code to learn simple computer programming.
- The Junior Science Fair is held every spring at Wilcox. In April 2017, 150 kindergarten students conducted an experiment, wrote a science journal of their findings, and practiced their public speaking skills as they explained their experiments and what they learned to visitors. Thanks to a grant from Target, these students also visited the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland.
- Through a partnership with the University of Akron, Wilcox teachers worked with a literacy coach to improve instructional strategies that build foundational skills in reading.
- The Twinsburg City School District has a long-standing commitment to providing free all-day kindergarten to all children to help them build a strong educational foundation. 260 kindergarten students were enrolled at Wilcox during the 2016-2017 school year.
- In May 2017, 200 children participated in a kindergarten screening and registration process designed to assess their readiness skills in language arts and math and met the State requirements for speech/language, vision, and hearing screenings months before these children entered kindergarten.

The Twinsburg Bicentennial Celebration was exciting for Wilcox, Bissell and Dodge students. Children learned about the history of our community while making connections to social studies standards such as comparing modern day to the past, distinguishing between wants and needs, and understanding community organizations. Wilcox, Bissell and Dodge Tigers created alphabet books with each page representing something important about our community. These books were displayed at the Twinsburg Public Library.

- Wilcox Primary School houses an Integrated Preschool that meets the academic, social, and communication needs of 75 area children, ages 3-5.
- Wilcox Primary School teachers meet with the principal and school psychologist quarterly for "Watch" Meetings where data trends and individual student progress are discussed. Students are monitored to ensure they are making appropriate progress on grade level expectations and interventions are implemented when they are not.
- All kindergarten and first grade students participate in small group Guided Reading at their individual instructional reading level.

140 Wilcox kindergarten and first graders received supplemental small group reading instruction with reading specialists.

44 students (36 first grade, 8 kindergarten) participated in SRA for reading acceleration beyond what they did in guided reading lessons all year.

- By May 2017, 3/4 of first graders were reading at or "above" grade level according to our Guided Reading expectations (Fountas and Pinnell Level I or above). And 38 first graders (13%) were already reading at or above the end-of-year second grade reading expectation (Level N).
- All teachers and instructional assistants, including the special content area teachers, work cooperatively to plan and implement intervention and enrichment opportunities for children through our Response to Intervention (RtI) framework.
- Wilcox preschool students who will be entering kindergarten in Fall 2017, were part of a Summit County initiative and participated in an assessment called Transition Skills Summary (TSS). 2,834 students in Summit County were assessed in the areas of Social Skills, Motor Development, Pre-academic, Communication, and Following Routines. The percentage of Twinsburg City Schools' preschoolers identified as "on track" was higher than the county average in all categories.

Academics (continued)

• Twenty-six (26) kindergarten and first grade students participated in a math enrichment workshop during the 2016-2017 school year. Children's literature was used each week to introduce a mathematics topic and then students participated in hands-on, project-based activities to further explore the concepts. Thirty (30) students were invited to participate in Extra Scoop math tutoring during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. And, 50 Wilcox students participated in Summer Reading Camp.

98% of Wilcox first graders

scored "on track" on the State writing diagnostic assessment in May 2017.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School believes in educating the whole-child. To that end, character education is a big focus. The Officer Phil Program, in partnership with the Twinsburg Police Department, offers an interactive assembly in which students learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible at school, at home, or in the community. Police Chief Noga was on hand to show his support and to participate in the program.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students completed a Kindness Quest during the 2016-2017 school year. They were asked to complete various acts, highlighting the importance of being kind to one another. Some of the activities included: give someone a hug and hold the door open for someone. Some students even had the opportunity to share their experiences at a Board of Education Meeting. Students also made kindness badges, which they wore the week of the Kindness Quest.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School students were treated to another toe-tapping performance by Mrs. Johnson, who, once again, danced on the roof to celebrate the results of the Fall Read-A-Thon Fundraiser. At the outset of the campaign, Mrs. Johnson challenged students to raise more than \$10,000 and read more than 90,000 minutes in one week. After counting every last minute read and every last dollar donated, students raised more than \$11,000 and read more than 94,000 minutes! Thanks to the PTA for their leadership and to our generous families for their support and donations!!!
- Teachers took part in a book study during the 2016-2017 school year. Each staff member read the book, "Closing the Attitude Gap: How to Fire Up Your Students to Strive for Success" by Baruti Kafele. As part of the study, staff prepared presentations and engaged in professional conversations about the ideas presented in the book. The book highlighted

The U.S. Department of Education recognized Samuel Bissell Elementary School

as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School at the start of the school year. School/District staff traveled to Washington, DC in November to accept the prestigious honor. Samuel Bissell Elementary School was recognized for their overall academic excellence and consistent progress in closing the achievement gap among student subgroups. As part of the nomination

process, Samuel Bissell staff submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Education, highlighting the school's mission and outlining educational, social and behavioral programs that assist students in reaching their full potential.



the importance of school cultivating a positive, supportive, and safe environment for students to strive in, which will lead to student's having positive attitudes about school, which in turn, can lead to increased student achievement.

- Teachers and students, once again, showed their "GRIT" (Give it your all, Respond with a positive attitude, Independent thinker, Totally engaged) during the 2016-2017 school year. Students and staff participated in four Grit Days, where students were asked to complete tasks which caused them to think critically, and in many cases, start over before finally solving a given problem. The idea of "GRIT" was transferred to students in their everyday activities when they faced difficult challenges and were encouraged by their teachers and classmates to keep working hard and to never give up.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Community of Caring" initiative continued during the 2016-2017 school year! Students and staff from different classrooms came together to eat lunch with one another. The idea behind the program is that, regardless of what class you're in, we are all part of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School Family. Throughout the school year, every student participated in at least one session. Each lunch session gave students and staff the opportunity to get to know each other better and discuss the ideas of respect, responsibility, friendship and trustworthiness. To begin to help students see themselves as part of the Twinsburg City School District family, staff members from other buildings and departments ate lunch with students during the school year.



- Ms. Babcock's third grade students were first introduced to Google Classroom in December during their Computer Lab time. Then, they started using it regularly in their classroom to practice their writing and typing skills. Many students have also been able to access it from home through iPads, tablets, computers, and even smart phones, completing tasks assigned by the teacher. One of their favorite Google Classroom assignments was the creation of student "All About Me" PowerPoint slides, which they shared with their classmates.
- Over 350 students were invited to our annual Dodge PTA sponsored Fun & Stuff Night. This program rewards students for maintaining a grade point average of 3.5 and above!
- George G. Dodge fifth grade students hosted their annual Wax Museum. Students brought characters such as Amelia Earhardt, Martin Luther King, Bethany Hamilton, and Misty Copeland to life.
- George G. Dodge was proud to recognize students at the monthly Board of Education meetings with Students of the Month. Students were nominated by teachers for demonstrating the character pillars of our school which are: Trustworthiness, Fairness, Responsibility, Respect, Citizenship, and Caring.

Academics (continued)

100% of our third grade students met the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee!

- Fifth grade students participated in the DARE program under the leadership of Officer Greg Kopniske of the Twinsburg Police Department. The program helped give students the skills and strategies to make good choices that will positively impact their lives.
- Sixth Grade students were invited to participate in Invention League (Formerly Invention Convention). Invention League is an inclusive, educational, non-profit organization that has built a community of dedicated like-minded heroes who support the belief that the better we educate our youth and the more opportunities we provide them to learn and implement STEAM skills the better all of our lives will become. This great program supports students from finding an everyday problem, to engineering the best solution. Over 25 groups of sixth graders participate in the event this school year. Six groups qualified to participate in the state competition that was held July 30, 2017 at the Ohio State Fair. One group, Caitlynn Collise and Ava Pesicka was selected to participate in the National Competition in Washington D.C. Ava and Caitlynn will represent George G. Dodge with their invention Auto Tinting Mirrors.
- George G. Dodge hosted the annual fourth, fifth and sixth grade Breakfast of Champions. Over 800 students were recognized for being great citizens and "earning their STRIPES".
- RB Chamberlin received an "A" in the Measure of Progress for all students in math, ELA, and science on the Local Report Card.
- RBC students have the opportunity to take Honors courses in the areas of ELA, math, social studies, art, and science.
- RB Chamberlin offered 7 courses for high school credit: Honors Physical Science, Spanish I, French, Algebra I, Honors Geometry, Art I, and Physical Education.
- Exploratory classes such as Financial Literacy, World Cultures, Art, and Principles of Engineering are offered to all students.
- THS Math teacher, Mr. Michael Porinchak, was named Regional Math Teacher of the Year for Northeast Ohio by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- THS students continue to excel in Advanced Placement Courses with 763 AP exams being administered during the Spring of 2017.

Over 100 Seniors participated in THS' Senior Experience in May. This project allowed Seniors an opportunity to shadow at local businesses in areas of interest. The Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce and various community employers assisted our students with placement opportunities.

- New AP courses recently added to the THS course menu: AP European History, AP Microeconomics, and AP Physics 2.
- Enhanced Dual Credit opportunities at THS continue for our students as Financial Accounting, College Writing I and II, and Honors Spanish IV allow students to earn college credit without traveling off campus while remaining in our high school.
- Tiger Scholars, a mentorship program for incoming Freshman, was created to allow academically and/or behaviorally at-risk students an opportunity to build a successful relationship with a dedicated adult role model in the high school.
 Students struggling to pass their 2016-2017 academic courses ultimately experienced success at an 86% passage rate.

Twinsburg High School AP Exam Information

	2016	2017
Number of AP Students	362	384 (+6%)
Number of AP Exams	635	741 (+16.7%)
% of Passing Scores (5,4,3)	75.4%	76.0%

- The Class of 2017 included 303 graduates. Two of those graduates were named National Merit Finalists and five were honored with Commended Scholar status. Ninety (90) seniors graduated with Honors Diplomas as awarded through the Ohio Department of Education.
- One young lady in the class of 2017 earned a perfect score (36) on the ACT exam.
- THS student leaders continued to academically excel and remain involved in school and community activities through their induction in the National Honor Society, The Foreign Language Honor Societies, and the National Technical Honor Society.

The following AP courses had **100% passage rates**

in Spring 2017:

AP Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio AP Calculus BC AP Spanish Language and Culture AP Physics 2

> The Class of 2017 earned close to **\$9.0 million** in scholarships.



Arts

Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



HIGHLIGHTS

Music is an important part of our students' education, and the Twinsburg City School District is proud to offer a wide range of opportunities:

- 🗸 Band
- The Mood Swingers
- ✓ Concert Band ✓ General Music

🗸 Jazz Ensemble

- ✓ Orchestra✓ RBC Singers
- Great Expectations
 - √ Tiger Marching Band
- ✓ String Instruments ✓ Vocal Music
- Magic Hearts and TASK music programs for students with special needs
- Wilcox Primary School hosts a Field Day that highlights the physical, artistic, and musical talents of our students and is a schoolwide event that ends the year on a positive note. The 2017 Survivor theme was popular with students and staff as they worked together to communicate and compete to outwit, outplay, and outlast the other teams.
- About 1/2 of all students at Wilcox 300 total participated in our Wilcox Walkers 100 Mile Club. Students walked during their recess time.
- Wilcox uses a Zone Recess System to keep students active during this time. Students can choose from the Free Play, Discovery (structured games), or Walking zones. During indoor recess, the lunch/playground aides lead students in "heart starters" inside.
- All Wilcox Primary School children participate in art, music, physical education, library, and computers each week.
- At the Spring Art Show, Wilcox students displayed over 700 pieces of art showing their talent and progress throughout the year.
- All students at Wilcox Primary School perform in Winter and Spring Vocal Music Concerts held at Twinsburg High School.

- Preschool students at Wilcox Primary School participate in a unit during March that includes language arts, math, social studies, science, music, art, physical education, communication, and social interaction and culminates in their annual rodeo performance for families.
- At Samuel Bissell Elementary School, veterans were treated to two very special programs in recognition of the sacrifices they have made for our country. In honor of Veterans Day, second and third grade students sang patriotic songs and had the opportunity to visit with Veterans during two socials, which offered our guests snacks and a light breakfast. Thanks to the Samuel Bissell PTA for coordinating volunteers and decorating our cafeteria!
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School second grade students received extra art practice and instruction during the 2016-2017 school year! Students who participated in Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Art Club" met and learned about different artists and mediums and had the opportunity to create works of art using unconventional materials. "Art Club" met 1-2 times per week with each session devoted to a different skill and/or artist.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School held two Fine Arts Festivals during the 2016-2017 school year. Each of the two nights was devoted to highlighting the artistic abilities of students through showcasing their art



work throughout the building. Students also performed a musical program as part of the evening's festivities.

- George G. Dodge encourages students to apply their leadership and artistic skills in programs such as Art, Music, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Student Council, Morning Announcers and others.
- George G. Dodge students participated in Square One Art. This fundraiser gave our students the opportunity to turn their artwork into "living" pieces of art. The students sold their artwork to raise money for the Art Department.

www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us

Arts (continued)

- George G. Dodge hosted its annual Spring Fling. The program involved students in each grade. Student artwork was on display as well as provided live art demonstrations from our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students.
- George G. Dodge students were able to participate in Band, Orchestra, and Chorus. Our music students hosted Winter and Spring Concerts to showcase their growth and talents.
- This year found the largest number of sixth graders enrolled in Band under the leadership of Mr. Bonitz and Mr. Resnick. This growth is promising as we are working to continue to grow our music program.
- RBC Band students earned 17 Superior and 7 Excellent Ratings at the OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest held at Kent-Stanton Middle School. The RBC Concert Band earned an "Excellent" rating at the OMEA Large Group Contest at Revere High School. Finally, Katy Okuma, Morgan Polen, Donald Mold, and Ethan Moseley were selected to participate in the Ohio State Middle School Honor Band Festival.



- The RBC Orchestra was rated "Superior" in class A which is the most difficult class. This is the highest rating given to a middle school performing group by OMEA. This is the fourth consecutive year our middle school Orchestra has received this honor.
- RBC art students have the opportunity to participate in a middle level 9 week course or a year long advanced high school course.
- Each Spring RB Chamberlin hosts the Fine Arts Festival showcasing the work of over 200 students from the seventh and eighth grade art classes and seventh and eighth grade Bands.

- The Twinsburg High School Orchestra had great showings this school year, culminating with a first place award at their OMEA competition. Another highlight was the fantastic double evening event "Electrifying Your Strings", provided to our students by the Orchestra Boosters. Both events featured world-renowned electric violinist Mark Wood as he shared the classroom and stage with our students and Orchestra Director.
- The Twinsburg High School Band continues to grow and succeed, accomplishing all (1's) Superior rating at their OMEA competition in the Spring.
- Students in various THS Art classes won prestigious awards this school year, with two students winning awards for their projects through the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions contest. THS had (1) Red Ribbon winner, and (1) Honorable Mention winner. Also, (10) students won awards at the Northeast Central Ohio Scholastic Art Competition-- including Honorable Mention, Silver Key, and Gold Key winners. One student had a Gold Key portfolio, and was a National Silver Key award winner, which puts the student in the top 1% in the country.
- The THS Drama Department presented two great performances this school year, with a Fall performance of "The Canterville Ghost", and the Spring show of "Cloud Seven". Our THS Drama Club students successfully participated behind the scenes in the Tech crew and on stage throughout the year.
- The THS Band and Orchestra traveled together in late March to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida where they participated in an educational music clinic and performed on the Disney Park Stage as a part of Disney's Music Education Program.



THS Great Expectations

featured some phenomenal performances this year with a baseball themed show. The group participated in a Vocal Music Boosters sponsored trip to Connecticut, spending time in New York City sightseeing prior to the competition.

Student Leadership and Activities

A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Second and third grade students have the opportunity to be selected to participate in Student Council. Student Council has the responsibility of showing leadership skills in organizing Spirit Days, leading whole-school assemblies, organizing fundraisers, escorting visitors around the building as well as attending meetings and sharing information with their homeroom classes. They are responsible for collecting Box Tops, Soup Labels and Canned Goods and taking them to the appropriate drop off points throughout the school. Student Council members also collect money and deliver popcorn to classes on Popcorn Fridays.
- Third grade students, wishing to take on more leadership roles, can apply for many jobs in and around the school, such as: Safety Patrol, Collectors of Recyclable Materials, Bookstore Workers and Raising/ Lowering the American Flag outside the school building.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School students donated 235 pounds of canned fruit

during the 2016-2017 school year to The Emergency Assistance Center as part of the District's canned food drive

Samuel Bissell Elementary Student Council

collected over

2025 cans

of canned goods that was donated to The Emergency Assistance Shelter.

- Bissell students participate in Jump Rope for Heart, which is a school-wide initiative to raise money for the American Heart Association. During the 2016-2017 school year, students raised more than \$12,500!
- The annual Samuel Bissell Food Drive, held before Thanksgiving, was a big success! Because of the leadership of our students, more than 600 items were collected and donated to The Emergency Assistance Center in Northfield to help area families in need. Thank you parents and students!
- Third grade students showcased their talents during the 2016-2017 school year as part of Samuel Bissell Elementary School's 2nd Annual "Bissell's Got Talent" Show. Students, staff, and parents were treated to singing, dancing and musical acts.
- Students in the fifth grade participated in their first overnight school trip! The students visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Students in the sixth grade traveled to Camp Fitch in North Springfield, Pennsylvania. Students participated in team building activities and other educational endeavors.
- Dodge Student Council members assisted with our third grade transition to George G. Dodge! Student Council and student volunteers welcomed the incoming class of 2016 to their "New Team"!
- George G. Dodge participated in *Start with Hello Week*. Social isolation is the overwhelming feeling of being left out, lonely and treated like you are invisible. *Start with Hello Week* taught our students the skills they need to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with isolation in order to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within our school.
- George G. Dodge is proud of the leadership of our students and staff. This year, under the leadership of Mrs. Brandy Correia, Dodge students initiated Dateline Dodge. Dateline Dodge is an applicationbased news program written, produced, directed by and

Student Leadership and Activities (continued)

starring our own students. Dateline Dodge provides timely topics and information to students about news around the school. Our



Dateline Dodge students had a very special invitation to meet the news team at Fox 8. Our news team had an opportunity to tour the station and learn the behind the scenes operations of an actual news production.

- RB Chamberlin offers athletic opportunities with 14 athletic teams, and also fall and winter cheerleading. Over 70% of RBC students took advantage of these opportunities.
- RB Chamberlin offers many student activities such as: Student Council, Power of the Pen, Robotics, RBC Singers, Science Club, Art Club, Jazz Band, Drama Club, and the KSU Reading and Writing Festival.

Honor Corps

is an academic and service group comprised of eighth grade students who maintain a 3.5 GPA for two years.

This years' Honor Corps Induction saw

163 eighth grade students

meet the rigorous academic and social requirements. Honor Corps held a very successful Red Cross blood drive as a service project.



 RBC Power of the Pen Team seventh graders took 1st Place at Districts. The team then competed at the College of Wooster against the best writers in the state of Ohio. Hannah Seitz was among approximately 700 middle school writers from Ohio competing in three rounds of creative writing. Hannah's scores from the morning rounds qualified her for a fourth Power Round (only the top 50 students from each grade compete at that level). In the end, not only did Hannah place 8th out of the State among seventh graders, she also won a Best of the Best from our Regional KSU Tournament for one of her February competition pieces!

- The class of 2021 had an excellent Washington DC trip. The RBC students visited many sites including: the National Mall, Flight 93 Memorial, and the Air and Space Museum. Students also embarked on the Spirit Cruise on the Potomac River on the last day.
- The RBC Drama production for 2017 was Willy Wonka. The students in the cast and crew did a great job making a classic come to life. Both performances saw an almost full-house, testimony to the growth and quality of the RBC Drama program.
- RBC students Raghav Kasibhatla, Nikhil Prasad, Adithya Kalyanam, and Bhavya Sharma teamed up to take first place in the Akron MathCounts Competition.
- RBC student Makiyah Harris won a Gold Key Award in the Midwest Scholastic Art and Writing Contest.
- THS athletic teams won Suburban League Championships in Girls' Cross Country & Girls' Basketball during the 2016-2017 school year.
- A member of the THS Girls' Bowling Team was named District Champion and finished 37th out of 184 female bowlers at the OHSAA State Bowling Tournament.
- THS Girls' Cross Country Team won the District & Regional Championship and finished in 8th place in Division 1 at the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet.
- A member of the THS Boys' Cross Country Team won the Regional Championship and finished 6th in Division 1 at the OHSAA State Cross Country Meet.
- The THS Girls' Track Team won the Regional Championship in the Spring and had the following accomplishments at the OHSAA State Track Meet: 4 x 200 meter relay team finished 5th in the state, and one of our athletes took 6th place in the state in the 400 meter dash
- National Honor Society students at THS continued to give back to our community by caroling at the Grand Village Retirement Community and tutoring students after school at our District elementary buildings.
- THS Student Council members conducted two successful blood drives for the American Red Cross.
- Student leadership was also demonstrated by our Relay For Life Student Chairpersons as a Spirit Week and donations were collected at the high school for The American Cancer Society. The annual Powder Puff Spring game was sponsored by the THS Relay for Life Committee.

Parent and Community Involvement

Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.



HIGHLIGHTS

- On May 4, 2017 Wilcox Primary School hosted its first Father's Walk. Over 400 fathers, grandfathers, step dads, uncles, and other male role models took time out of their morning to walk their children to school. Modeled after the Fame Fathers Initiative, this event highlighted the value of fathers and fatherfigures in children's education.
- Wilcox Principal, Lynn Villa, and Assistant
 Principal, Scott Astey were recognized by Summit
 Edcuation Initiative (SEI) for their efforts to foster
 communication and outreach among early childhood
 stakeholders in Twinsburg. As a result, the Twinsburg
 Early Learning Readiness Coalition was started as a
 networking "think tank" that includes representatives
 from the TCSD, area preschools, the Twinsburg
 Public Library, SEI, and the Summit County ESC.
 We share the common goal of providing highquality, engaging education for students before they
 enter kindergarten. The group is working to offer
 educational opportunities to all children.
- Throughout the school year, Wilcox Primary School students and families participated in collections for our neighbors. Students collected things like: toys, coats, and pet food to meet the needs of charitable organizations in our school community. Wilcox Primary School was proud to collect over 600 pounds of canned fruit for The Emergency Assistance Center in April 2017.
- Wilcox got the whole community to read during the 2nd #WilcoxReads Week. The Wilcox PTA provided every family with the classic children's novel *Stuart Little* by E.B. White. Students and families read the same chapters each night, answered trivia questions, and posted their photos on social media.
- Wilcox Primary School and Samuel Bissell Elementary have partnered with the Cleveland Clinic to have medical professionals visit our schools each May. These community readers spend time sharing a favorite book with students and talking about their career choice in the health field.



- Project Night, Night, a non-profit organization that provides homeless children with a blanket, book, and stuffed animal has been supported by Wilcox children, staff, and families. In the last five years, Wilcox has donated over 1,500 new and gently used books to Project Night, Night as part of our Right to Read Weeks and School Book Fairs.
- The "Bring a Veteran to Lunch" program at Wilcox has become a popular event for the last 13 years. In November 2016 Wilcox staff, students, and PTA welcomed over 150 veterans for lunch and a patriotic performance.
- Over 100 Wilcox students, staff, and parents marched with the Twinsburg VFW in the 2017 Memorial Day Parade.
- Wilcox Primary School hosts the Summit County Sheriff's Safety City Program which is designed to instruct children in important precautions for bus, traffic, stranger, fire, animal, and home safety the summer before they enter kindergarten.

Parent and Community Involvement

PAWS on Child Hunger



Now in its fifth year, PAWS on Child Hunger works in partnership with The Emergency Assistance Center

in Northfield, OH. The PAWS Program offers qualifying students healthy supplements to meals over the weekend.

- During the 2016-2017 school year, 62 Samuel Bissell Elementary School second and third grade students received a 1,100 calorie food supplement in their weekend backpacks.
- Provided nutritious supplemental food to over 60 Wilcox children who are food insecure on the weekend. In addition, Wilcox PTA has created a snack pantry to be sure that every child has a healthy snack during the school day.
- Provides nutritious supplemental food to 52 Dodge children. Dodge students and staff have raised over \$2,000 to support our PAWS on Child Hunger Program.
- Various parent volunteers popped popcorn throughout the year to help raise money to support PAWS on Child Hunger.
- To strengthen our home and school connection, Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Reading and Math Interventionists hosted two "Make-it, Take-it" events for parents during the 2016-2017 school year. Parents in attendance had the opportunity to make various resources that they could use at home to further develop their child's reading and/or math skills.
- Because of the recruiting efforts of our "Pint Size Heroes," the Bissell Blood Drive was a HUGE success! Donors rolled up their sleeves on October 14, 2016 and donated 34 pints of blood to help patients in need. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the leadership of the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA, the American Red Cross and our students and families. Thanks for your support!!!
- Twinsburg City School District partnered with the Christ Community Chapel in Hudson to feed families in need during the holiday season. Sixty Thanksgiving boxes were donated by the church to Wilcox Primary and Samuel Bissell Elementary Schools. Each box contained enough food to feed a family of eight which included a turkey, side dishes, desserts and paper goods.
- During the 2016-2017 school year, volunteers from The Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg Family Health and Surgery Center read stories to second and third grade students.

Doctors, nurses and pharmacists answered questions and offered students details about various careers in the field of medicine. This is the fifth year volunteers have come to read to students. We look forward to continuing our partnership with The Cleveland Clinic.

- Samuel Bissell Elementary School continued its partnership with Heinen's Grocery Store during the 2016-2017 school year. Students attended assemblies, where they learned about the importance of portion size, were introduced to Superfoods, such as kale, and were encouraged to eat fruits and vegetables with every meal.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School's Career Day was a huge success during the 2016-2017 school year with over 50 members from the community speaking on various careers.
- The PTA also helped fund many other initiatives, programs and events at Samuel Bissell Elementary School during the 2016-2017 school year, which included:
 - providing each student with \$7.00 to spend at each of our two Book Fairs.
 - Third Grade Field Trip to the Cleveland Aquarium.
 - Second Grade Field Trip to Liberty Park.
 - supplemented the cost of t-shirts for Field Day.
 - Third Grade Picnic Covered the cost of lunch for our annual Third Grade Picnic.

Samuel Bissell Elementary School

fathers and father-figures enjoyed a nice morning walking to school with their children. On September 22, 2016, approximately **300 fathers and father figures** walked their children to school as part of the

Fame Fathers Walk

through the Summit County Initiative. The idea behind the event is to highlight the importance of fathers, uncles, grandfathers, etc. in their child's education. Before the event ended, fathers and father-figures were given a treat bag provided by the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA and staff.



Parent and Community Involvement (continued)

Samuel Bissell Elementary School

was turned into an ecological laboratory during the 2016-2017 school year, thanks to

COSI on Wheels.

Students were treated to an informative and interactive assembly where they had the opportunity to learn about different habitats and animals found in the wild. Some of the activities involved learning about pollination, echolocation, animal adaptations, and life cycles. A great big thank you goes out to the Samuel Bissell Elementary School PTA for bringing COSI to us.



- It truly takes a village to make a school community successful. Every member of the George G. Dodge team is important to the growth and development of our students. Last year, we lost an important member of our community. Mrs. Gregorino passed away due to an unexpected illness. She was a true gift of friendship and caring to the George G. Dodge community. The students and staff commemorated Mrs. Gregorino's committment and dedication to our community by dedicating a Buddy Bench in her memory. We were joined by her husband and family to honor her contribution to the students in the Twinsburg City School District. We truly hope that this bench will remind us all how much Mrs. Gregorino cared about the students and staff and how much she wanted each and every student to feel welcomed and supported.
- George G. Dodge participated in the Summit County Father's Walk. The program promotes the importance of significant male role models in the lives of students. There were over 600 fathers, father figures, grandfathers, brothers and uncles participating in the walk. This event continues to grow each year. We are proud of the support from our community as we show the importance of dads in the lives of our students.
- During the months of February and March, we took some time to acknowledge the accomplishments of many men and women that had great impact in our history. During African American History Month and Women's History Month, students at George G. Dodge wrote thank you letters to the many individuals that

had a profound impact on their lives. If any one visited George G. Dodge during this time, you may have noticed some great thank letters to people like Rosa Parks, Gabby Douglas, LeBron James, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and many others. Our sixth grade students also had the opportunity to meet Ramona Robinson from Fox 19 News. Mrs. Robinson spoke to the students about the importance of following their dreams and never giving up on their goals.

- George G. Dodge Intermediate School hosted its second annual Father/Daughter Dance. The event was hosted in collaboration with the George G. Dodge PTA and had over 500 participants!
- George G. Dodge also held its second annual Mother/ Son Event! Moms (grandmothers, sisters, aunts, etc.) were invited to play WhirlyBall with our Tigers. It was great fun and an excellent way to spend an evening out together!
- George G. Dodge opened up our doors to welcome our Senior community members with the Senior Bus Tour. Seniors from our school community visited our school to learn about the great things our Tigers are doing each day in class. Our special visitors heard some selections from our Sixth Grade Chorus (under the direction of Mr. Novak), and visited some classrooms.
- Creating leaders in our students is an important goal at George G. Dodge. We are proud of the leaders in Mrs. Cottrill, Mrs. Fosnight, and Mrs. Madden's fifth grade class. Students culminated a unit on World War II. They then invited members of our community that had a personal experience during World War II. The students developed interview questions and interviewed these special heroes. Lessons such as this helped this teaching team earn a nomination for the Martha Holden Jenning's Teaching Team of the Year.

RBC Leadership Academy

welcomed Congressman Joyce, State Senator LaRose, Representative Roegner, Mayor Yates and Trustee Balogh to share their life experiences and answer students' questions.



Parent and Community Involvement (continued)



- Analytics and Speed Investigation.
 The RBC Holiday Helping Hands Program is a student led campaign to raise money and buy gifts for less fortunate families during the holidays. The students
- donated over \$1,000.00.
 Other community partners included University Hospitals, Beech Brook, Cleveland Clinic, Community Health Center, Alliance for Healthy Youth, and the ADM Board. These partnerships afforded our students opportunities such as getting certified in CPR and participation in the research based *Too Good for Drugs* program.

- Our staff from Beech Brook also assisted in reaching the entire THS student body in different ways in the Spring with two separate assemblies. The eleventh and twelfth grade students viewed the FBI's documentary entitled, "Chasing the Dragon," which was followed by a panel discussion regarding the nation's opioid epidemic. On the same day, the ninth and tenth graders heard a presentation from nationally renowned speaker, Ty Sells, whose message also centered around positive choices and focusing on being independent thinkers.
- The THS Marching Band, the Drama Club and the Great Expectations Show Choir each welcomed our local senior citizens to special matinee performances.
- A locally created video celebrating and commemorating the history of "Twinsburg Heights" titled *Voices of the Hill* was viewed first at a Cleveland film festival, then again at an evening forum at THS for the community.
- The African American History Showcase was held in February and was titled, *"Who Are We? A Journey Through Truth and Triumph."* The Showcase was performed for the student body, parents, and surrounding community members to enjoy.

The graduating members of the class of 2017 contributed over 31,000 hours

of community service, led by one student who amassed a school record of 4,109 individual hours over a four year period.

THS Students and Staff

contributed to various other causes throughout the 2016-2017 school year such as Fill-A-Bus with Nordonia City Schools to benefit The Emergency Assistance Center, Relay for Life, American Red Cross, Wishes Can Happen, Alex's Lemonade Stand, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Pediatric Cancer and the

Special Olympics



www.twinsburg

Student Services

A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment and support.



HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to regular education services, Twinsburg City School District offers identification of and services to gifted students, special needs students, 504 students, and students for whom English is their second language.

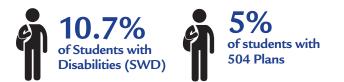




5% of students are identified as Gifted

- The English Language Learners program helps students overcome cultural and language challenges.
- Gifted services adjust the pace of instruction to the student's capabilities to provide an appropriate level of challenge. Gifted students are serviced in teamtaught classes or cluster grouping at George G.
 Dodge Intermediate School. Students also have the opportunity to begin the path of math acceleration at George G. Dodge Intermediate School.
- Pupil Services administers services that include special education, 504's, guidance, health, mental health, school psychology, early childhood, home instruction, parent mentor, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, special transportation, and transition services. Pupil Services manages and supports the development, implementation, and service delivery of PreK-12 educational services and programs for students with disabilities. All programs and staff work together to provide quality services for the success of the "whole child" for their readiness for college and career.

The Pupil Services Department provides services to approximately:



- Special Education services are provided to students that have been identified with disabilities. These services include specialized instruction, modifications in curriculum, and accommodations as appropriate to access school programs. Eligibility for these services is determined through an Evaluation Team Report (ETR) by school personnel and parental input in accordance with state and federal definitions and regulations. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is then determined by a team as well.
- Our belief is that all students can learn and that students with disabilities should be educated in the least restrictive environment. This means that students with disabilities should be educated to the maximum extent with their peers in general education classrooms. Specially designed instruction and intervention services are provided through a continuum of services depending on students' needs. Our district added three behavioral cross-categorical classrooms during the 2016-2017 school year to educate our students with behavior needs in-district rather than out-placing in a separate facility.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee is a program to ensure primary and elementary school students are reading on grade level. Schools will provide help and support to make sure students are on track for reading success by the end of third grade.

 Reading Intervention Tutoring Programs: Extra Scoop tutoring, Summer Reading Camp for grades K-4 and Roar into Reading for grade 3.

Student Services (continued)

- Staff development is crucial in providing services and staying current in areas of special education. This year the Pupil Services Department partnered with the District's Curriculum Department and participated in a Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Cohort offered through the State Support Team Region 8. Through this Cohort we designed a plan, timeline, and professional development to educate all students in their least restrictive environment with the focal point being to offer co-teaching district-wide. Our District will continue this professional development initiative during the 2017-2018 school year to ensure continuity of programming.
- PBIS: One of our District's goals is Student Growth. This goal is focused upon developing the "whole child" through implementation of a focused curriculum, community partnerships, and high quality of professional development. Through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), we address positive relationships, clear expectations and consistently acknowledged and corrected behaviors district-wide. PBIS reduces problem behavior, increases academic performance, reduces bullying behaviors, increases teacher efficacy, improves social-emotional competence and increases positive school climate and culture. Our District's focus is "Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible."

The Beech Brook School-Based Program allows the Twinsburg City School District to support the "whole child" and provide services at school, in the home, and community for our families.

Beech Brook

offers individual and group counseling for students and family counseling district-wide. All Beech Brook services continue for our students and families in the summer months so that these services are not interrupted.

• Our focus during the 2016-2017 school year for PBIS was to involve and educate our families and community members. Twinsburg City School District offered the viewing of "Chasing the Dragon" for our staff, families, and students at THS. "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict" is a documentary released by the FBI and DEA, aimed at educating students, young adults and parents about the dangers of addiction.

- With the need of educating our students, staff, and families in the prevention of using prescription drugs and other high-risk factors, Beech Brook staff in partnership with our administrators wrote a grant and received \$5,000 from the ADM (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services) Board. The funding from the grant allowed the District to purchase the "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum as well as support Teen Institute Club at THS and PANDA Club at RBC and Dodge. Both of these programs focus on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.
- The Twinsburg City School District Parent Mentor Project is a program funded through the Ohio Department of Education. This program is designed to support families in understanding the special education process by providing the information needed to become effective partners for their children with special needs. This year, our Parent Mentor worked with other Parent Mentors in our region to host an Art Festival. Our Parent Mentor also co-facilitated with district personnel and outside agencies a workshop on Transition Services. She also hosted a regional Parent Mentor Meeting focusing on mental health services.
- Pupil Services provided Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training and CPR, First Aid, and Diabetes training for faculty and staff.
- The Twinsburg City School District continues to offer Applied Behavioral Analysis Training (ABA) to our Intervention Specialists and support staff who serve our students with autism and behavioral needs.
- Through transition services on Individual Education Plans (IEP), students participate in career technical programs from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC).
- The Twinsburg City School District offers nursing services at all of our five buildings. With all the changes in health care, we changed our model to include a District RN that travels and supports all our buildings. Each building is also staffed with an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse), MA (Medical Assistant) or HA (Health Aide).

In the area of Math, extension is provided through the use of math enrichment activities provided by the

Go Math! Series

The math program provides students with challenging Higher Order Thinking (HOT) questions that align with the curriculum.



www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us

Student Services (continued)

- CVCC provides our District with a Transition Coordinator who helps our students with their career paths beginning in the eighth grade.
- Wilcox students and staff participated in *Start With Hello Week*, part of the Sandy Hook Promise. Students made a commitment to making a new friend and pledged to help keep our schools and community safe.
- Student Enrichment: Samuel Bissell Elementary School's use of the Scholastic Guided Reading Program allows for enrichment opportunities as students are evaluated and challenged at their individual reading levels.
- Second and third grade teachers work closely with the district's Gifted Coordinator to develop activities which extend the learning of students who have displayed mastery in various academic areas and are in need of more challenging or enriching assignments and subject matter.
- During the 2016-2017 school year, second grade students were involved with the Invention League program, which required students to identify a problem and then develop an invention to solve it. The project also included writing and speaking/presentation components, as students had to write about their inventions and present them to their classmates.
- Samuel Bissell Elementary School continued its partnership with Beech Brook counseling services during the 2016-2017 school year. Students identified as needing extra behavioral or emotional support, met with a Beech Brook Counselor on a frequent basis. These wrap-around services continue throughout the summer.
- Students needing extra support with the Third Grade English/Language Arts Ohio's State Test (OST) and second grade students who were on a Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP) were part of the A+ Program, which afforded students the resources and practice needed to improve their reading skills. Students in the A+ Program met weekly with an instructional assistant, who organized activities

designed to provide practice to improve comprehension and fluency. The A+ Program also covers the area of math. Students met weekly to address deficits.

- Third grade special education and Tier 3, Response to Intervention (Rtl) students participated in Tiger Camp, which is a center-based intervention that meets on a daily basis. The purpose of the program is to rotate through different centers focusing on areas of need, such as the acquisition of vocabulary, the understanding of fiction and non-fiction text, reading and comprehension skills and fluency.
- Prior to the Spring Administration of the third grade English/Language Arts Ohio's State Test (OST), students who did not pass the Fall Administration were invited to participate in Samuel Bissell Elementary School's "Extra-Scoop" tutoring program, which was held for twelve sessions during the school day at student Contact Time. Students were grouped based on need, which translated into more focused instruction to prepare them for the Spring OST.
- Students who continue to need extra support, based on the results of the Spring OST, were invited to participate in Samuel Bissell Elementary School's 2-week long "Roar Into Reading" Summer Session, which offered students more focused instruction in the area of reading.
- Second and third grade students, who need extra assistance in the area of Reading, are also invited to be a part of the Twinsburg City School District's Summer Reading Camp. This 3-week long program, done in partnership with the Twinsburg Public Library, offers students an opportunity to enhance and reinforce their literacy skills.
- To strengthen the love of reading at Wilcox and Samuel Bissell, several future third grade students and incoming second grade students participated in our summer reading club called Camp Read-a-Lot. Students received 10 books to take home over the summer to read! Postcards were sent to students midway through the summer to remind them to keep reading.

www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us

Fiscal Stewardship

Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wilcox Primary School teachers were awarded over \$3,500 in grants from the Wilcox PTA to support innovative projects in the classroom.
- Twinsburg Patrolman Jeremy Mohorick presented the 2016-2017 Teacher Awards from the Twinsburg Police Association to:
 - Lauren Wilson, Wixcox Primary School
 - Mary Labus, Samuel Bissell Elementary School
 - Liz Brindley, George G. Dodge Intermediate School
 - Jillian Carter, RB Chamberlin Middle School
 - Teri Keller, Twinsburg High School
- Treasurer Marty Aho was commended for the District's excellent record keeping with the *Auditor of State Award* with Distinction.

Grants

- The GAR Foundation awarded the Twinsburg City School District with a \$48,000 grant for professional development and coaching regarding STEM-related instructional strategies, assessment and curriculum mapping in grades 4-8.
- Fuel Up to Play 60 Grants received for food service equipment and supplies totaled over \$22,000 in the past three years.



for the passage of

Issue 15 on May 2, 2017

This **6.9 mill** Operating Levy

will enable the Twinsburg City School District to continue to provide high quality educational opportunities to our students.



Major Permanent Improvements for 2016-2017 School Year

- Roofing Project at RB Chamberlin two major sections of the roof, as well as a section of roofing at Wilcox Primary School and Twinsburg High School (approximately \$174,000)
- Updated three computer labs (RBC S118, THS A221 and Project Lead the Way Lab at RBC) (approximately \$71,000)
- Multimedia project for Tiger Stadium, THS Gym and THS Auditorium funded with outside sponsorship dollars totaling \$325,000.
- THS Auditorium Stage Floor Renovation (Approximately \$11,000)
- Purchased three buses and new van as part of our tenyear bus replacement cycle

Fiscal Stewardship (continued)

Facilities Strategic Plan

During the 2016-2017 school year, the District continued to update the comprehensive immediate-high priority, mid-range and long-range Facilities Strategic Plan. Several components of the Facilities Strategic Plan were reinforced and confirmed through our focus groups in the Fall 2017 during which key stakeholders were asked to share their vision for our District. The Facilities Strategic Plan serves as a guide to ensure that the District efficiently and effectively spends its permanent improvement dollars towards its long term objectives. Utilizing results from the Facilities Assessment to help guide future Permanent Improvement Expenditures, all major projects this summer were identified as high priorities in our Facilities Assessment.

The groundwork for the Facilities Strategic Plan began during the 2014-2015 school year with input gathered from key stakeholder groups. During the 2015-2016 school year, the Board approved Lesko Associates, along with Karpinski Engineering, to review the results of the Facilities Assessment Focus Groups and evaluate key components of our facilities such as our current HVAC systems, mechanical systems, lighting systems, roofs, paving and other parts of our facilities. The Facilities Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Education on June 29, 2016 and continues to guide the District as we work to ensure that our buildings and grounds support our students.

2016 - 2017 District Goals:

1. STUDENT GROWTH

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered by developing the "whole child" through the implementation of a focused curriculum, community partnerships and high quality professional development.

2. FINANCIAL

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered and support student learning and safety by continuing to maintain fiscal integrity, transparency and accountability of the District's financial resources by implementation of the benchmarks identified on the Financial Strategic Planning Flow Chart.

3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered through active communication and engagement with our community to provide opportunities to support student growth and development.

4. FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

The Twinsburg City School District will be student centered in our efforts to address and balance our facilities' immediate and long-term needs utilizing the current facilities assessment to support student growth and development.











Twinsburg City School District

...where the schools and communities are one.

Board of Education

Mark Curtis, President Matt Cellura, Vice President Tina Davis, Member Rob Felber, Member Kathy Turle-Waldron, Member

Kathryn M. Powers, Superintendent Martin Aho, Treasurer

Twinsburg City School District Directory

Board of Education Office	
Twinsburg High School	
R.B. Chamberlin Middle School	
George G. Dodge Intermediate School	
Samuel Bissell Elementary School	
Wilcox Primary School	



Visit our website at www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us

In partnership with the Alliance for High Quality Education



Twinsburg City School District