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Congratulations Graduates! It is an honor to share this important moment in your life. You have everything within you to create a happy, fulfilling, meaningful life. Don't ever doubt yourself. Be bold in the pursuit of your dreams.

– Kathryn Powers, Superintendent

THS 2016 Graduates... **reflect on the past, look to the future**

Twinsburg High School celebrated the 328 members of its 2016 graduating class Commencement held at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall in Akron on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Family members, friends, teachers, and staff came together with the Twinsburg High School Class of 2016 to share in the excitement and to recognize the graduates' significant accomplishments. The graduation ceremonies may have followed with the same traditions as those before, but by the end of the commencement ceremony it was obvious to all in attendance just how exceptional this group of graduates was.

The commencement ceremony began with the THS Class of 2016 – 'Top Ten Students' taking their seats on stage along with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, District Administration, Twinsburg High School Principal and Assistant Principals, High School Guidance Department Staff, and Building Principals and Assistant Principals from Wilcox Primary School, Samuel Bissell Elementary, George G. Dodge Intermediate, and R.B. Chamberlin Middle School. The graduates entered E.J. Thomas Hall to the traditional processional of *Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1*, by Elgar played by the Twinsburg High School Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bonitz.

THS Senior Class Vice-President Joshua Peterson welcomed all in attendance. He emphasized the importance of reflection and asked the audience for a moment of silence and reflection to remember those who could not be in attendance that evening. Peterson's welcome was followed by *The Star-Spangled Banner*, by Francis Scott Key.

Matthew Turk, THS Senior Class Treasurer, introduced honored guests, including our teachers and asked all teachers in attendance to please stand and be recognized. He then took a moment to share, "We thank our teachers for all they have done for us and we recognize we wouldn't be here without your support." Introductions continued with members of the Twinsburg Board of Education, Central Office Administration, THS Principals, THS Assistant Principals, THS Guidance Counselors, and administrators from other District schools.

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Class of 2016

Class Officers

Andrew Nease
President

Joshua Peterson
Vice President

Rachel Schank
Secretary

Matthew Turk
Treasurer

Class Colors

Blue and Silver

Class Flower

Blue Rose

Class Motto

*"Nobody else's footsteps lead
exactly where you're going."*
– Author unknown

Twinsburg High School Alma Mater

To our dear
Twinsburg High we sing
Praises o'er the
school will ring
Through the years
t'will be our aim
To uphold that
glorious name

We'll remember
in our hearts
Honor her when
we depart
Ever binding is the tie
When we sing of
Twinsburg High



... THS 2016 Graduates... reflect on the past, look to the future *continue*

The graduates and those in attendance were then entertained with exceptional student performances, each performance included a message and offered the THS Class of 2016 an opportunity to reflect on their past and to look forward to their futures. The performances began with Claire Geho on violin who magnificently performed *Mediation by Thais*, by Jules Massenet. Alec Albright followed with his brilliant vocal presentation of *Proud of Your Boy*, originally composed for Disney's *Aladdin*. The evening's student performances concluded with Marissa Bell's excellent vocal performance *When You Remember*, by Carrie Underwood.

Superintendent, Kathryn Powers delivered a speech that included a message of reflection and celebration along with a look forward to a future of endless possibilities. Powers said, "The possibilities for this year's graduating class are endless. Those of you who have earned your industry credential from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will begin a career while others will enlist in the armed forces to protect and serve, and those who will attend college will need to determine a major and begin the next step in their academic career." Powers continued with excerpts from scholarship applications sharing the wide range of interests from becoming a CPA, to a career in interventional cardiology, to pursuing a career in film and video production, to earning a Master's degree with specialization in Neonatal Nursing. Powers stated, "Indeed the depth of excellence exemplified by the Class of 2016 is truly remarkable!

She encouraged the graduates to consider the following: decide on a vision for your future,

take healthy risks and don't be afraid to fail, believe in something, give something back, and remember to unplug every now and then. Powers concluded her inspiring graduation message with "Live well, Class of 2016, remember once a Tiger always a Tiger!"

The presentation of the "Top Ten Students" followed with Alex Popovich and Michael Silverthorn, Twinsburg High School Assistant Principals, providing the introductions. The students were recognized for their exemplary academic accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, athletic achievements, community involvement, special areas of interest, and the college or university which they would be attending. Simran Gill was recognized as the THS Class of 2016 Valedictorian. Gill was acknowledged for not only her outstanding academic performance, but her dedication to helping others with over 800 hours of recorded volunteer time. Gill will attend The Ohio State University with a dual major in Bio-Chemistry and Business.

THS Class Secretary, Rachel Schank shared special recognition, national awards, and noted the over 26,615 hours of community service provided by the Class of 2016.

Twinsburg High School Principal, Louise Teringo took the stage, engaging the graduates and audience with reflection from the song "Humble and Kind" by Tim McGraw. Offering the connections in the song lyrics to the graduates' accomplishments – noting that in each athletic success the Tiger Athletes remained humble and kind – first female to qualify for State Diving, Girls' Soccer team advancing to District Finals, Boys' Basketball



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team advancing to District semi-finals, and THS Cheerleaders in Columbus. Teringo then shared the national award bestowed upon THS – being recognized by U.S. News and World Reports as a high school in the top 5% in the nation! Again noting, being humble and kind. She shared other stories of blood drives, the senior citizen tour, and a family story of a student who is military bound. She reminded all that freedom is far from free – and thanked all who serve our country. She concluded with special recognition of retiring THS staff members, thanking them for their years of services and the students who had perfect attendance, all four years at THS.

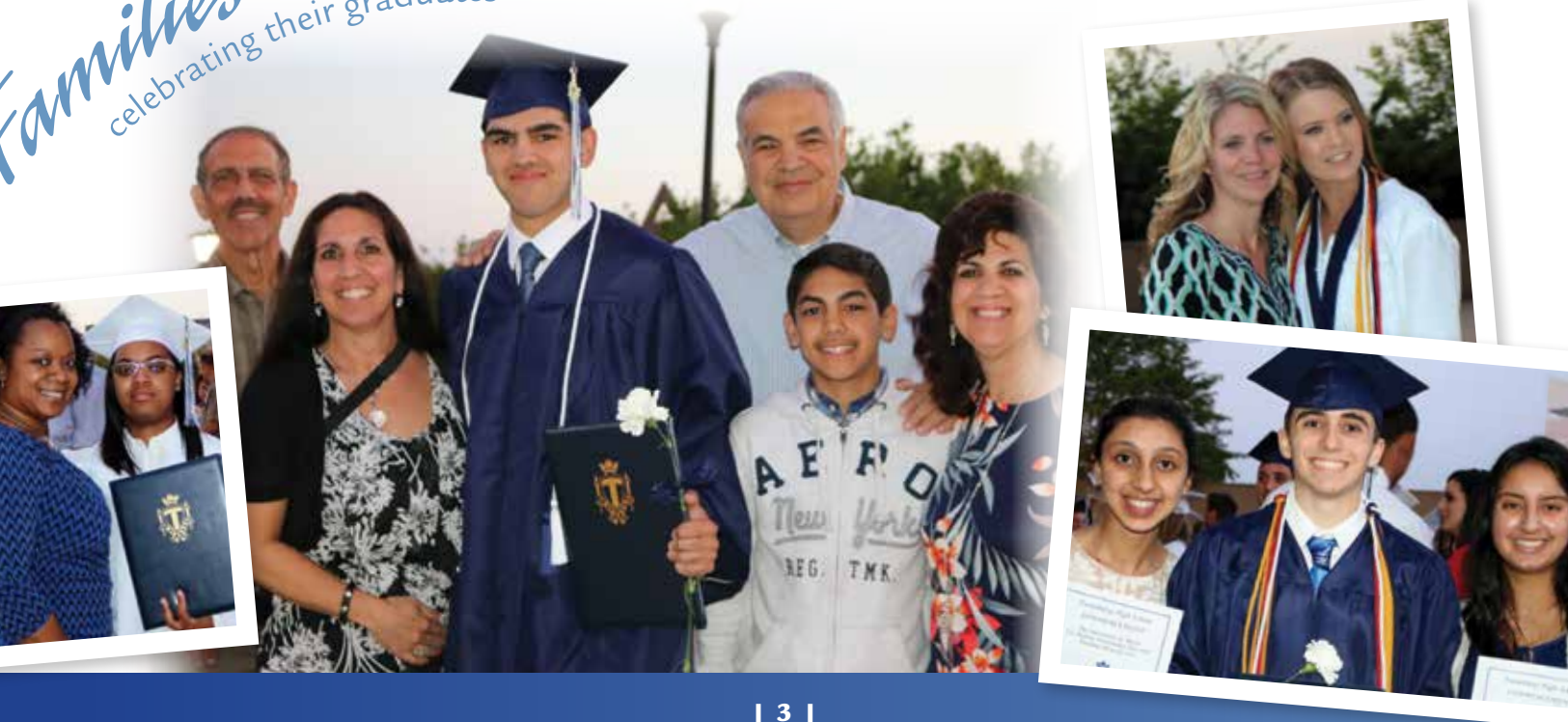
And now it was time, what all in attendance were waiting for, the certification and presentation of diplomas to the Class of 2016, recognizing that each student had met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and the Twinsburg Board of Education for graduation. The diplomas were presented by Rob Felber, Twinsburg Board of Education President, Mark Curtis, Twinsburg Board of Education Vice-President, Matt Cellura, Member, Tina Davis, Member, Kathy Turle-Waldron, Member, Kathryn Powers, Superintendent, and Louise Teringo, THS Principal.

As the last graduate received his diploma, it was now time for the “Turning of the

Tassel Ceremony” led by 2016 Class President, Andrew Nease. Nease reflected on how the graduates had all grown, how each had witnessed the transformation, and they had impacted each other as they gained maturity. Nease said in conclusion, “Remember the past, but embrace the future.”

The graduates eagerly moved their tassels from right to left, signifying that they were now officially graduates and Alumni of the Twinsburg City School District. The celebration concluded with the graduates exiting E. J. Thomas Hall to meet family and friends to *Fanfare and Recessional*, arr. James D. Ployhar, played by the Twinsburg High School Concert Band.

Families
celebrating their graduates



Points of Pride

**Total Amount of Scholarships
Awarded:** Nearly \$6.0 million

**Ohio High School Academic
Diplomas with Honors:** 98

National Merit Commended Scholars

Maya Archambault	Punita Peketi
Ian Denker	Justin Roberson
Parker Kelly	Laurel Wardell
Rebecca Levine	

Top 10 Graduates *Class of 2016*

- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Simran Gill | 5. Kai Vogeler | 9. Parker Kelly |
| 2. Punita Peketi | 6. Kaitlin Kretz | 10. Julia Burkholder |
| 3. Christopher Nmai | 7. Justin Roberson | |
| 4. Matthew Turk | 8. Alec Albright | |

Akron Beacon Journal's Top 25 Star Student

Punita Peketi
Christopher Nmai –
Semi-Finalist

News Channel 5 – Best of the Class

Christopher Nmai
Punita Peketi

4-Year Perfect Attendance

Joseph Liotta
Joshua Martin
Dimitri Mavrakis

Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Winners

Alex Kinser
Brianna Girod



Scholastic Art Awards

Taylor Harvey
(*Honorable Mention*)
Taylor St. Andrassy
(*Silver Key and Honorable
Mention*)

Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

Logan Powaski
(*Ohio House of
Representatives Student
Art Exhibition winner*)
Shannon Tack
(*Honorable Mention*)



**CUYAHOGA VALLEY
CAREER CENTER**

CVCC Scholarship

Jacob Roth

CVCC Outstanding Student of the Year

Joshua Gogan
Jordan Leek
Logan Malusky
Logan Powaski
Rubekka Sidhu

CVCC – National Technical Honor Society

Akilah Ervin
Grace Prorok
Jacob Roth
Rubekka Sidhu
Caleb Wentzel
Mercedes White

CVCC – 2-Year Perfect Attendance

Joshua Gogan
Jacob Roth
Rubekka Sidhu
Mercedes White

National Honor Society

Sommer Albert	Samuel Georgevich	Punita Peketi
Alec Albright	Sarah Gielink	Alexandra Pizzuto
Tyler Albright	Ramandeep Gill	Kevin Pritchett
Maya Archambault	Simran Gill	Molly Radcliff
Meghan Arsenaault	Nickolaus Gotsiridze	Isabelle Rea
Marissa Baker	Kathryn Jackson	Cameron Reed
Emily Bauman	Aubrey Jones	Amy Riley
Marissa Bell	Bridget Keenan	Justin Roberson
Brooklyn Benkowski	Parker Kelly	Brianna Sanborn
Rocco Bennardo	Megan King	Jasanvir Sandhu
Nicole Brown	Abbey Knapp	Rachel Schank
Matthew Bucknell	Leah Kosmin	Driana Smith
Julia Burkholder	Kaitlin Kretz	Rachael Stahlman
Eve Cervenka	Michael Lau	Alexandria Starcher
Lilia Chapman	Rebecca Levine	Alexander Steed
Steven Chilinski	Dimitri Mavrakis	Isabelle Strauss
Jordan Clement	Clara Metropulos	Caroline Strok
Jessica Cullen	Kelly Miller	Kaylin Szydlowski
Leah D'Astolfo	Megan Montana	Matthew Turk
Sean Davenport	Andrew Nease	Brandon Vinas
Maria DeFranco	Christopher Nmai	Kai Vogeler
Natalie Flickinger	Devin Pall	Madelyn Voltz
Madison Frey	Isha Patel	Laurel Wardell
Morgan Frey	Valeriya Pavlova	Kyle Widmer
Alexandra Georges	Jessica Pepper	

OHSAA Senior Athlete Awards

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

Punita Peketi
Justin Roberson

OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award

Robert Lipnos
Zoe Rivet

OHSAA Courageous Student Athlete Award

Kai Vogeler

OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity Award

Dimitri Mavrakis
Rachel Schank

Athletic Awards & Recognition

Suburban League All-Conference

Cross Country

Josh Gogan - 1st Team
Justin Roberson - 2nd Team

Football

Shawn Smith - 1st Team
DeVonte Washington - 1st Team
Ethan Malenchek - 2nd Team
Matthew Bucknell - 2nd Team
Vince Jaskiewicz - 2nd Team

Boys Golf

Devin Greene - 2nd Team

Boys Soccer

Amani Thornton - 1st Team
Ty Vander Weit - 2nd Team

Girls Soccer

Olivia Bongiovanni - 1st Team
Brianna Sanborn - 1st Team
Maria DeFranco - 2nd Team
Marissa Baker - 2nd Team

Girls Tennis

Punita Peketi - 2nd Team

Volleyball

Zoe Rivet - 1st Team
Madison Frey - 2nd Team

Boys Bowling

Cameron Reed - 2nd Team

Girls Bowling

Brianna Girod - 1st Team
Kelsea Slaby - 1st Team

Diving

Madison Posk - 1st Team
Calin Govang - 2nd Team

Swimming

Matt Olson - 2nd Team

Track

Bridget Keenan - 1st Team

100 Meter

Justin Kimble - 1st Team

200 Meter

Emmarie Foote - 1st Team

4x100 Relay

Emmarie Foote - 1st Team
Justin Kimble - 1st Team
Lauryn McKinley - 1st Team

4x200 Relay

Emmarie Foote - 1st Team

Softball

Brooklyn Benkowski - 1st Team

Baseball

DeVonte Washington - 1st Team
Brandon Vinas - 2nd Team

Boys Tennis

Sam Georgevich - 1st Team
Christopher Nmai - 2nd Team

Fall Sports

Cross Country

Josh Gogan - 1st Team
All-Summit County
Justin Roberson & Josh Gogan -
Summit County All-Star
Justin Roberson - OHSAA Scholar
Athlete Award

Football

Shawn Smith &
DeVonte Washington -
All-Inland District DII
Honorable Mention
Shawn Smith &
DeVonte Washington -
FBC Sports Thanks 4 Giving
All-Star Game
DeVonte Washington -
NFHS Award of Excellence

Soccer

Ty Vander Weit -
NSCAA Excellence Award
Kai Vogeler - NSCAA Academic All
American Nominee
Amani Thornton -
2nd Team GCSSCA
All Greater Cleveland
Jason Flack, Ty Vander Weit,
Amani Thornton,
Dimitri Mavrakis - GCSSCA
All Star Nominations
Tyler Albright, Alec Albright,
Kai Vogeler - All Ohio Academic
Olivia Bongiovanni - 1st Team
GCSSCA All Greater Cleveland
Maria DeFranco -
All Ohio Academic and 2nd Team,
GCSSA All Greater Cleveland
Megan King - All Ohio Academic
Brianna Sanborn -
NFHS Award of Excellence, 1st Team
GCSSCA All Greater Cleveland, 1st
Team All State, All Ohio Academic,
Touchdown Club of Akron
Rachael Stahlman - All Ohio Academic

Volleyball

Zoe Rivet - All District 1st Team
Kayla Adams - Academic All District
Brooklyn Benkowski -
Academic All District
Madison Frey - Academic All District
Rachel Schank - Academic All District

Winter Sports

Basketball

Dahrienne Tyler - Tri-County All Star
Mya Gardenhire - Tri-County All Star
Dahrienne Tyler - GCBCA All Star
Mya Gardenhire - GCBCA All Star

Ice Hockey

Travis Zochowski - Greater Cleveland
High School Hockey League
Travis Zochowski & Richard Kirker -
All Blue North Honors
Travis Zochowski -
All League Honors
Richard Kirker -
State All-Star

Diving

Madison Posk -
District Champion
and State Qualifier

Bowling

Kelsea Slaby -
State Qualifier
Brianna Girod -
State Qualifier

Spring Sports

Baseball

DeVonte Washington - Mizuno All-
Star Series Selection & NFHS Award
of Excellence
Brandon Vinas & DeVonte
Washington - NEOBCA Game
Robert Lipnos & Calin Govang -
GCBCA All Star game
Brandon Vinas, Joseph Liotta
& Corey Donahue -
All Ohio Academic

Softball

Brooklyn Benkowski - OHSFSCA 2nd
Team All-State, Barney Ellis All-Star
Series, NEO 1st Team All-District
Nicole Brown - Barney Ellis
All-Star Series

Track

100 Meter

Justin Kimble - State Qualifier

200 Meter

Emmarie Foote - Regional Champ
and State Qualifier

4x100 Relay

James Eaton - State Qualifier
Emmarie Foote - State Qualifier
Justin Kimble - State Qualifier
Lauryn McKinley - State Qualifier
Amani Thornton - State Qualifier
Shawn Smith - State Qualifier

4x200 Relay

Emmarie Foote - Regional Champ
and State Qualifier
Lauryn McKinley - Regional Champ
and State Qualifier

Discus

Bridget Keenan - State Qualifier



Our Second Set of 2016 Graduates... Our Retirees

Congratulations to sixteen of our wonderful Twinsburg City School District staff members who are retiring and were recognized for their years of dedicated service by the Twinsburg Board of Education at the May 18th, 2016 Board of Education Meeting:

Elaine Benich - 24 years
Susan Durst - 25 years

Valerie Foster - 20 years
Patty Grassia - 25 years
Connie Hill - 22 years
Bradford Lewis - 5 years
Catherine Newbould - 16 years
Diane Pfeifer - 17 years
Geraldyn Schmitt - 17 years
Jeanne Spencer - 16 years
Craig Taylor - 25 years
Jane Wagner - 13 years
Roy Warren - 9.5 years



Looking Ahead... Upcoming Events

June 2016

June 22 Twinsburg Board of
Education Meeting @ THS

July 2016

July 13 Twinsburg Board of
Education Meeting @ THS

August 2016

August 3 Twinsburg Board of
Education Meeting
August 5-7 Twins Days Festival
August 17 Twinsburg Board of
Education Meeting
August 17 First Day of School - Students

A special *thank you...*

To the following organizations for their generous support in providing scholarships to the Class of 2016.

Scholarship Recipient	Organization
Sommer Albert	Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Marissa Baker	Ss. Cosmas & Damian Holy Name Society Scholarship Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Marissa Bell	Brick by Brick Leadership Scholarship Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Rocco Bennardo	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award Mayor Ted Yates Scholarship Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce 2016 Scholarship Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League's Scholarship
Matthew Bucknell	Twinsburg Youth Wrestling Club Scholarship
Julia Burkholder	Robert Culhan Scholarship
Mackenzie Cain	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award
Desiaray Cotten	Twinsburg Firefighter's Local 3630 Scholarship
Leah D'Astolfo	Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Maria DeFranco	Ss. Cosmas & Damian Women's Group Scholarship William S. Mercer Memorial Scholarship
Alec Detweiler	Twinsburg Youth Wrestling Club Scholarship
Alexandra Georges	American Red Cross Scholarship
Sarah Gielink	Ellen Mackey Palmer Scholarship
Simran Gill	Brick by Brick Leadership Scholarship Twinsburg Board of Education Scholarship Twinsburg Garden Club Scholarship
Gary Heath	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League's Scholarship
Megan King	Twinsburg AYSO Scholarship
Kaitlin Kretz	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio Scholarship Summit Lodge #213 Scholarship Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twins Days Festival Scholarship
Joseph Liotta	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship
Dimitri Mavrakis	Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Meghana Muvva	Twins Days Festival Scholarship
Christopher Nmai	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio Scholarship
Punita Peketi	Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholastic Award
Alexandra Pizzuto	Nancy Church Scholarship
Logan Powaski	Ellen Mackey Palmer Scholarship Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Kevin Pritchett	Air Force ROTC Scholarship
Cameron Reed	Rotary Club of Twinsburg Scholarship Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship
Justin Roberson	Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Jacob Roberts	Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship
Brianna Sanborn	City of Twinsburg Environmental Commission Scholarship Joseph J. Stumpf Jr. Award Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio Scholarship Twinsburg AYSO Scholarship Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League's Scholarship
Rachel Schank	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholastic Award
Driana Smith	Twinsburg Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship
Rachael Stahlman	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twinsburg PTA Volunteerism Scholarship
Kaylin Szydlowski	Twinsburg Athletic Boosters Award Twinsburg Youth Softball League Scholastic Award
Amani Thornton	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League's Scholarship
Matthew Turk	Twinsburg Baseball League Scholarship
DeVonte Washington	Twinsburg Recreational Basketball League's Scholarship



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Matt Cellura, *Member*

Tina Davis, *Member*

Kathy Turle-Waldron,
Member

The Twinsburg Board of Education meets in regular session at the Twinsburg Government Center in Council Chambers on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the exception of June and September when the meetings are on the first and fourth Wednesdays. All Regular and Special Board Meetings are open to the public.

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