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WELCOME TO 2022, BLACK TIGERS!

As we embark on a new year and head back to the classroom, we look forward to all that's possible in the coming months. A new year is an opportunity to recharge, reset and refocus on the things that matter most to us.

This year, we encourage you to build new relationships and nurture the ones you already have. We challenge you to open yourself up to new opportunities and take part in hobbies and activities that bring you joy. We suggest you make time each day to unplug from social media, the news and other distractions. We urge you to make your mental health a priority by setting aside time to relax and practice self-care.

We have all faced many challenges throughout the past two years, but now is a time for optimism. As we look toward the second half of the school year, let us be reminded of all there is to be proud of and grateful for. We have made so many strides, both personally and as a community, and we are sure to achieve great things in 2022 if we approach every challenge with a positive outlook. Let this be a year of transformation, renewal and hopefulness!



RUSSELL CHABOUDY NAMED INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

The Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Board of Education recently approved the hiring of Russell Chaboudy as the interim superintendent of our district. Chaboudy joins the district with an extensive education background and more than 39 years of experience.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to join, again, the Black Tiger Family,” said Chaboudy. “As a Cuyahoga Falls City Schools alumnus, I look forward to providing leadership to this community through the remainder of this school year.”

Beginning his career as a teacher and coach in the Woodridge Local School District, Chaboudy went on to serve in seven different local districts, including Norton City Schools and Cuyahoga Falls City Schools. He then pursued a path in administration serving as the elementary, intermediate and middle school principal in the Green Local Schools District. In 2005, he became the assistant superintendent of Barberton City Schools before becoming superintendent of Coventry Local Schools in 2007. Chaboudy retired from his post in December 2017 after a successful tenure.

Chaboudy will serve as interim superintendent from Jan. 1, 2022, to July 31, 2022.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1



Online registration opens Feb. 1 for Cuyahoga Falls School District residents with students age 5 before Aug. 1, 2022. Required forms and steps for enrollment are available on our website. Visit the “Get Ready for Kindergarten” quick link for more information.

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Understanding the Fair School Funding Plan

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022, Ohio adopted the Fair School Funding Plan, which provides stability to school district budgets, while also allowing for greater local control by bringing more state dollars to local communities. The goal of the Fair School Funding Plan is to base state school funding on what students actually need to succeed. This new plan includes many significant changes to the way foundation revenues are calculated for school districts and weighs a district's expenses as a means of determining the base per-pupil funding amount.



An Overview of the Changes

The key factors that influence state basic aid in the Fair School Funding Plan are student population and demographics; property valuation; the personal income of district residents; and historical funding CAPS and guarantees from prior funding formulas.

State foundation basic aid will be calculated on a base cost methodology paid to the district where a student is enrolled to be educated. Beginning in FY 2022, there will be no separate open enrollment revenue payments to school districts.

Additionally, the previously deducted expenses from a districts' state foundation funding for open enrollment, community schools, STEM schools and scholarship recipients will no longer occur, as the state will make direct payments to the district where the student is enrolled.

House Bill (HB) 110, or the state budget bill that includes the Fair School Funding Plan, features formula transition aid, which is one of three guarantees in both temporary and permanent law to ensure that no district will get fewer funds in FY 2022 than they received in FY 2021.

The guaranteed level of funding for FY 2021 is a calculated funding guarantee level based on full state funding cuts that were restored from May 2020. These are combined with the net of transfers and deductions, along with student wellness and success funds, enrollment growth supplement funds that were paid in 2021, and special education preschool and transportation funds.

BASE PER-PUPIL CAPACITY

The Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) relies upon a calculation of base cost to educate a student that is unique to each district. Once the base cost is calculated, the FSFP calculates a state share percentage (SSP) calculation. The state share percentage will be based on property valuation of the district, federally adjusted gross income, and federal median income, as follows:

$$60\% = \frac{\text{Property Valuation}}{\text{Base Students Enrolled}}$$

$$20\% = \frac{\text{Average Federal Adjusted Gross Income}}{\text{Base Students Enrolled}}$$

$$20\% = \frac{\text{Most Recent Federal Median Income} \times \text{\# of Tax Returns}}{\text{Base Students Enrolled}}$$

The total is then multiplied by a Local Share Multiplier Index ranging from 0% for low wealth districts to a maximum of 2.5% for wealthy districts.

UNRESTRICTED AND RESTRICTED GRANTS IN AID

In addition to the base state foundation funding calculated above, the FSFP also has unrestricted categorical funding and new restricted funding beginning in FY 2022.

HB 110 provides funding for FY 2022 and FY 2023. While the FSFP was presented as a six (6) year phase-in plan, the state legislature only approved the first two (2) years of the funding plan.

Unrestricted Grants in Aid include:

- Capacity per Pupil
- Special Education Additional Aid
- Transportation Aid

Restricted Grants in Aid include:

- Disadvantage Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA, formerly Economically Disadvantaged Funding)
- Student Wellness & Success Funding (combined with DPIA)
- English Learners
- Gifted Funds
- Career-Technical Education Funds



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

January is School Board Recognition Month, a time to applaud and recognize the invaluable contributions board members make to our community and schools.

It's easy to overlook the essential role board members play in the success of the children in our district. They serve as a link between our community and our classrooms and influence how our schools are governed through the leadership they provide.

Our school board works closely with parents, education professionals and community members to bring our district's educational vision to life for our students. These citizen-servants formulate goals, set the course for equitable education programs and assure the public that money allocated to our schools provides a solid return on investment.

Cuyahoga Falls welcomes three new members to our school board this month, AJ Harris, Carrie Schaefer and Alecia Coco, who will be joining re-elected member Anthony Gomez and current member Patrice White.

We want to shine a spotlight on our new and returning board members and show gratitude for their commitment, perseverance and advocacy. Their dedication to our students, our community and our schools does not go unnoticed. We offer our sincere thanks for their hard work and greatly appreciate all they do to help the Cuyahoga Falls School District reach our goals.

6-12 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY MEETING

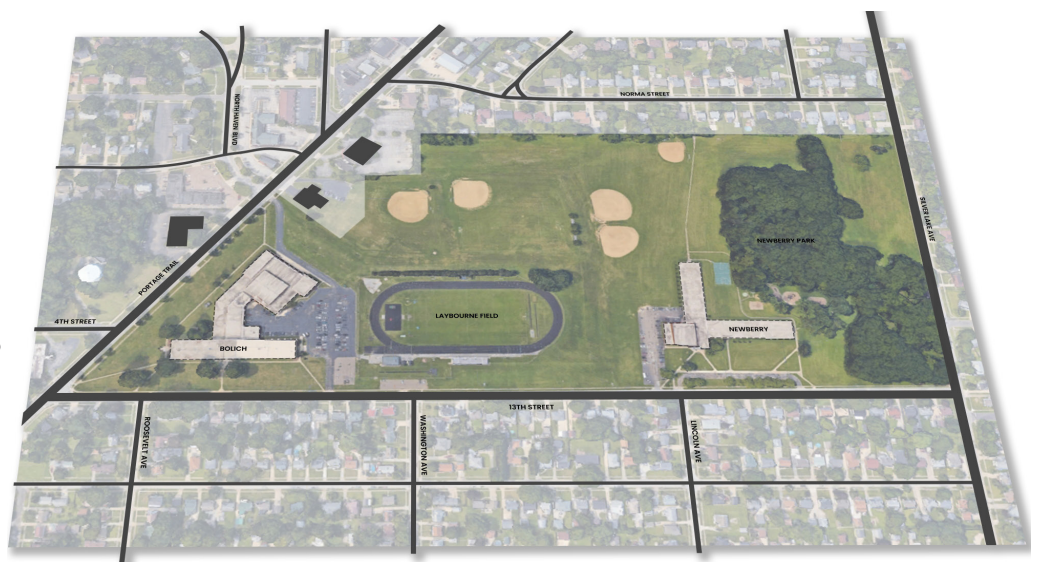
A community meeting will be held on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Cuyahoga Falls High School Auditorium to provide an update on the Cuyahoga Falls 6-12 building construction.

The meeting, which will be facilitated by representatives from ThenDesign Architecture (TDA) and Hammond Construction, will serve as a forum to provide an update on the project, talk through design options, answer questions and gather community input.

Since the inception of this project, Cuyahoga Falls City School District, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, Hammond Construction and TDA have been engaging with the school district administration and staff, board members, community members, city officials, and various specialists to help shape the design of the new school.

The goal is to create a facility that provides strong, innovative programs for students, safe and secure learning environments, and a gathering place for the Cuyahoga Falls community.

Additional updates on the status of the 6-12 campus will be provided as the project moves forward. Community members will continue to have opportunities to learn about its progress and contribute their thoughts.



BECOME A SUBSTITUTE!

Cuyahoga Falls City School District has substitute opportunities available in various departments, including:

Substitute Teacher, Substitute Aide, Substitute Cleaner, Substitute Secretary, Substitute Food Service Assistants and Monitors, Substitute Bus Drivers and Monitors

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Substitute Bus Driver

\$17.00 per hour

Substitute Cleaner

\$11.50 per hour

Substitute Food Service Assistants and Monitors

\$10.50 per hour

Substitute Monitor (bus and playground)

\$10.50 per hour

Substitute Paraprofessional, Secretary

\$10.75 per hour

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THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT RETURNS TO LIVE THEATRE WITH "CLUE: ON STAGE"

The Cuyahoga Falls Theatre Department and the director, Renee Mihalyov, were thrilled to return to live theatre this year with the fall play, "Clue: On Stage."

This popular show presented many challenges, but were no match for this cast and crew! The show began with auditions in the beginning of September and students rehearsed three to four times a week until it opened in November. Clue was performed in the CFHS Little Theatre and played to sold out crowds for three of its four performances.

One of the challenges of a well-known show is living up to the audience expectations of its iconic characters. Sophomore Matthew Allport played the famous butler, Wadsworth, and received glowing reviews, as did other audience favorites; senior Riley Beck as Miss Scarlet, senior Paul Means as Professor Plum, junior Maxwell Heldreth as Mr. Green, and sophomores Abbey McCoy as Mrs. White, Kaitlyn Dack as Mrs. Peacock, and Alex Shina as Colonel Mustard.

With over 100 sound and lighting cues and an extensive set, this show was as dependent on our behind the scenes crew as those under the stage lights. In total there were 16 students on the stage, two more that served as stage managers, and over 35 students who were involved in the backstage work with our CFHS technical director, Mr. Lukas Frey. The success of the show truly was a team effort!



RECEIVE A FREE BIRDIE BAG

Cuyahoga Falls City Schools is partnering with the Ben Curtis Family Foundation to deliver Birdie Bags to students once a month during the 2021-2022 school year (September to May). Each Birdie Bag includes nine meals, six snacks and a travel size toiletry kit (including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and a toothbrush every three months).

Ben Curtis, 2003 British Open Champion, and his wife started the Ben Curtis Foundation in 2013 with a mission to help alleviate childhood hunger. By deciding to contribute to a solution where children would be (in school), they partnered with a local elementary school to develop the Birdie (a common golf term) Bag Program. With non-perishable food items and toiletries, the Birdie Bag Program helps combat the children and families suffering from food insecurities and pays homage to Curtis' career in golf. To date, the foundation has sent home over 60,000 Birdie Bags.

Any family that wishes to receive a free Birdie Bag should register online using the QR code. Bags can also be requested by contacting Holly Merkle, Coordinator of Wellness and Success, at 330-926-3800 ext. 502103.

