



Hamilton Local School District

State of the Schools Luncheon – April 25, 2013



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Report Content & Data

Due to the delay in the release of state report cards and data, today's report includes information from 2011-12 academic year.



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ACADEMICS

We are very proud of the significant progress that our district continues to make.



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Prior to Fall 2004, our school district earned the rating of “Academic Watch” from ODE.

This is the equivalent of receiving a “D” grade.

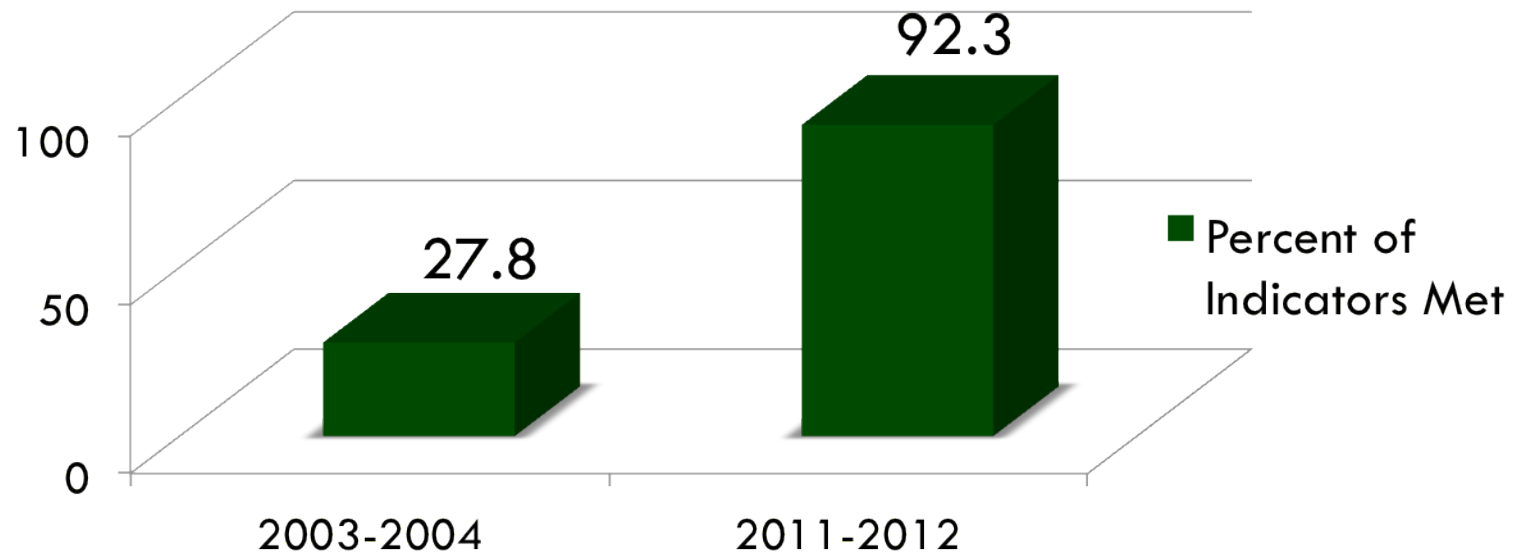
Our district only met five or 27.8% of the indicators on the 2003-04 state report card.



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District Report Card Indicator Growth





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DISTRICT ATTENDANCE & GRADUATION RATES



State Indicators

Percentage of Students at and above the Proficient Level

Your District
2011-2012

Similar Districts *
2011-2012

State
2011-2012

Attendance Rate

25. All Grades

The state requirement is 93 percent

95.6% ✓

94.5%

94.5%

2010-11 Four-Year Graduation Rate

26. School

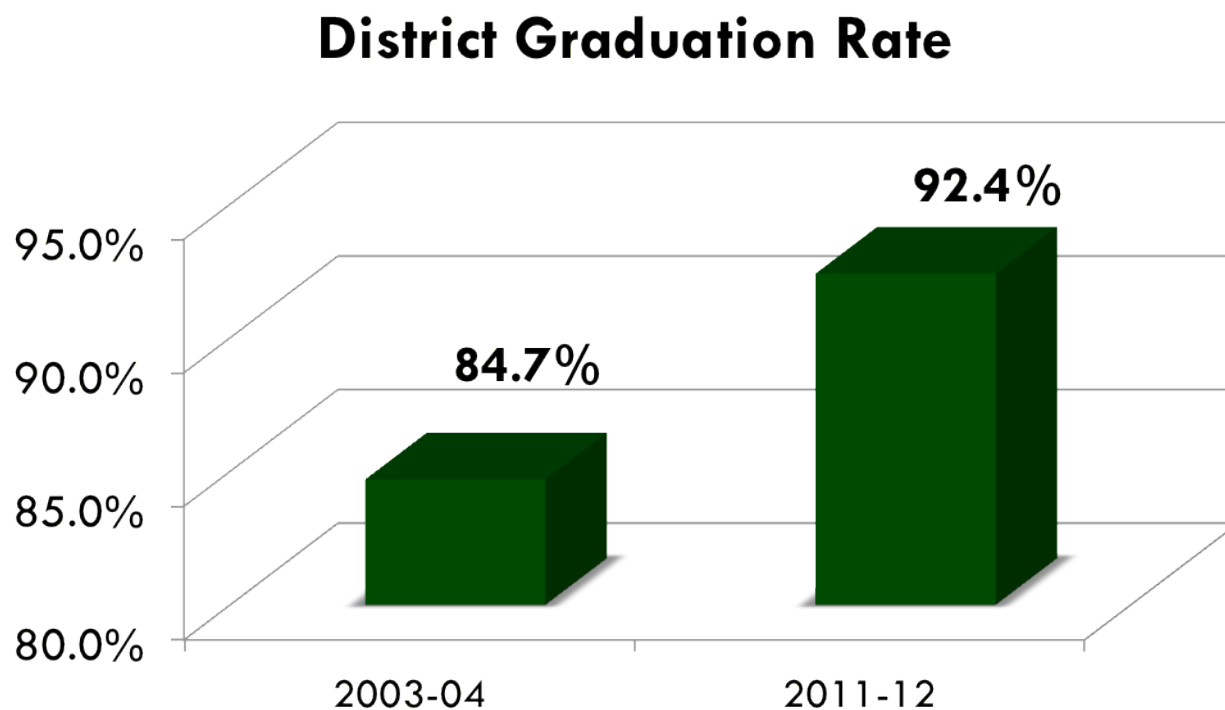
The state requirement is 90 percent

92.4% ✓

84.5%

79.7%

Graduation Rate Increases 7.7%





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PERFORMANCE INDEX – Reflection of the achievement of every student enrolled for the full academic year. Improvement here reflects more students passing tests at higher levels of performance.

Performance Index Over Time

2011-2012

99.6

2010-2011

96.5

2009-2010

94.9



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Hamilton Local School District ranks 9th in the state on Value-Added Index. Ranks higher than 98.9% of all Ohio school districts. We are ranked #2 in Franklin County.

County Ranking	State Ranking	Value-Added Gains Index	School District
1	1	13.4	Hilliard City
2	9	9.4	Hamilton Local
3	12	8.8	South-Western City
4	18	7.9	Dublin City
5	26	7.4	Upper Arlington City
6	65	5.7	Westerville City
7	68	5.6	Worthington City
8	70	5.4	New Albany-Plain Local



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District Enrollment Breakdown for 2011-12 school year

Average Daily Student Enrollment	Black, non-Hispanic	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Hispanic	
2950	11.0%	--	1.7%	2.9%	
Multi-Racial	White, non-Hispanic	Economically Disadvantaged	Limited English Proficient	Students with Disabilities	Migrant
5.7%	78.7%	61.9%	1.0%	10.6%	--



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HAMILTON DATA IS “CLEAN”



Our district was included in the State's audit of student attendance and academic records. State auditors reported that we had a “clean audit with **NO** data errors.”



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Gov. Kasich Signs H.B. 555

Governor Kasich selected Hamilton Local Schools to be the site of the ceremonial signing of H.B. 555.



Updates from our Schools



- Jan Strahm – Coordinator, Hamilton Preschool
- Mark Tyler – Principal, Hamilton Elementary School
- Mike Meade – Principal, Hamilton Intermediate School
- Jeff Endres – Principal, Hamilton Middle School
- Jim Miller – Principal, Hamilton Township High School

Hamilton Preschool



- Established early learning readiness skills in Reading, Math, and Science for more than 170 students.
- Named “Ohio Exemplar Preschool” by the Ohio Dept. of Ed.
- Partner with HTHS to expand educational opportunities for all student, including: French students visiting to teach the language to our all-day students.

Hamilton Preschool



- Students have hands-on learning opportunities through our partnerships w/ Circle S Farm and Columbus Zoo & Aquarium.
- Preschool PTO maximizes resources to support many activities and programs inside and outside of the classroom
- Community service lessons are also taught in order to expose our preschoolers to the importance of making a positive impact on their community.

Hamilton Elementary School



- Earned an “Excellent” rating from Ohio Department of Education for second consecutive year while increasing in all measurable areas of report card.
- Named a “School of Promise” by Ohio Dept. of Education.
- Student attendance rate increased to 95.7%.
- Set a district record in Performance Index with a score of 103.3 points.

Hamilton Elementary School



- Had a combined increase of nearly 15% in 3rd grade achievement.
- Response to Intervention program is working well.
 - ✓ 66% fewer referrals compared to last school year.
- Building-wide reading initiative is focused on having 3rd graders “Reading to Learn”.

Hamilton Elementary School

- Elementary PTO provides incredible support for Ranger Store and Ranger Bucks program; Teachers on the Town continues to grow; and we now have more than 70 parent volunteers that have a tremendous impact.
- More than 2,000 students, parents, and family members attended our annual Fall Festival event.
- Featured three times on *The Columbus Dispatch* front page during this school year for innovative school programming.

Hamilton Intermediate School



- Earned our district's first "Excellent with Distinction" rating from the Ohio Department of Education.
- Met all eight indicators & Annual Yearly Progress while going "Above in the Value-Added Measure.
- Earned a Performance Index Score of 99.5 points.

Hamilton Intermediate School



- Saw an increase of nearly 47% points across all indicators.
- Overall student attendance surpassed 96.2% to lead all district school buildings.
- Recently, received the Youth Service Award from the Central Ohio AFL-CIO & Central Ohio United Way.

Hamilton Middle School



- Earned “Excellent” rating by Ohio Department of Education.
- Math performance increased more than 20% throughout all grade levels.
- 8th grade science and reading OAA scores increased 12.4% combined.
- Performance Index Score increased to 95.6 points.

Hamilton Middle School



- Achieved an “above” rating on the Value-Added Measure which means students gained more than one year of academic growth.
- Held a school-wide anti-bullying presentation that was hosted by NBC 4’s Cabot Rea.
- 8th grade girls’ volleyball team won the Mid-State League Championship

Hamilton Township High School



- For 3rd straight year, HTHS received “Excellent” rating from ODE after meeting all 12 indicators and increasing Performance Index Score to 102.9 points.
- Earned OSBA’s “Excellent School of the Central Region” Award
- Nationally accredited by North Central Association.
- Class of 2012 earned nearly \$400,000 in scholarships & completed more than 25,000 community service hours.

Hamilton Township High School

- For 2nd consecutive year, HTHS faculty & staff attendance rate led all school buildings at more than 97%; student attendance continues to increase and is up to 95.14%.
- Class of 2012 Survey shows: 98% indicated that they were challenged to achieve academic growth each year; 89% plan to pursue some type of post-secondary education after graduation (an increase of 5% from last year); and nearly 90% said that their teachers made learning fun and exciting while encouraging them to continue their education.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

**Presented by: District Treasurer,
Adam Collier**



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FINANCES

DID YOU KNOW?

We are operating on tax dollars that were approved in May of 1993.

No other district in Central Ohio can claim that they have operated their schools for 20 years with no additional new operational levies or new money.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Columbus Dispatch recognized the significance of our ability to manage our funds and generate excellence in the classroom by dedicating space on their Front Page to run a story highlighting our district's frugality and academic success.



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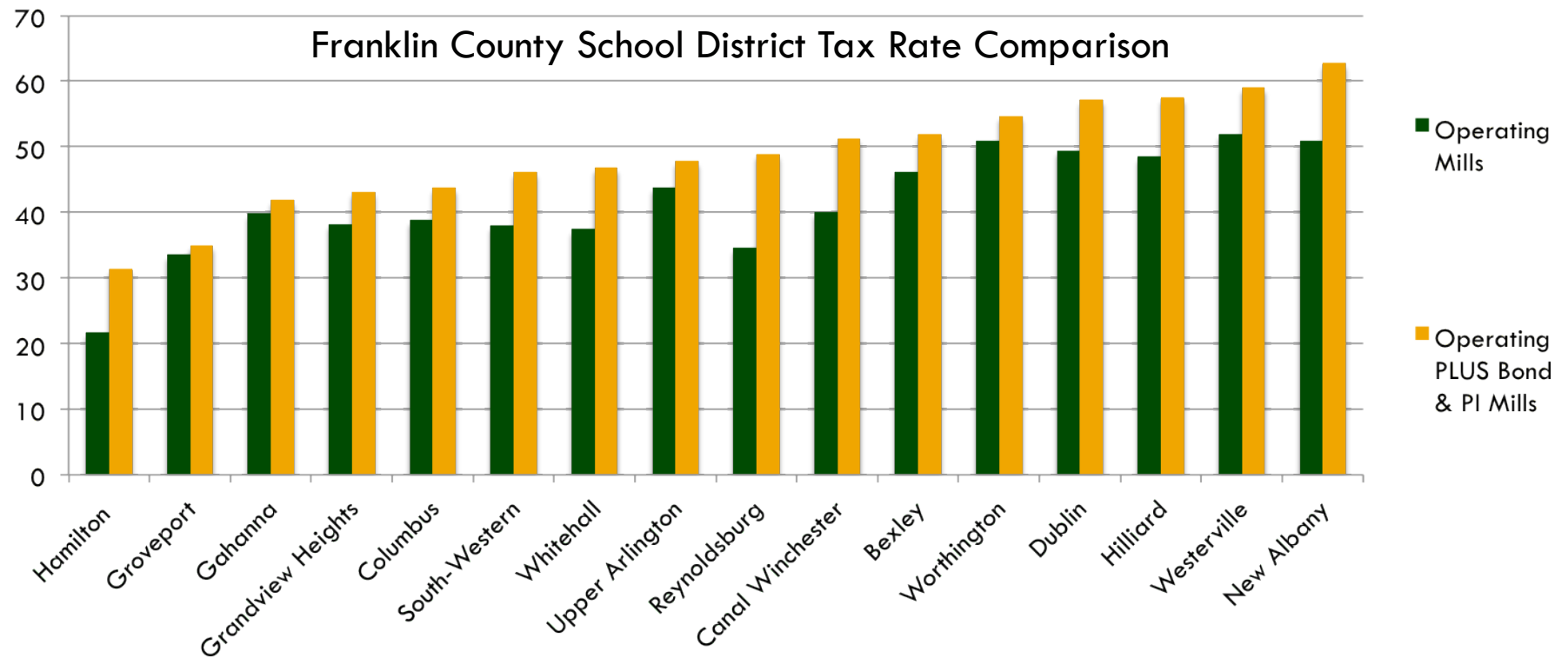
REFINANCING SAVES TAX DOLLARS

Since 2005, our district treasurer's office
refinanced bonds three times
(2005, 2010, 2013) and has saved
our community tax payers a total of
\$2.2 million.



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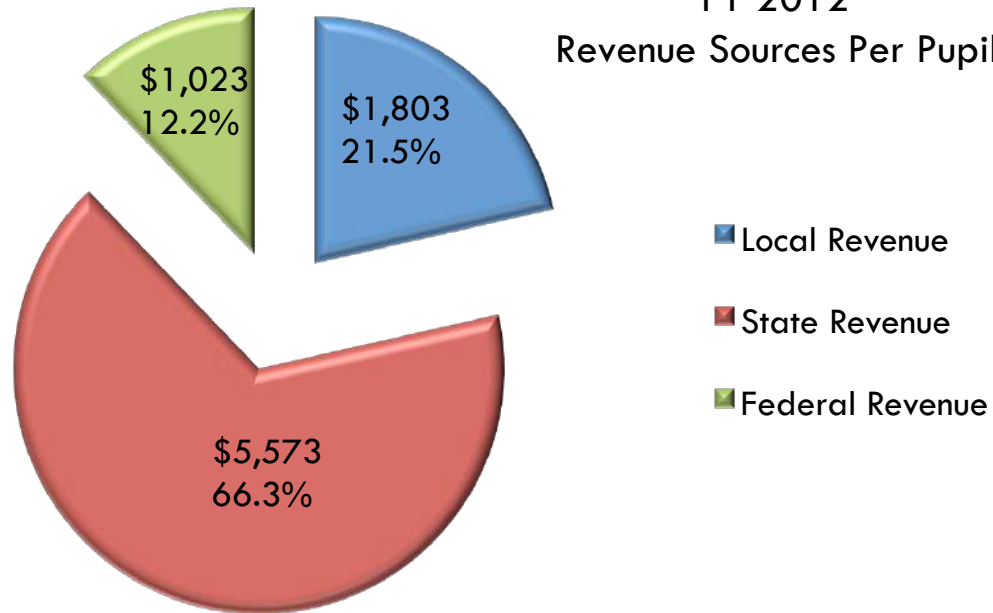




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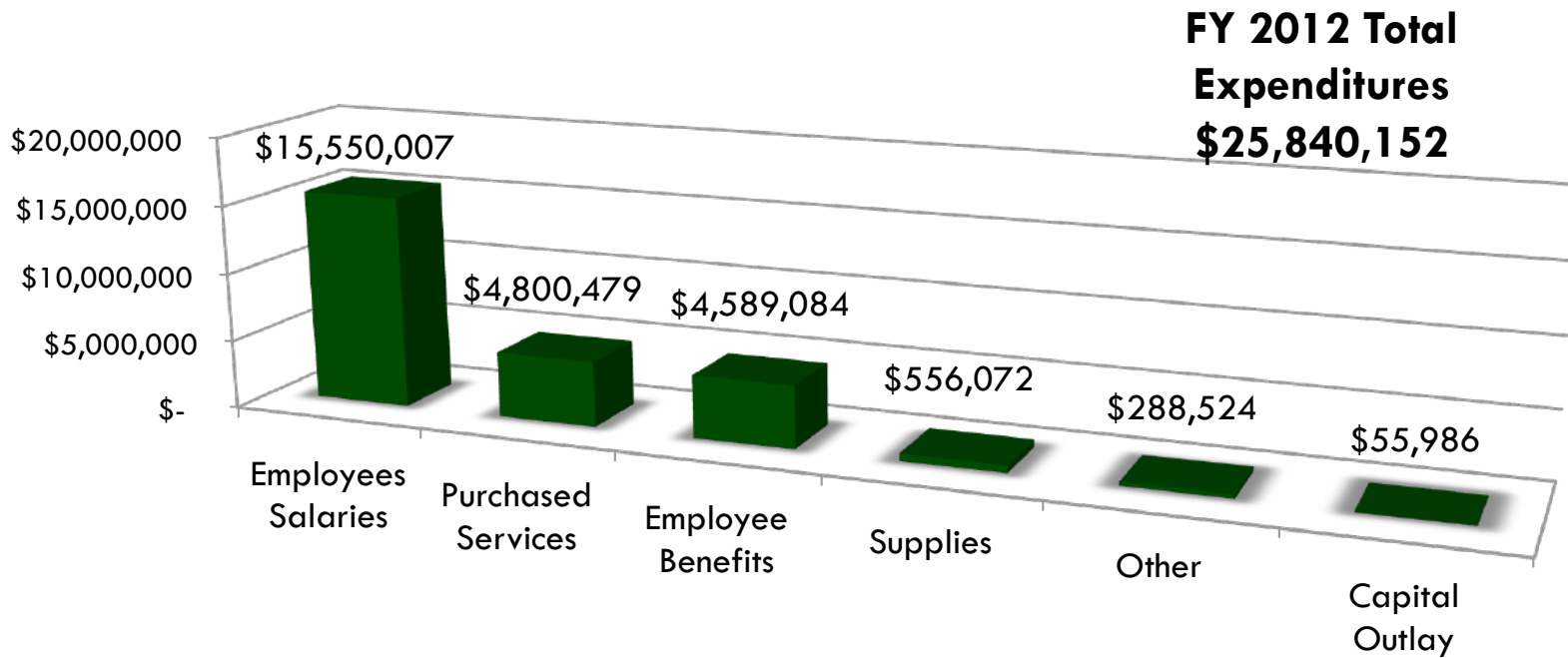
FY 2012
Revenue Sources Per Pupil





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It is unclear as to what the State of Ohio will do with school funding, but you can rest assured that we will do everything we can to continue to live within our means.



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Teacher of the Year Program



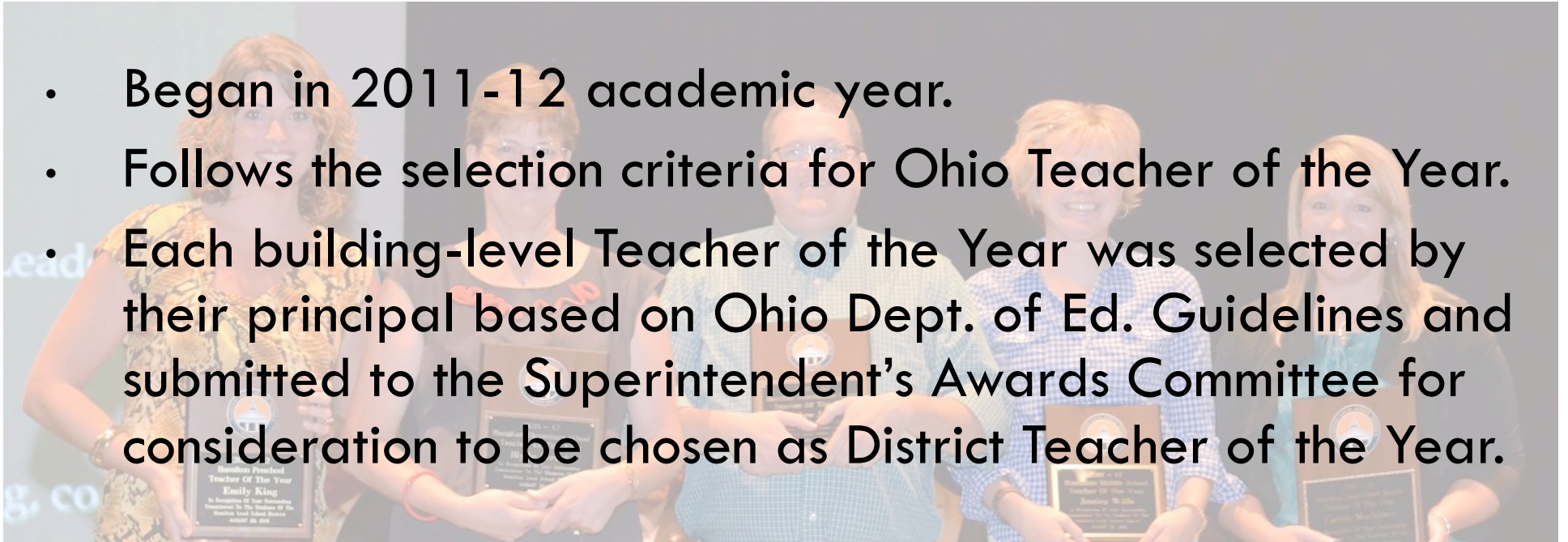
Presented by: Director of Teaching & Learning,
Dr. Susan Witten



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Teacher of the Year Program

- Began in 2011-12 academic year.
- Follows the selection criteria for Ohio Teacher of the Year.
- Each building-level Teacher of the Year was selected by their principal based on Ohio Dept. of Ed. Guidelines and submitted to the Superintendent's Awards Committee for consideration to be chosen as District Teacher of the Year.





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2011-12 Preschool Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Emily King

- Intervention Specialist
- Mentor & Teacher Leader
- Chairperson of Fall Festival, BCC, PTO, and Scholastic Book Fair
- District Art Show Coordinator
- Worked closely with LARRC Program at OSU



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2011-12 Elementary Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Blythe Bertsch

- Third Grade Math Teacher – Team Leader Since 2007
- Member of Math Improvement Committee
- Member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority – International Honorary Sorority for Women Educators
- Previous President and Current Recording/Corresponding Secretary of ADK





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2011-12 Intermediate Teacher of the Year



Mr. Matthew Jividen

- Fifth Grade Reading Teacher
- School Literacy Consultant
- Developed iRead Project for school
- Utilizes technology to enhance engagement and entice students to read
- Organized Orientation Night for incoming fourth grade students



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2011-12 Middle School Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Jessica Wills

- Eighth Grade Math Teacher
- School Math Department Chair & is leading transition to Common Core
- After school tutor, mentor, and involved with school social committee
- Coordinates school's "AAA" program – monitoring academic performance
- Head Coach - Middle School Track





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2013 ODE State Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Carole Morbitzer



- High School & District Teacher of the Year
- 2013 Ohio Teacher of the Year
- Teaches Math at HTHS & HMS
- Teacher Leader & SMARTBoard Trainer
- Coordinates Komen community service efforts throughout our district.
- Head Coach – Varsity Volleyball



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2013 ODE State Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year announcement took place at our Volley for the Cure event & included acting State Superintendent for Public Instruction, Michael Sawyers, State Board Members, & other distinguished guests.





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2013 ODE State Teacher of the Year



Carole has represented our district, and all of Ohio's teachers, while addressing the Ohio General Assembly and speaking to organizations across the country.



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2013 ODE State Teacher of the Year

Yesterday, she was honored by President Barack Obama during a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden to recognize all of the state Teachers of the Year.





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Hamilton Local Garner's Attention

Presented by:

Director of Public Relations, Vince Payne



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Battelle For Kids Survey Campaign



Earlier this year, Battelle for Kids chose our district's students and teachers to be the spokespeople for their upcoming national "Student Experience" survey campaign targeted toward students and teachers.



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COSI To Feature HTHS Teacher & Students

Due to the high number of HTHS students participating in the COSI Academy, the organization chose to highlight Mr. Borkow, and six of our students, in their annual sponsorship campaign video that will be shown to Central Ohio business leaders.



Hamilton Athletics Fall / Winter Sports Recap



In 2012, the Rangers Football team finished the season 7-3 and for 2nd in the MSL. The year started well with the Rangers going for the first time since 1975, and being named the JHuddle Football Team of the Week after beating playoff qualifier Logan 42-7 in week four. Rangers will return seven all-league players in 2013. Hamilton Middle football teams combined for a 10-5 record with the 8th grade team finishing 6-2 overall and 6-1 in MSL.

The Rangers Volleyball program had more winning seasons than any other in the district, finishing with a record of 15-9, including a 14-5 overall record. The team finished with a record of 15-9, including a 14-5 overall record. The team finished with a record of 15-9, including a 14-5 overall record.



Our boys' varsity soccer program enjoyed one of its best seasons ever with a final record of 10-5-2 and earned a trip to the Sectional Finals before falling to Big Walnut. The team finished six athletes that were selected to the All-MSL team.

HI Cross Country completed another record-setting year with our boys' team finishing 3rd in the Mid-State League Championships. That's the highest placement for an HTS boys' XC team in history.

Rangers Wrestling had seven district tournament qualifiers and heavyweight Alex Clayton Ray was an alternate in the State Championship's 152lb division. Our Rangers cheerleading squad represented our athletic program very well again this year by leading with incredible stunts and performances. Our competition cheer team earned three more championships with eight championships out of their last ten competitions dating back to 2010-11 season.

Athletes Place in State Indoor Track & Field Championships

Our Hamilton Rangers Indoor Track & Field team had success throughout the season and capped it off with two student-athletes finishing as one of Ohio's best in their respective events. Ashley Freshkorn was the first field athlete in school history to become a four-time state qualifier. She placed 4th in the shot put and 6th in the weight throw. Lorenzo Bridges ran a school-record time of 8.45 seconds in the 60m Hurdles event to place 6th in the state.

Get info on all of our athletic programs at www.HamiltonRangers.org/Athletics.aspx

Improving Achievement through Total Accountability and High Expectations

Mr. Matthew Jividen
5th Grade Reading & Social Studies
Hamilton Intermediate School
Teacher of the Year
2011-12 School Year

Mrs. Kristen Holowich
6th Grade Reading & Social Studies
District Teacher of the Year
2012-13 School Year

Veronica Thanthavong (L) & Corlette Marshall (R) are Star Students and are featured in the Battelle for Kids National Student Experience Survey Marketing Campaign

Hamilton Intermediate School Earns District's First "Excellent with Distinction" Rating

2012-2013 State of the Schools Report



Mr. Tyler, Hamilton Elementary looks at retention as an "life raft" for students who are struggling to understand grade-level content, especially when it comes to reading because it is the one skill that is the overall success of every student.

Implementation of the second grade reading initiative, parents' skepticism and resistance to the process, but increased support for the program has become the norm once there was a program works and that students were showing continual growth. That continual educational growth, even for retained students because Hamilton Elementary faculty utilizes differentiated

teaching a grade level, we fully understand that they have not mastered the content being taught. Our focus is to get them to grow academically in other stronger areas and differentiated instruction," explained Tyler.

Students are displaying growth across all levels, so, that the school's Performance Index, which is an annual increase of 6.6 points.

Hamilton District continues to see exponential growth in the retention of every employee involved in the district.

give everything we have to provide the best possible to each and every student that we can. I guarantee you that," stated Tyler. His of The Annie E. Casey Foundation's website at www.aecf.org Learning To Learn."

Focused on



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Our “Recipe” for Success

We offer a respectful, caring, and responsive learning environment that provides a positive atmosphere that fosters educational, social, and emotional growth for all students.



Hamilton Local works very hard to provide an educational environment that demonstrates caring, compassion, and commitment.

On behalf of the faculty,
staff, students, administrators,
and our board of education,
I hope you have enjoyed
your visit to our Excellent
rated school district.



Thank you for attending our 3rd Annual State of the Schools Luncheon!