



## A Message from the Superintendent



**A**s we conclude another remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and share some exciting updates with you.

First off, congratulations to the Class of 2024! We are immensely proud of our 86 outstanding graduates. Their hard work, dedication, and spirit have inspired us all! From excelling in academics, to performing on the stage, to competing in athletics, to serving our community, to traveling the world, our graduates and students truly embody what it means when we say that Grandview Heights Schools is A SMALL PLACE TO DREAM BIG.

I am excited to share that Grandview Heights High School has been named to the *U.S. News & World Report* Best High Schools for 2024. We rank #535 out of 17,655 public schools nationally, #19 out of 941 public schools in Ohio, and #6 in Columbus area metro high schools.

Grandview Heights Schools also recently received the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Overall 5-Star Award for exceeding state standards on the Traditional Report Card in Achievement, Progress, Gap Closing, Early Literacy, and Graduation.

This summer our leadership team will be diligently preparing for a successful start to the 2024-2025 school year. Our buildings will also be bustling with learning experiences for students including Kids' Club, Camp Invention, and reading, math, and sports camps. Grandview Heights Schools is also proud to once again host the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio Summer Literacy Institute as well as offer a variety of professional development opportunities to our staff members.

Meanwhile, we continue to make significant strides in our Facilities Master Plan regarding Stevenson Elementary and the K-12 Athletic Complex. I would like to recognize the dedication and commitment of our staff, community members, and the Board of Education, who have diligently worked to study cost estimates and capital financing options.

Construction of a new Stevenson Elementary would cost \$52.2 million and would provide innovative, collaborative, and flexible spaces designed to support the best learning experiences for our students. Phase 1 and Phase 2 improvements to the K-12 Athletic Complex, including fully accessible new bleachers, restrooms, locker rooms, and concession facilities, at a cost of \$17.3 million, would ensure our athletic facilities meet the needs of our students and community members. The proposed project would be approximately 6.95 mills, equal to \$243 per \$100,000 of property valuation annually. More detailed information about these two projects can be found at [www.ghschools.org](http://www.ghschools.org).

As we look forward to the summer months and the new school year ahead, I am optimistic and excited about what we will achieve together. Thank you for your commitment to the success of our students and Grandview Heights Schools. It is because of your continued support that we are able to thrive and achieve our goals. I wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

**Andrew K. Culp** • Superintendent

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

# Class of 2024



The Class of 2024 celebrates its high school graduation with a traditional cap toss at the 109th Commencement Ceremony on May 26. Seniors Madeline Palmisciano, at the podium, and Freddie Keil, at alumni gate, served as class commencement speakers.



# Board of Education Hosts Stevenson Elementary and K-12 Athletic Complex Community Meeting

On Monday, May 20, 2024, the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education hosted a community meeting to educate and inform residents about the future possibilities for Stevenson Elementary and the K-12 Athletic Complex.

Board of Education President Emily Gephart welcomed guests and opened the meeting by saying, "We are here to answer your questions and provide clear, factual information about the proposed plans for Stevenson Elementary and the K-12 Athletic Complex. Our goal is to ensure you understand how these projects could impact our community."

Board Member Katie Matney provided an introduction and overview adding, "Tonight's event is designed to provide a detailed look at the plans for Stevenson Elementary and the K-12 Athletic Complex. Our goal is to inform and educate our community by sharing these proposals and answering your questions. This is intended to be a discussion between neighbors."

Dr. Dan Good, Assistant Superintendent of the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, served as moderator. Following a presentation that included renderings, diagrams, and cost estimates by Perkins & Will Architects Steve Turckes and Aimee Eckmann, the Board of Education responded to a variety of questions posed by those in attendance.

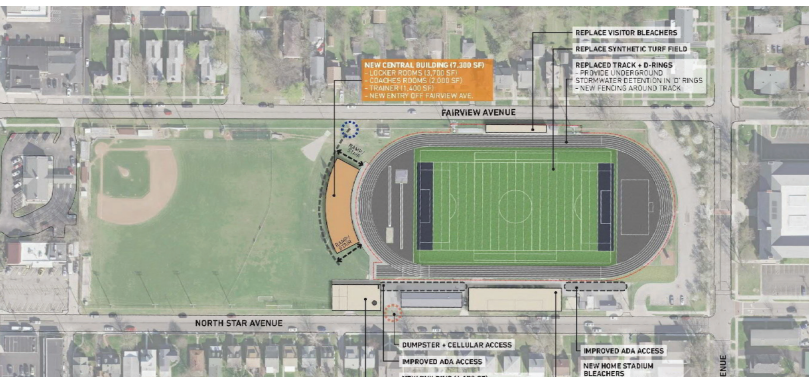
The proposed project would be approximately 6.95 mills, equal to \$243 per \$100,000 of property valuation annually.



The Board of Education responds to residents questions during the May 20, 2024, community meeting moderated by Dr. Dan Good. **FROM LEFT:** Dr. Dan Good, Member Kevin Gusé, Vice President Molly Wassmuth, President Emily Gephart, Member Katie Matney, and Member Eric Bode.



**Stevenson Elementary:** \$52.2 million for the construction of a new school with innovative, collaborative, and flexible spaces to best support learning.



**K-12 Athletic Complex:** \$17.3 million for Phase 1 and 2 improvements, including fully accessible new restrooms, bleachers, locker rooms, and concession facilities.

As the meeting concluded, Gephart thanked everyone for participating, saying, "Your involvement is crucial as we move forward in this process. If you have further questions, please contact any of us on the Board." To contact a Board of Education member via email, please visit [www.ghschools.org](http://www.ghschools.org).

For more information, scan the QR codes or visit [www.ghschools.org](http://www.ghschools.org).



**K-12 Athletic Complex**



**Stevenson Elementary**



**Frequently Asked Questions**



**Community Meeting Presentation**



**Community Meeting Video**



**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2024-2025 School Year**

To view the 2024-2025 school year calendar and calendar of school and community events, including Board of Education meetings, please visit [www.ghschools.org](http://www.ghschools.org).



WHERE IN THE WORLD CAN YOU FIND A

# BOBCAT?



This spring, Grandview Heights High School students could be found engaging in real world experiences, literally around the world! Our students traveled to Greece, Italy, Spain, and Morocco to study culture, architecture, art, and so much more.



The Grandview Singers and Concert Choir ventured to New York City to perform and tour musical, historical, and artistic venues.



Our Model UN team traveled to New York City to compete in the 50th National High School Model United Nations Conference where they received the Award of Excellence for Overall Performance.

**A Grandview Heights Schools Strategic Plan priority is Personalized Learning, specifically to expose all students to career, college, military, and entrepreneurship pathways, remove barriers to participation, and celebrate student success in all pathways. We do this by offering our students authentic and engaging learning experiences.**



Larson Middle School students virtually explored future careers when Columbus City Schools Career Technical Education representatives visited our classrooms and shared 23 career industry options via 3D virtual reality glasses. Students experienced what careers in architecture, construction, health sciences, IT, public safety, manufacturing, transportation, and medical engineering would actually look like.



Stevenson Elementary second graders trekked to Grandview Avenue to learn about running a business from four local companies. The Grandview Theater, Lion Cub's Cookies, Pure Imagination Chocolatier, and State of Devotion generously shared their operations and knowledge in an interactive and fun way.



## Grandview Heights Schools Launches Neighborhood Bridges Partnership



Grandview Heights Schools is now a school-based Neighborhood Bridges partner. Neighborhood Bridges is a community resource network that works directly with our school counselors, teachers, and administrators to advocate

for students and families in need in the Grandview Heights Schools community and engages community members to fulfill the needs.



Learn more about how Neighborhood Bridges works by scanning the QR code or visiting [neighborhoodbridges.org/community/grandview-oh](https://neighborhoodbridges.org/community/grandview-oh).

## Let's Stay Connected!



Visit our website, follow us on Facebook, and scan the QR code to receive community email updates.

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## FIVE-YEAR FORECAST AND FACILITIES

# News from the Treasurer's Office

**O**n May 8, 2024, the Grandview Heights Schools Board of Education approved the district's five-year financial forecast, showing a stable financial outlook for the future. This is great news considering our district receives very little funding from the state.

Tax revenue projections increased slightly as a result of the 2023 Franklin County property reappraisal, which saw values in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff increase by 15%. A state law known as House Bill 920, however, limits inflationary growth on our tax revenue to just 2%.

Grandview Yard continues to be a strong local revenue source, exceeding 2023-2024 estimates by 2.5%. Looking ahead, revenue is projected to further increase due to continued economic growth and development.

The forecast also reflects the positive results of our spending budget, showing expenditures slightly under the annual budget. This demonstrates our continued commitment to responsibly managing our financial resources, one of the pillars of our strategic plan.



Lastly, the forecast highlights the Board of Education's continued commitment to the community, setting aside funds from the Grandview Yard each year to lower the 2018 bond levy millage collected from taxpayers. The district earmarked \$908,906 from its 2023-2024 budget for this purpose and the forecast reflects our ongoing commitment to the community.

As we move forward, our focus on our facilities continues. The Board of Education took the first step to placing a bond issue on the November, 2024 ballot for a new Stevenson Elementary and improvements to the K-12 Athletic Complex. The combined \$69.5 million project would cost taxpayers approximately \$243 per \$100,000 of property valuation annually.

Grandview Heights Schools appreciates and values the continued support of the community as we remain focused on our mission to maximize and personalize every student's learning, while continuing to be good stewards of the tax dollars that you, our taxpayers, so generously provide.

Sincerely,

**Beth Collier, CPA • Treasurer/CFO**