On behalf of Tipp City Schools, I am proud to present the second edition of the district’s Quality Profile. Throughout this publication, you will see scholastic excellence, leadership initiatives, stellar athletics, and exemplary performances in the arts. These successes speak to the caliber of Tipp City Schools’ educational programs, teaching staff, and community partnerships.

The district prides itself on its many accolades, accomplishments, and student success stories. Yet, it recognizes the need to strengthen academic expectations and expand extracurricular opportunities for all students to excel. We are committed to continuous improvement and strive to expand avenues so our stakeholders are a part of this conversation.

During the 2017-2018 school year the district hosted a series of Community Engagement sessions. My staff and I shared with our constituents safety protocol in our schools, plans to renovate Tippecanoe Middle School and LT Ball Intermediate School, and the urgent need for a new facility for students in our lower elementary grades. As we prepare for our future, I look forward to regularly engaging the community in the development of these important initiatives to provide students with a quality education while being prudent with taxpayer money.

This Quality Profile characterizes our tradition of excellence and focuses on what our community values. Thank you for supporting our truly amazing school district and being a part of our story!

Sincerely,

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In 2017 the Board of Education for Tipp City Schools embarked on the development of a strategic plan to shape and guide the district for the next five years. The BOE identified four important areas and created “Pillar Teams” comprised of staff, administrators, and community members. These teams are working to develop goals and the core strategies to accomplish them. The Pillars are Academic/Student Opportunities, Climate and Culture, Stakeholder Engagement, and Facilities. This is a work-in-progress to align the district’s priorities and map the direction for the district to align local priorities with the evolving landscape of public education and better prepare Tipp students for the future.

VISION:

Tipp City Schools, in partnership with the community, fosters a culture of learning that values tradition and innovation, empowering all students to be respectful and responsible citizens with integrity.

MISSION:

Tipp City Schools cultivates positive relationships, embraces diversity, provides opportunities, and supports high expectations for every student.

BELIEF STATEMENT:

A Tradition of Excellence...

Our students are ready for today, prepared for tomorrow! WE are TIPP!
District Implements Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral expectations and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success. PBIS is a way for schools to encourage good behavior in the development of safe and effective school environments. With PBIS, kids learn about behavior, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. The key to PBIS is prevention, not punishment. PBIS acknowledges and rewards students for following school-wide expectations.

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Have Integrity

Tippecanoe Educational Endowment Teacher of the Year

The Tippecanoe Educational Endowment honored Tippecanoe High School teacher Nick Culver as the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Culver is an Intervention Specialist at THS, a position he has held for eleven years, and recognized as a valued and respected educator who stands out amongst staff. His nominator wrote, “He is always willing to take on new leadership roles, help new teachers become acclimated and feel welcomed, or assist another educator in teaching a special education student in an inclusion setting. Nick cultivates relationships with his students and their families. He encourages his students to advocate for themselves in and out of the classroom. Nick sets realistic goals for his students and encourages them to strive to be their very best.” A former student, currently enrolled in college, wrote that Mr. Culver “encouraged me since day one, giving me good advice and sharing valuable life lessons. Mr. Culver would discuss his own life experiences, especially in math class, which is the most difficult subject for me. He gave me the support needed to boost my confidence in all of the academic areas. . . . Mr. Culver always believed in my abilities no matter how long it took me to master the concepts or comprehend what I had read. I am privileged to call Mr. Culver my teacher, my mentor and my friend.”
The district is dedicated to preparing students for their next step after high school, whether it is attending college, gaining employment, entering the military, or taking a gap year. We want our students to reach their individual, unique potential and realize the joy of lifelong learning. We value our “Tipp” traditions while always striving to raise the bar.

**RISING CHALLENGES**

- Advanced Placement: 370 Students
- AP Scholars: 9 Students
- AP Scholar with Honors: 1 Student
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 9 Students
- College Credit Plus: 124 Students
- National Honor Society: 57 Students
- National Art Honor Society: 19 Students

**CLASS OF 2018 BY THE NUMBERS**

- Graduates: 186 Students
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 3 Students
- Honor Graduates: 61 Students
- Graduates with 4.0 GPA or higher: 37 Students
- Graduates attending college: 163 Students
- Graduates enlisted in military: 6 Students
- Graduates employed, enrolled in apprenticeships, gap year, mission trip, or other: 17 Students
- Scholarships amount accepted: $2.8 Million

**STANDING OUT**

- *U.S. News* and *World Report* awarded Tippecanoe High School a silver medal as a best high school in Ohio.

- *GreatSchools.org* named Tippecanoe High School a College Success Award winner based on its success in preparing students for college and ultimately career. The College Success Awards recognize public high schools that stand out in getting students enrolled in, and staying with, college.

- *Niche* awarded Tippecanoe High School an “A,” called it a Best Public School in the Dayton area and ranked it first in the county.

- *Niche* ranked Tipp City Schools as a Top 100 district in Ohio.

**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS**

Alissa Buynak • United States Air Force Academy

Chloe Schretzman • West Point
Tipp City Schools offers unique opportunities for students to explore new interests or cultivate passions in electives such as Fashion Design, Introduction to Engineering, Homebuilding, Design Thinking, and Jewelry Making.

ENRICHMENT

Tipp City Schools believes quality enrichment programs engage students, keep them interested in learning, and help them develop 21st century skills.

Language Arts studies came to life for our kindergarten and first grade students through a residency with Madcap Puppets. An artist from Madcap Puppets spent a week at Nevin Coppock allowing each class to meet with her and create their own puppet. Students learned about storytelling and character development, while exploring their creativity. The week ended with a puppet parade where each child got to show off their creation.

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

- Two Tippecanoe High Schools students won top writing achievements at the Sinclair Community College English Department 2018 Spectrum Awards.
- A Tippecanoe High School senior was named a Student of Integrity by the Better Business Bureau. The prestigious award recognizes 5 high school seniors who personify ethics through leadership, community service, integrity, and academics.
- A Tippecanoe High School student won the district and county awards in the prestigious Americanism and Government Test Program of the Ohio American Legion.
- The Tippecanoe High School 2017 Inferno, a student literary magazine, was awarded an Excellent rating by the National Council of Teachers of English program. The award is based on the journal’s literary quality, rhetorical variety, editing, and design production.
- Tippecanoe Middle School 7th grade Power of the Pen team took first place at the PenOhio InterScholastic Regional Writing Tournament.
- The Tippecanoe Middle School MathCounts team finished in 3rd place at a regional competition.
- A Tippecanoe Middle School student earned recognition at the National Invention Convention and Entrepreneurship Expo.
- Tippecanoe Middle School, LT Ball Intermediate School, and 15 teachers earned the Governor's Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education and Student Research.
- LT Ball Intermediate School earned the coveted Harold C. Shaw Outstanding School Award. Typically given to high schools, this honor recognizes schools that enter multiple projects at State Science Days that earn the highest rating.
- Fourteen students from LT Ball Intermediate, Tippecanoe Middle School, and Tippecanoe High School advanced to the State Science Day, a prestigious STEM competition featuring independent research.
- The 4th and 5th grade Destination Imagination teams won 1st place at regional competition and competed at the state tournament.
Tipp City Schools is a competing member of the Greater Western Ohio Conference (GWOC). The district offers award-winning men's and women's middle school and high school programs that promote sportsmanship, integrity, physical fitness, and teamwork.

**A YEAR IN REVIEW**

- 2017 GWOC Girls Golf Champions
- 2017 GWOC Boys Soccer Champions
- 2018 GWOC Girls Swim Champions
- 2018 GWOC Girls Basketball Champions
- 2018 GWOC Baseball Champions
- 5 GWOC Swimming Champions
- 3 GWOC Track Champions
- Girls Cross Country 3rd in State
- Boys Cross Country District Runner-Up
- Volleyball District Runner-Up
- Boys Soccer District Champions
- Girls Soccer District Champions
- Girls Basketball District Champions
- 1 Wrestling Sectional Champion
- 13 Individual State Qualifiers
- 5 GWOC North Players of the Year
- 7 All-GWOC Recipients
- 3 GWOC Coaches of the Year
- 5 All-State Recipients
- 7 School Records Broken
- 97 All-GWOC North Recipients
- 322 All-Academic Award Recipients
- 20 NCAA Commitments
- DII Girls Basketball Player of the Year

**2017 HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS**

The Tippecanoe Athletic Department established the Hall of Fame to identify and honor individuals who exhibited high ethical standards and integrity while achieving excellence in high school athletics, as well as others who have distinguished themselves by virtue of exemplary contributions to the advancement of interscholastic athletics at Tippecanoe High School.

- Philip Hiatt  
  Class of 1965  
  Football, Basketball, Baseball
- Thomas Rogers  
  Class of 1965  
  Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball
- Dale Pittenger  
  Class of 1968  
  Football, Basketball, Track
- Jeff Rawlins  
  Class of 1976  
  Cross Country and Track
- Kelley Rickard  
  Class of 1981  
  Tennis
- Carl “Kipp” Huntsberger  
  Class of 1998  
  Golf, Basketball, Baseball
- Tom Rettig  
  Basketball Coach  
  OH Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame 2009

Tippecanoe Middle School student **Hayden Gostomsky** was crowned the state champion in the seated 100-meter dash at the OHSAA 7th and 8th grade State Track and Field Championships.
The Arts

Tipp City Schools believes the fine arts are an integral component to a well-rounded education. With strong participation, the district prides itself on its commitment to maintaining stellar visual, vocal, instrumental, and theatrical programs.

ELEVATE THE ARTS

The district’s 2nd annual *Elevate the Arts* featured artwork by each student enrolled in an art class, musical performances, poetry readings, theatrical presentations, and a fashion show. Tipp City Schools believes this event showcases students’ talents and the district’s strong arts program that is an essential part of our curriculum.

MUSICAL PARTICIPATION

- **145** students participated in THS award-winning marching band and color guard
- **32** students participated in THS award-winning drumline
- **6** students participated in THS award-winning Devilaires dance team
- **110** students participated in THS award-winning choirs
- **130** students participated in TMS band
- **205** students participated in TMS choirs
- **100** students participated in the THS theatre productions
- **94** students participated in the LT Ball musical
Tipp City Schools is committed to preparing students for their future by providing a plethora of extracurricular activities and supporting participation in community service projects. The district believes these opportunities enrich students’ academic growth and develop skills such as collaboration, time management, communication, organization, and leadership.

**SOME OF THE DISTRICT'S FAVORITE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:**

- Nevin Coppock, Broadway, and LT Ball Intermediate communities donated **2,300 pounds** of food to Needy Basket, a local food pantry;
- Tippecanoe High School seniors donated close to **850 service hours to 8 nonprofits** during the Class of 2018 Community Service Day;
- Tippecanoe Middle School students and staff sent Hurricane Harvey victims:
  - **63 cases** of diapers and wipes
  - **2,482 pouches** of food and juice boxes
  - **1,393 rolls** of paper towels and toilet paper
  - **1,444 pairs** of socks and underwear
- Broadway Elementary’s Pennies for Patients raised **$6,847** for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society, earning the recognition as “Top Fundraising School”;
- LT Ball Intermediate School welcomed **135 veterans** to its annual Veteran’s Day Luncheon;

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In addition to athletics and the arts, students in grades 4 to 12 have access to 36 clubs such as Quiz Team, Science Club, Outdoor Club, Intramurals, Student Government, and Yearbook.
When parents and community members donate their time, share their talents, and support the district’s programs, educational experiences are enriched. Students beam with pride when they perform a classroom play, sing on stage with the choir, or host a special event such as Blizzard Blast, Mother’s Day Tea, or Parent’s Lunch.

Tipp City Schools’ parent groups and booster organizations are a true asset to the district. In addition to significant fundraising, the dedicated groups make our district a better place for students and staff. The district recognizes and appreciates these efforts to increase involvement, encourage participation, and sponsor events.

Tipp City Schools values its community partnerships and appreciates the generous grants to support field trips, academic enrichment, and unique learning experiences. During the 2017-2018 schoolyear philanthropic foundations donated more than $58,000 to the district. The district extends a special thank you to Tipp City Foundation, Miami County Foundation, Tippecanoe Educational Endowment, STEM Boosters and Dunaway Foundation.
Behind-the-scenes workers are critical to the health and safety of Tipp City Schools’ students and staff. Some of the district’s unsung heroes are those who drive the buses, feed our students, and maintain our buildings.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Tipp City Schools’ Department of Transportation has a stellar safety record. The bus drivers recognize their passengers as precious cargo and truly go the extra mile. There are:

- **28** drivers
- **24** buses
- **1,150** students transported daily
- **228,588** miles driven to school and home annually
- **43,039** miles driven to extracurricular activities annually

**SAFETY FACTS**

- All K-3 students receive school bus safety training every year.
- All K-12 students who ride a school bus receive training in emergency evacuation procedures and bus rules every year.
- All bus drivers undergo a medical exam, drug and alcohol testing, and a road test.
- All bus drivers maintain appropriate licensure and take safety education classes.
- The NHTSA states the school bus is the safest vehicle on the road. Students are 70 times more likely to get to school safely when traveling in a bus instead of traveling in a car.

**FOOD SERVICE**

Tipp City Schools’ food services staff take great pride in selecting student-friendly menus and preparing nutritious foods that students will enjoy. Though our students purchase meals using a pin code, employees know the students by name and readily offer a friendly smile and words of encouragement.

**MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL**

The district maintenance and custodial crews rarely take a break. They arrive to work in the predawn hours to make sure all is functioning properly before students and staff arrive. Often, they are the last ones to leave at night and secure the building. In the case of an emergency, they are hands-on. They clean, repair equipment, and maintain infrastructure including parking lots, gymnasiums, and playgrounds. During the summer months crews strip and wax floors, scrub walls, steam carpets, and disinfect every surface.

- **17** employees
- **465,000** square feet of buildings
- **177** teaching stations including gymnasiums and media centers
- **54** bathrooms including locker rooms, nurses areas, and teacher workrooms

**Fun Lunch Facts**

- **19** employees
- **142,770** lunches purchased
- **147,000** milk cartons sold
- **32,000** pizza slices sold
Tipp City Schools takes pride in its fiscal responsibility being respectful of taxpayers and prioritizing funding for classroom instruction.

General Fund Operating Expenditures:
Fiscal year 2018 - $23,872,468
- Wages $13,943,445 58.4%
- Retirement & Insurance $4,759,211 19.9%
- Other $1,783,953 7.5%
- Supplies & Materials $803,754 3.4%
- Capital $300,249 1.2%
- Purchased Services $2,281,856 9.6%

General Fund Operating Revenue:
Fiscal year 2018 - $26,253,297
- Real Estate Taxes $14,086,745 53.7%
- State Foundation $8,027,062 30.6%
- Federal $110,231 0.4%
- Other State $1,882,329 7.2%
- Other Local $1,579,319 6%
- PUPP Tax* $567,611 2.1%

*PUPP Tax is public utility personal property taxes. These taxes are paid by several businesses in the district.

Quick Facts
- Based on the projections in the May 2018 5-Year Forecast, the district has revenue to meet expenditures through the 2019 school year.
- Residential and agricultural real estate taxes account for approximately 74.6% of the $14,654,356 tax revenue stream.
- The cost of personnel and benefits was 78.3% of the total 2017-2018 expenditures.

Tipp City Schools became the first school district in Miami County to launch an online checkbook, via the state treasurer’s office, to improve transparency and allow taxpayers to see how their money is spent.

Tipp City Schools implemented BoardDocs, a paperless-meeting software, that helps the Board of Education save money, save time, and operate more efficiently.

Tipp City Schools is transitioning to a paperless, accounts payable process that minimizes the costs and risks of paper while increasing productivity. All requisition, purchase order, and payment approval processes will be paperless using SCView, a web based program from SC Strategic Solutions.

Tipp City Schools is scanning older paper records such as file records, student records, employee files and board minutes into the new web-based system. Digitally archiving these records will free up storage space and provide staff easy access to those records when needed. All records-related efficiencies are improving exponentially.
Tipp City Schools is investing more than $4.7 million in renovations to the district’s buildings with an emphasis on Tippecanoe Middle School and LT Ball Intermediate. The Board of Education also approved projects at Tippecanoe High School. The Board of Education approved projects as a part of the district’s master facilities plan. The projects are being paid for with a low-interest loan that will be paid annually using $340,000 from the district’s permanent improvement fund.

**LT BALL INTERMEDIATE PROJECTS**

- Demolished chiller, cooling tower, pumps
- Placed and connected chiller, boilers, hot water tanks, pumps and new piping
- Overhauled air handling units
- Automated HVAC controls
- Installed new fire alarm
- Removed risers in music room
- Repaired roof
- Installed parking lot and exterior lighting
- Installed new exterior doors with sensors and key fobs

**TIPPECANOE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS**

- Demolished original electrical switchgear
- Removed TMS from shared boiler plant
- Demolished old HVAC equipment and ductwork
- Installed new electrical switchgear
- Installed new electrical panels for HVAC
- Installed conduit runs, ductwork, line sets for HVAC
- Installed roof curbs to hold HVAC equipment
- Installed master clock system
- Installed new fire alarm/safety alert system
- Installed dedicated outdoor air systems
- Installed air conditioning
- Installed additional parking lot lights and exterior lights
- Replaced windows, curtain wall, exterior doors with energy efficient models
- Refinished, repaired gymnasium floor
- Installed new ductwork and gym rooftop HVAC
- Over 300 openings cored between concrete walls for placement of line sets, conduits, and duct work
- Completed full roof tear off and replacement above locker room
- Re-wired locker room electric
STADIUM AT CITY PARK

After years of discussion regarding the need for a new athletic stadium at City Park, the vision is now a new synthetic turf field for student athletes. The installation of the turf marks the completion of Phase 1 at a cost of $1.1 million. The funding for the $4.9 million project is being raised by the nonprofit group Tipp Pride Association. The Phase 1 money included $750,000 from the school district’s 10-year partnership with Premier Health. The Premier agreement stipulates that the district must use the $75,000 annual payment for athletics. The remainder of the money came from businesses, individuals, families, community fundraisers and support from Tipp City’s water and electrical departments. Future improvements include bleachers, locker rooms, press box, new lights, and concession stand.

For more information, go to https://tipppride.com

TIPPECANOE HIGH SCHOOL PROJECTS

• Installed energy-efficient LED lighting
• Replaced gym light fixtures with LED fixtures and controls
• Replaced carpet in the main office and choir room

SAFETY

As part of its commitment to safety, the district is completing the installation of a 3M™ Scotchshield™ Safety and Security Window Films Ultra Series on all exterior doors in the district. The blast film, barely visible to the observer, acts as a deterrent to intruders. This delayed entry into a school provides precious response time to law enforcement.
The Board of Education placed a Permanent Improvement Renewal Levy on the November 6th ballot.

THE ISSUE
The issue on the November 6th ballot is a renewal of a levy passed in May, 2014. Renewal of this levy will result in ZERO new taxes. The millage rate for this renewal levy is 2.0 mills. A taxpayer with a property valuation of $100,000 pays $54 annually. The levy is continuing which means it will always be collected, though at a reduced rate as the value of property increases.

THE FUNDING
During the 2017-2018 school year, the district spent approximately $659,000 from the permanent improvement fund for:

- Technology $190,000
- Facility Maintenance $125,000
- School Bus $77,000
- Roof Projects $46,000
- High School Land $41,000
- Copier Lease $32,000
- Classroom Furniture $35,000
- Parking Lot Repairs $25,000
- Van $25,000
- Utility Vehicle $25,000
- Carpet/Vinyl Replacement $23,000
- Concrete Repair $15,000

THE FACTS
- “Permanent improvement” (PI) means any property, asset, or improvement with an estimated life or usefulness of five years or more.
- Having been in place since 1968, the current levy expires December 31, 2019.
- The levy brings in approximately $700,000 a year.
- The levy supplies the PI Fund that pays for upgrading technology for teachers and students.
- Among the projects the fund pays for are updates to buildings, energy efficiency, buses, safety, and security.
- Beginning fiscal year 2019 and continuing through fiscal year 2038, approximately $340,000 of PI funds will be dedicated each year to paying the loan for the 2018 renovations to LT Ball Intermediate and Tippecanoe Middle School.
- Capital expenditures for school property and assets include roof repairs, parking lot paving, and bus maintenance.
- PI money is not used for salaries or benefits for teachers or other district employees.
- The proceeds from the PI levy are not used for the district’s operating expenses.
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