


**Mayfield City Schools**  
EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

# QUALITY PROFILE

**2023-2024**

**THE QUALITY PROFILE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE OUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT HOW WE ARE ADVANCING EDUCATION FOR "EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY." EDUCATION IS A POWERFUL TOOL, ESSENTIAL FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR COMMUNITIES, STATES, NATIONS, AND THE WORLD.**

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Through the following pages, you will see how our staff and students are continuing to excel so that our students are prepared for college, career and life.

# Welcome

## A Message From Your Board of Education



**FROM LEFT:**

Ron Fornaro, Vice President Al Hess,  
Jolene Greve, Superintendent  
Michael J. Barnes, President Sue Groszek,  
Jimmy Teresi, Treasurer Scott Snyder

### DEAR MAYFIELD COMMUNITY,

Thank you for your continued support of our mission to nurture and educate our students every day. Your dedication helps us continually enhance the educational experience in our community.

Our district is committed to employing innovative practices to build our students' skills. We are now more prepared than ever to guide them toward their futures, whether they choose college, enter the workforce, or join the military.

This past year, we've seen remarkable achievements in academics, athletics, and the arts. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to create a learning environment that fosters growth and curiosity. We are proud of the progress our students have

made and the goals they have achieved.

We deeply value your input and encourage you to join our board meetings or contact us directly with your thoughts and suggestions. We hope this 2023-2024 Quality Profile gives you a deeper understanding of what makes Mayfield Schools special, and the many ways we strive to serve our students and community.

Warm Regards,

Sue Groszek, President  
Al Hess, Vice President  
Ron Fornaro  
Jolene Greve



Dr. Michael Barnes  
Superintendent,  
Mayfield City Schools

Jimmy Teresi

## Mayfield City Schools: United by a Shared Vision

### DEAR MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOLS COMMUNITY,

As Superintendent, I'm excited to share the progress and accomplishments captured in this year's Quality Profile. Our district is united by a shared vision—one that brings together students, staff, families, local businesses, and community leaders to create a supportive and thriving environment. At Mayfield, we are committed to lifelong learning, respect, and collaboration, which shape the heart of our community.

This shared vision pushes us to challenge our students academically, while helping them develop the skills and mindset needed to succeed. Through our Portrait of a Mayfield Wildcat, we focus on personalized learning and fostering key competencies that will serve our students well in a world of constant change.

From classrooms to athletic fields and auditoriums, we align our efforts to ensure that all students have the opportunity to grow and excel. Our long-standing tradition of excellence, built over the past century, continues to thrive through the shared commitment of our entire community.

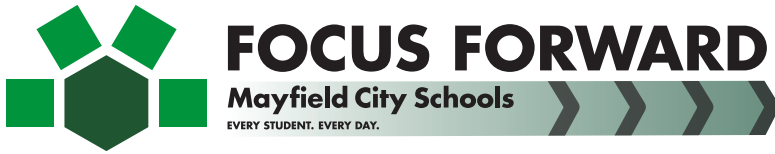
Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will keep building a strong and united future for our Mayfield City Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Barnes

# Focus Forward 2023-2029

At Mayfield, Wildcats set big goals, audacious goals. We dare to dream big, aiming for nothing less than 100% proficiency in reading and math for all of our students. We recognize that literacy and numeracy form the foundation for all learning, and we are committed to equipping every student with these essential skills.



**MISSION** Every Student. Every Day.

**VISION** Portrait of a Mayfield Wildcat.

**VALUES** Family, Loyalty, Collaboration, Innovation, Tradition, Integrity.

## PILLARS

### Our Students

Create an environment where students reach their full potential in their chosen pathway through rigorous, student-centered teaching & learning.

#### PRIORITIES

##### HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Encourage healthy personal habits, social-emotional learning, character development and promote a sense of belonging.

##### PORTRAIT OF A MAYFIELD WILDCAT:

Develop students who exhibit the Portrait of a Mayfield Wildcat competencies in our schools and in our community.

##### PERSONALIZED LEARNING:

Empower all students through a personalized learning approach to increase student learning and engagement.

##### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

Implement a research-based framework to improve student outcomes.

### Our People

Provide a positive work culture that offers an elevated level of support and professional growth, while fostering good relationships and shared communication.

##### HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Provide employee assistance and wellness programs to improve productivity, effectiveness, attendance and job satisfaction.

##### RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:

Recruit diverse, qualified applicants and retain effective teachers, leaders and staff who exhibit the competencies of the Portrait of a Mayfield employee.

##### COLLABORATIVE CULTURE:

Provide a collegial environment, develop relationships, cultivate collaboration, provide opportunities for open communication and enhance a sense of community through shared values.

##### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Develop aligned and relevant professional learning for all employees that is tailored to their needs, improves knowledge, collaboration and effectiveness while supporting educational and operational excellence.

##### RECOGNITION & REWARDS:

Celebrate team and individual success in meaningful ways both formally and informally as a district/school, by supervisors and peer-to-peer.

### Our Families & Community

Support student success through collaboration, communication and partnering with families and the community to ensure students graduate with their peers prepared for their chosen pathway.

##### FAMILY ENGAGEMENT:

Encourage, educate and provide avenues for each students' family to be actively involved with their child's education.

##### BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Nurture strong, mutually complementary partnerships among the district, business and community to support student learning experiences.

##### ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT:

Partner effectively with our alumni.

##### CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION:

Cultivate practices that promote productive, interpersonal communication with all stakeholders.

### Our Operations

Sustain safe learning environments while maintaining processes and facilities aligned to district priorities for the success of all students.

##### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Invest in district priorities, balancing focus on student success with fiscal responsibility.

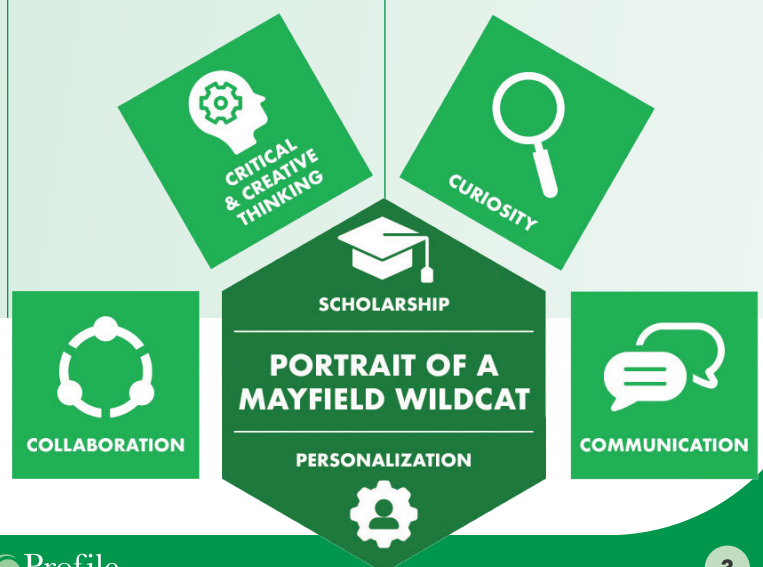
##### EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT OPERATIONS:

Plan for and provide the highest quality environment for safety and wellness, working as a team with efficiency, professionalism and excellence in support of the district's priorities and the needs of the community.

##### SYSTEMS ALIGNMENT:

Achieve our identified outcomes professionally, efficiently and responsibly through aligned strategies, collaboration and communication.

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# Academics and Student Learning

Mayfield City Schools celebrates the hard work and growth of our students, teachers and staff for earning a 5-Star Rating on the 2022-23 Ohio State Report Card. A 5-Star Rating is the highest rating given to a district by the Ohio Department of Education. This overall measure includes the following components: academic achievement, progress, gap closing,



## CLASS OF 2024:

On June 1, 2024 **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** graduates walked across the stage at the Palace Theater, marking the 124th graduating class from **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**. Congratulations to all of our Wildcats on another successful and happy school year.

**MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** students were awarded certificates for achieving a non-cumulative GPA of 3.5. Among these, 65 exemplary seniors were recognized for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or above for the past seven consecutive semesters.

## 2023 AP SCHOLARS:

Congratulations to our 115 MHS students who have been named AP Scholars by The College Board.



**MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S** annual Career, Military, and Trade Fair connected junior and senior students with local employers, trades, and military representatives. The event provided valuable insights into various career paths and required skills, helping students make informed post-graduation plans. Employers included A Able Rents,

Cement Masons Local 404, Matrix Trade Institute, Universal Metal Products, USPS, Cleveland Builds, Ironworkers Local 17, Cleveland Electrical JATC, Air Force Reserve, US Marine Corps, Lakeland Community College, Zagar Inc., LaBarberia Institute of Hair, and more.

Congratulations to our **MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** students, teachers and staff for earning the Momentum Award from the Ohio Department of Education. The Momentum Award recognizes a school for improving their Performance Index by 3 or more points from the 2021-22 report card to the 2022-23 report card AND receives a value-added rating of 4 or more stars.

**MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** has been named an AMLE School of Distinction. This program recognizes exemplary schools and supports them in strategic vision setting for ongoing growth. Mayfield Middle School completed a rigorous review process, which included stakeholder interviews with staff, students, and families, to measure best practices and continuous improvement.

**NICHE.COM** named **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** one of the best public high schools in Northeast Ohio.

At **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**, the focus on data-driven instruction and weekly team collaboration has led to significant growth in spring state testing. **MHS** saw notable gains in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, with a three-point improvement in our Performance Index. These results reflect our students' hard work and our staff's dedication to academic excellence.

## TOP 40 EXCELLENCE:

Congratulations to our Top 40 students and the teachers they chose to honor at the 2024 Excellence Reception.



# Academics and Student Learning

## Elementary Schools Update

**LANDER ELEMENTARY** has shown impressive progress in the School Performance Index, scoring 94.3 this year, up from 91.5 in 2022-2023 and 79.9 in 2021-2022.

**LANDER ELEMENTARY** increased its Performance Index to 99.63 in 2022-23, a 2-point gain over the previous year.

**GATES MILLS ELEMENTARY** students in grade 3-5 all scored 100% proficiency on the English Language Arts Ohio State Test. This is two years in a row with 100% passage rate for grades 3-5. Grades 3 and 4 also had 100% passage rate on the Math Ohio State Test.

**MILLRIDGE ELEMENARY** increased its Performance Index to 99.63 in 2022-23, a 2-point gain over the previous year.

For the second year in a row, **CENTER ELEMENTARY** has earned a 5-star rating from the State of Ohio. Highlights include:

- **20% increase in 4th-grade ELA**
- **Highest 4th-grade ELA (91%) and Math (95%) scores in over 9 years**
- **Highest 5th-grade Math scores in over 9 years**
- **6% increase in 5th-grade Science**
- **Record growth in reading for K-5 students**

End-of-year STAR and IXL data confirm significant progress, with 5th graders making over 1.5 years' growth and 4th graders nearly 2 years' growth in reading.

**CENTER, MILLRIDGE, LANDER, AND GATES MILLS ELEMENTARY** first graders visited the **EXCEL TECC** Gates Mills Environmental Education Center where they made flower arrangements, toured the greenhouse, planted flowers, took a hike and even saw some critters.



Congratulations to **GATES MILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** and **CENTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** students, teachers, staff and community for earning a 5-Star rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce on the 2022-23 State Report Card.



## Excel TECC Outstanding Senior Awards

**Business Academy**  
DOMINIC MILANO

**CADD Engineering**  
PETER REGAS

**Construction Trades**  
DYLAN COLELLO

**Cosmetology**  
REMY ENGOGLIA  
& SOPHIA SMILEY

**Information Technology Programming**  
JAMES ADAIR

## CEVEC Celebrates New Location

Congratulations to our **CEVEC** students, staff, parents, and community on this exciting new chapter. The Mayfield Board of Education, teachers, staff, friends, and family officially cut the ribbon on **CEVEC'S** 8,000-square-foot addition at the Mayfield Innovation Center. Moving from behind the Transportation Department to the Mayfield High School campus, this relocation better aligns with CEVEC's academic initiatives and program offerings.



**CEVEC** has expanded its offerings with multiple industry-recognized credentials, including OSHA 10, CPR, Stop the Bleed, Leader in Me, Paraprofessional Assessment, and the new Elder Care Certificate. Additionally, CEVEC will provide the OMJ seal for all students. New partnerships with the Cleveland Clinic, Vitalia, and Governor's Village to enhance our students' learning and career opportunities were created.

**MAYFIELD PRESCHOOL** collaborated with **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** to provide meaningful service opportunities. TEACH students and National Honor Society members assisted in the preschool classroom and at various events throughout the year. Our preschool staff fosters positive relationships with students, staff, and community partners to ensure our youngest Wildcats feel successful.



**FAMOUS OHIOANS:** Everyone showed up for the annual Famous Ohioans tribute at **MILLRIDGE ELEMENTARY** — Steven Spielberg, Macho Man, Nancy Cartwright, Joe Burrow, Neil Armstrong, Margaret Hamilton, Annie Oakley and LeBron James, to name a few.



# Student Leadership

Mayfield students engage in diverse student leadership experiences, each thoughtfully crafted to instill the skills necessary to become productive citizens prepared for career, college, and life.

## MHS World Affairs Club Wins Awards

Twenty-six **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** students from the World Affairs Club competed in the Fall 2023 Model U.N. Conference at Case Western Reserve University on November 6-7. They researched and wrote position papers, collaborated with students from other schools, and practiced public speaking, argumentation, persuasion, and compromise. Mayfield's delegates successfully passed resolutions addressing key world issues.



## MHS Learn and Earn

**MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** Learn and Earn students in the Home Builders pathway earned their official toolboxes from the Home Builders Association of Greater Cleveland. Thanks to the generous donation, students are now equipped for the workforce and can pave the way toward their second semester internship. Learn and Earn Manufacturing students attended a field trip to the HEH Group where they interacted with robotics, CNC machines and explored manufactured submarine parts.



## For A Good Cause

Thanks to the help of sponsors, donors, and nearly 350 participants, the 2023 Annual Rainbow Run raised \$14,241 for UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. After two years, **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** Student Council has raised \$26,531 for UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

Hope Heals is the 2023-24 **EXCEL TECC** Beachwood Marketing/Junior Achievement company, dedicated to inspiring hope and brightening the lives of critically ill children in Northeast Ohio. Their Medi Teddy project features reusable, BPA/latex-free silicone teddy bears that attach to IV poles in pediatric rooms. These bears can be easily cleaned with hospital-grade cleaners and personalized with washable markers. Thirty-nine students are part of the **EXCEL TECC** Beachwood Marketing team, working on this project.



## Exploring Mental Health

As part of their Honors Capstone Project students in Ms. Zenovic's 12th grade Options class researched student mental health at **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** and how to better support and educate students and staff with available resources. On March 11, the first Mental Health Monday provided a rejuvenating break for students and staff. Throughout the day, the MHS community engaged in various activities to promote well-being.



Members of the Cyclone Principals Advisory Team at **CENTER ELEMENTARY** showcased recent building renovations at the community-wide Ribbon Cutting Event in February and Kindergarten Signing Day in May. These eight student leaders designed and led a tour highlighting the new kindergarten wing, music room, lunchroom seating, main office suite, elevator, and flex space.

# Student Leadership



## Fine Arts Mural

**MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** Art teacher Ms. Vokic and Lander Elementary Art teacher Ms. Angie proudly unveiled to the Board of Education the Fine Arts Mural they and students created in partnership with the grade 8 Ceramics class and grade 5 Lander Elementary Art Club.

## Empowering Local Women

**MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL'S** 11-12 Options program students participated in a cross-curricular project between their English and Service Learning courses. They researched UN Global Goals issues, engaged in direct service, and created presentations advocating for a non-profit to receive \$1,000 through Magnified Giving.



**CENTER ELEMENTARY**, with the support of the Center School Association, collected over 2,500 books for the Cleveland Kids Book Bank. This organization provides free books in public spaces, ensuring children and families have access to books in their neighborhoods.

## 5th Graders Prepped for Middle School: Student-Led Transition Event

During the **MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** Transition Event, 8th Grade Our House Leaders and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee hosted the 5th Grade Our House Presentation to help fifth graders transition smoothly to middle school. The event featured four student-led rotations:

- 1. Schedule/Exploratory Classes:** Introduction to the middle school schedule and available exploratory classes.
- 2. Clubs/Field Trips:** Information about various clubs and exciting field trips.
- 3. Tour of the Building:** Guided tour to familiarize students with their new environment.
- 4. Middle School Advice:** Current students shared valuable tips for navigating academic and social settings.

This event aimed to ease anxieties and equip fifth graders with the knowledge and tools for a successful transition to middle school.

## Welcome to MHS

Incoming freshmen, parents, current and newly enrolled high school students enjoyed the first ever Educational Options showcase at **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** to better understand the personalized pathways and choices MHS students are offered to best meet their learning goals. The Showcase is a result of community, parent, student and staff input to enhance student transitions for incoming freshmen and newly enrolled students.



## Love Your Neighbors

**MAYFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** Food Drive: Mayfield Elementary students and families know more than most about generosity—about 40,231 times more. Coordinated through the philanthropic leadership of the Center, Gates Mills, Lander and Millridge elementary PTG's, the second annual "Love Your Neighbors" food drive collected 40,000+ pantry and toiletry items for the Our Savior Lutheran Church food pantry and the Mayfield High School Pay It Forward room.

# Innovation and Technology

Study after study has shown that students no longer learn best in traditional classrooms with rows of desks. At Mayfield, we aim to create spaces that foster creativity, collaboration, and the development of problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills, preparing students for life beyond graduation. Central to this vision is Mayfield's Portrait of a Wildcat, which outlines the qualities and skills we strive to develop in every student. Technology also plays a key role, with the district's 1:1 technology plan providing Chromebooks for every student in grades 2-12 and iPads for K-1 students. This access to technology continues to transform our classrooms, expanding students' access to resources and enhancing their learning experiences.



Over 75 educational leaders from Western Pennsylvania and Virginia visited Mayfield to learn about its personalized approach for all students. Led by Superintendent Dr. Barnes, Curriculum Director Ms. Vickie Loncar, and MHS Principal Mr. Brian Linn, guests toured stations at **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** and the Innovation Center to explore personalized pathways for student voice and choice in education.



For nearly two decades, the **MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL** cardboard boat regatta has not only taught students about the laws of Physics, but also shared the important lesson that learning, laughter, friendships and traditions are un-sinkable.



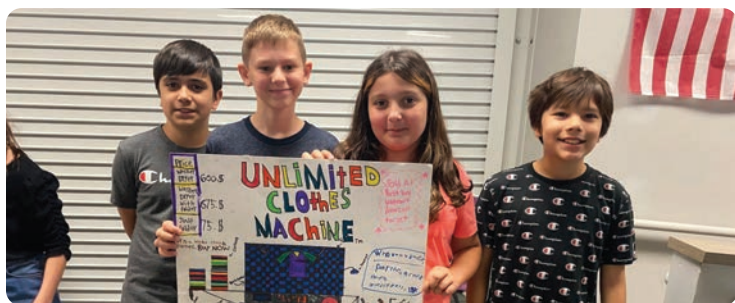
Our Mayfield Team proudly presented our Mayfield Portrait of a Wildcat at the national EdLeader21 conference in St. Louis. Districts from across the U.S. attended the Mayfield session.



The junior and senior students in the **EXCEL TECC** Construction Trades program brought the Wild West to life, building a Wild West town board by board. They were assisted by **EXCEL TECC** CADD students, who provided the building design and blueprints. Congratulations to the students and teachers, Mr. Zivny (Construction Trades) and Mr. Schmidt (CADD).



# Innovation and Technology



**MILLRIDGE ELEMENTARY** fifth-graders showcased their business skills in the “Shark Tank” project. Students created, marketed, and “sold” unique products, emphasizing collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and curiosity as part of the Portrait of a Wildcat initiative.



The MHS solar panel collects energy that the District sells back to the utility company for a reduction on the bill for the campus. The panel will generate enough power to sustain an average-sized home in the Mayfield area for a year.

The panel rotates to follow the track of the sun. At night it tips skyward.

## Student Devices

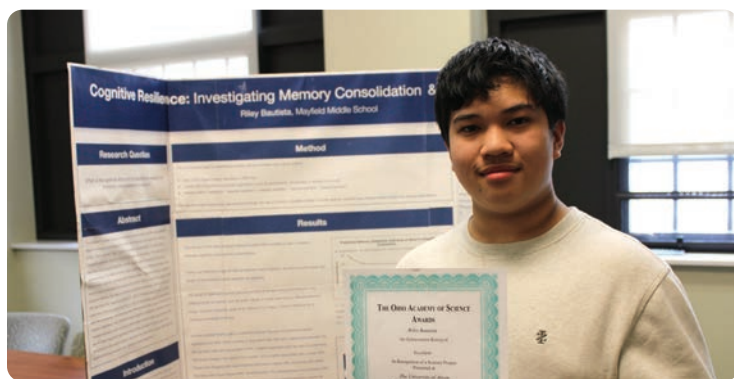
**MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S** use of student devices allows teachers and staff to transform the classroom environment every day. Our technology-rich classrooms promote:

- **Deeper student engagement**
- **More personalized feedback**
- **Greater differentiation to meet individual student needs**
- **Increased access to resources**
- **Enhanced opportunities for collaboration (peer-to-peer and student-to-teacher)**
- **Improved communication**
- **Strengthened critical thinking and problem-solving skills**

Ultimately, our student device program provides real, meaningful learning experiences that focus on 21st-century skills—collaboration, creativity, curiosity, communication, and personalization—preparing students to compete locally, nationally, and globally.

## Edulog App Provides GPS Tracking of Your Child's Bus Route

**MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOLS** announced parents/caregivers have access to a revolutionary smartphone app to improve communication, school bus safety, and efficiency. The Edulog Parent Portal app provides planned time and location information for your child's bus ride to and from school. On a daily basis, the app will show the GPS location of the bus and send a push notification when it is nearing your bus stop.



## Science and Engineering Fair

**MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL'S** Riley Bautista, grade 8, earned third place in the Behavior & Social Science Division at the Northeastern Ohio Science & Engineering Fair at Case Western Reserve. Riley competed against 250 students in his division for his project Cognitive Resilience: Investigating Memory Consolidation & Recall Via Repetition.

## Excel TECC Breaks Record at Skills USA State Championship

Congratulations to the **EXCEL TECC** Ohio SkillsUSA State Championships Team for a historical performance in Columbus. An **EXCEL TECC** record 55 students participated in 27 contests earning 30 total medals. **EXCEL TECC** medalists consisted of 1 Bronze, 6 Silver and an **EXCEL TECC** record 23 Gold! 20 of the Gold Medalists qualified for the SkillsUSA National Championships in Atlanta the week of June 24. The 20 member **EXCEL TECC** SkillsUSA Nationals Team was the largest ever and one of the largest teams to represent Ohio this year.

## The Mottled Lotl

Thanks to an innovative connection by Jennifer Hancock, a 3rd-grade teacher, **CENTER ELEMENTARY** partnered with local axolotl breeders, The Mottled Lotl, allowing students to learn firsthand about the life cycle of these unique creatures.

# Parent and Community Involvement

Just as there is no “i” in team, our district is only as strong as the staff, parents, families, and community partners who support us. It’s through this support that our students can reach their fullest potential prepared for their futures.



**MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** held its Annual Day of Service, helping students develop empathy and compassion through volunteering. Thank you to everyone who recognized and supported our students’ efforts!

## Surveys Gather Data

As the District’s Focus Forward Mayfield Continuous Improvement Plan moved through its first year, a series of online surveys for students, parents and staff took place to gather and examine data about how Mayfield City Schools are improving and where we can get better.



## Mayfield Preschool Community Building

**MAYFIELD PRESCHOOL** fosters a strong sense of community by involving families as integral partners in the learning experience. This year’s events included a sensory-friendly Trunk or Treat and a One School, One Book event for all families. The school also celebrated Kindergarten Signing Days, welcoming the Class of 2037 to the Mayfield family.

Families enjoyed a Portrait of a Wildcat Open House at **CENTER ELEMENTARY**. The event featured a musical performance by second graders themed around outer space and showcased several portrait projects. These projects, which focused on content and skill growth in communication, collaboration, curiosity, and creative thinking, included first graders building a marble maze, fifth graders sharing knowledge through passion projects, and Kindergarten students designing their own city.



**MAYFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL** is celebrating the building’s centennial anniversary! The historic building opened its doors in 1924 as **MAYFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**. Events are planned throughout the school year to honor its rich legacy. The 100th Year Celebration will take place on October 5!

# Parent and Community Involvement



## ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Proud to honor our Alumni Hall of Fame during the Mayfield Hall of Fame/VIP Celebration: Brian Calamita (Class of 1984), Ashley Norelle Simpson (Class of 2003), Thomas Ullom (Class of 1989), Mark Krieger (Class of 1962), Steadman Award recipient Emmalisa Brown Kennedy (Class of 1999) and Citizen of the Year Larry Braun.

**THE MAYFIELD SCHOOLS FOUNDATION** hosted another successful fundraiser for Mayfield City Schools during the 4th annual Swing & Par-Tee at TopGolf.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

### THE MAN BEHIND MAYFIELD'S CURTAIN:

For 30 years Mr. Larry Braun has served as the Director/Assistant Director/Choreographer of the Limited Edition Show Choir and the Director/Choreographer of Mayfield's musicals for the last 15 years, many of which won or were nominated for DAZZLE awards. Upon the announcement of his retirement as Director, Mr. Braun was bestowed the Mayfield Ovation Award by MHS Principal Brian Linn and Superintendent Dr. Barnes during the final curtain of the spring musical "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

## Mayfield Education Association Receives \$290,000 for Scholarship

The Mayfield Education Association (MEA) received a \$290,000 bequest to establish the MaryAnn Sparks Aspiring Educator Scholarship. MaryAnn Sparks, a dedicated teacher at Center and Oakville Elementary Schools and a passionate MEA rep, left this generous gift to support future educators.

The scholarship will award \$2,500 annually for four years to a Mayfield High School senior pursuing a teaching degree, provided they maintain a 3.00 GPA at an accredited university. This generous donation reflects MaryAnn's lifelong commitment to education and the Mayfield community.

## Focus Forward Mayfield Pillars and Coffee Talk

Coffee talks tied to the district's four pillars — Our Students, Our People, Our Families & Community and Our Operations — rotated each month throughout the school year at different schools followed by the regular monthly school board meeting to showcase our schools and facilities to our community members.

# Fiscal



Mayfield Schools has a track record of strong fiscal management. We remain committed to making the best use of the financial resources entrusted to us so we can provide the high-quality education our community has come to know and expect.

## KNOW THE FACTS: ISSUE 51 MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOLS BALLOT ISSUE

### Stretching the Levy Cycle

Voters passed a levy for the schools in 2016, and because of strong financial management, Mayfield Schools was able to use this money for eight years instead of four.

#### OVERVIEW

- **Election Date:** November 5, 2024
- **Levy Amount:** 5.0-mill operating levy

#### Cost to Homeowners:

- (\$14.58/month) \$175/year for a home valued at \$100,000
- **2016 Levy Stretched:** From 4 to 8 years due to prudent financial management

#### PURPOSE OF THE LEVY

- **Maintain Daily Operations:** Ensure the delivery of high-quality education
- **Support Teachers and Staff:** Sustain high standards and prepare students for their futures
- **Stabilize District Funding:** Prevent budget cuts and stabilize funding for at least four years

### KEY AREAS OF FUNDING

1

#### Safety Enhancements

- Additional cameras
- Upgraded security for windows and entrances

2

#### Increased Student Services

- More mental health support
- Counseling and interventions

3

#### Expand Early Education Programs

- Early literacy and math initiatives

4

#### Career-Readiness Programs

- Preparation for careers in healthcare, construction, trades, engineering, and other high-demand fields
- Addressing the high demand by expanding capacity in Excel TECC programs

### Impact of Levy

- **Prevent Budget Cuts:** Maintain programs, staffing, and activities
- **Preserve Excellence:**
  - » Maintain 5-Star State Report Card rating
  - » Sustain 99% graduation rate
- **Responsible Management:** Continued focus on efficient use of funds

## Fair School Funding for Mayfield

Dr. Barnes testified before the Ohio General Assembly's Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform. He, along with other superintendents and treasurers, highlighted that changes to the current tax law could negatively impact the Fair School Funding Formula, which is designed to work with the existing property tax system. Significant changes could disrupt this relationship and cause the formula to fail. Dr. Barnes expressed appreciation for the committee's work and affirmed the readiness of educational organizations to collaborate with the General Assembly on improving the state's property tax system.



## Award Honors Mayfield's Strong Fiscal Management

Congratulations to Treasurer Scott Snyder, his staff, and Mayfield City Schools for earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. This award, the highest recognition in state and local government financial reporting highlights the commitment to transparency and full disclosure in financial reporting.

### PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

Mayfield City Schools completed a \$20 million capital improvement project aimed at modernizing school facilities and enhancing safety and security for students, teachers, and staff. The project, funded through the school's carry-over cash reserves, did not increase taxes for taxpayers.

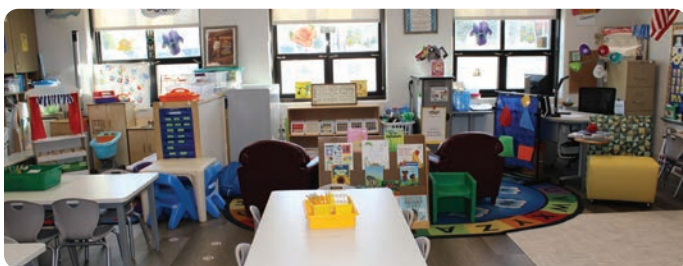
**Five projects** were completed to support Mayfield's commitment to infrastructure, safety, security, and program enhancements:

1. Realignment of the Mayfield High School entrance and Miner Road.
2. Construction of an 8,000-square-foot addition at the Mayfield Innovation Center to relocate CEVEC to the high school campus, aligning academic initiatives and consortium programs.
3. Lander Elementary improvements, including internal renovations, reorganization of classroom spaces, an elevator addition, and media center renovation.
4. Center Elementary improvements, featuring a 3,600-square-foot addition for four new classrooms, internal renovations, reorganization of classroom spaces, and an elevator addition.
5. A reconfigured main entrance at Gates Mills Elementary for secured access and improved visibility, consistent with other district schools.

## Local Support is our Foundation

Mayfield City Schools' 2022-23 funding is 94% local, primarily property taxes, and just 6% state-funded. Although we appreciate any increase in state aid, it is unlikely to significantly shift our funding landscape.

From the Legislative Services Commission, ranking districts by per-pupil support, shows Mayfield as the 11th lowest, emphasizing local funding reliance. It's noteworthy that non-public schools, like Gilmour Academy, receive approximately \$1,200 per student from Columbus, more state aid than Mayfield.



# Arts, Athletics, & Activities

Participation in the arts, athletics, and activities inspires student creativity, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills, which leads to better and stronger leaders. Providing opportunities to participate in school activities beyond the classroom contributes to a student's overall growth.



## Class of 2024 Champion

Ty Jackson received his diploma after his fellow grads since he was busy winning not one, but two State Champion titles during graduation. Ty Jackson became the first Mayfield State Track & Field Champion since 2016 and the first Wildcat to win state championships in two events in school history during the Division I State Track and Field meet in Dayton on June 1. Ty won the 110 M Hurdles with a time of 13.89 and the 300 M Hurdles with a time of 36.74. The last Mayfield state champion in the hurdles was Bob Summers in 1949.

## FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

The Mayfield Schools Fine Arts Showcase displayed the talents of student artists, musicians, and singers over a two-day event. Guests enjoyed paintings, ceramics, drawings, solo performances, ensembles, and the Pride of Mayfield Band.



# Arts, Athletics, & Activities

## Scholastic Writing and Art Competition

- **Felicity Engoglia:** Honorable Mention for Digital Art, "Face Muscles."
- **Alana Figuero:** Honorable Mention for Digital Art, "Monster."
- **Adelyn Nicholson:** Honorable Mention in 2023 for drawing, "Containment Breach."
- **Kaylee Roy:** Honorable Mention in 2023 for drawing, "Rebirth of a Man," and in 2024 for painting, "2014 Starry Night."
- **Michael Wellendorf:** Honorable Mention for drawing, "Glassware Study."
- **Ellias Wilson:** 2023 awards include 3 Silver Keys and 1 Gold Key. Honorable Mention for drawing, "Floating; Or Falling?," Silver Key for drawing, "Reflections," and Gold Key for Digital Art, "Apothecary."

## 2024 Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

- **Kaylee Roy:** Digital Art piece, "Front Row," displayed in the Ohio State Capitol's "Cameo" Exhibition.

## Music Honors

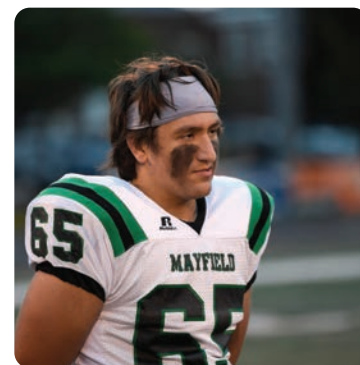
- **TJ Grzybowski** and **Adelyn Nicholson:** National Choral Award for superior achievement in Vocal Music.
- **Adelyn Nicholson** and **Michael Wellendorf:** Selected for the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus, joined by Senior **Henry Tran** for the annual Honor Choir.

## Theater Achievements

- "Rent: School Edition" received four Dazzle Award Nominations: Best Actor, Best Technical Execution, Best Costume Design, and Best Musical.
- **TJ Grzybowski:** 2022 Best Supporting Actor nominee.
- **Savon Harris:** Best Actor nominee in 2023 and 2024, winning in 2023 and competing at the national level in New York City last summer.

## MAYFIELD ATHLETES SHINE IN 2023-2024

- Mayfield Girls Soccer won the WRC Championship for the first time since 2017. Cami Stella was named WRC Player of the Year and she was a 2nd-Team All-Ohio selection.
- Joe Barch was named 1st-Team All-Ohio linebacker in football.
- Nico Traczyk was named 1st-Team All-Ohio defensive lineman in football.
- Mayfield Baseball won their fourth conference championship in the past five seasons. The Wildcats defeated Massillon Washington 10-0 in the sectional finals to advance to the District Tournament.
- Mayfield Boys Tennis won their fourth consecutive conference championship. The Wildcats were undefeated in the WRC during the regular season and won all five courts at the conference tournament. Junior Josh Kutsikovich was named WRC Player of the Year for the second year in a row.
- The girls track & field team won the conference championship for the first time since 2003.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR  
MAYFIELD ATHLETES + ARTISTS ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR!**



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**COLLABORATION**  
A Mayfield Wildcat can:

- Cooperate with others to resolve problems and achieve goals
- Support team members by encouraging participation, listening, and empathy
- Acknowledge skills, experience, knowledge, creativity, and contributions from all
- Address team conflict without help from the team leader

**CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING**  
A Mayfield Wildcat can:

- Identify, define, and work with authentic problems and essential questions
- Collect, assess, and analyze relevant information
- Reflect and reason effectively
- Implement innovations and generate ideas

**CURIOSITY**  
A Mayfield Wildcat can:

- Develop a strong desire to learn
- Actively explore the unknown
- Engage in the design process
- Commit to a state of wonder

**COMMUNICATION**  
A Mayfield Wildcat can:

- Articulate thoughts and express ideas effectively using oral, written, visual, and non-verbal communication skills
- Practice civil discourse
- Become an active listener

**SCHOLARSHIP**  
We believe in:

- Academic excellence in all things
- Mastery
- Cutting-edge, world-class pathways and programs
- A focus on student achievement and growth

**PERSONALIZATION**  
We believe in:

- All-Access Learning: Agency, Outcomes, Opportunity, and Engagement
- Placing students at the center of the learning process
- Providing customized learning based on student strengths, needs, skills, and interests
- Providing deeper learning experiences and cultivating understanding through rigorous content

**Portrait of a Mayfield Wildcat**  
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to help answer this question by challenging our staff and students to think outside the box to ensure our students are successful now and in the future.