



MINUTEMAN Report

We're Off to a Great Start!

DEAR RESIDENTS,

We're having a phenomenal start this school year. The atmosphere in each school is buzzing with positive energy, and it's amazing to see the passion for learning in our students and the dedication of our staff.

I'm pleased to announce that our district has earned a 4-star rating on the state report card. This remarkable achievement means we are exceeding standards, and it reflects the diligent efforts and commitment of our students, teachers, staff, and families. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success—our community's passion for education is truly inspiring.

I'm also pleased to report that our grade reconfiguration is progressing smoothly, and the transitions have been positive. It's been great to witness our students adapting well and thriving in their new environments.

Additionally, our new preschool program has hit the ground running and is already a tremendous success. It's wonderful to see our youngest learners exploring, creating, and forming the foundation for their lifelong learning journey. The feedback from parents and the community has been positive, and it's a clear indication that this was a much-needed addition to our district.

Let's continue to work hand in hand, creating enriching experiences and nurturing the future leaders of our community. I'm looking forward to seeing even more accomplishments throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Secrist, Superintendent, Lexington Local Schools



The first days of preschool were a world of wonder, discovery, and new friendships! Lexington's littlest learners embarked on an exciting journey filled with laughter, curiosity, and endless possibilities.



The Lexington High School delegation to Ohio's Youth and Government was invited by the Ashbrook Center to participate in their Major Issues Lecture Series. The speaker was Ohio Attorney General, David Yost, who spoke about the U.S. Constitution and the administrative state. It was an amazing opportunity for our students.



Superintendent Jeremy Secrist stands with Mayor Brian White and community partners as Lexington receives a generous truckload of school supplies. Read more in our newsletter about this exciting partnership and the positive impact on our students.

Lexington High School Celebrates Generosity: A Truckload of School Supplies

Lexington High School has always been a hub of community spirit and educational excellence. This spirit was on full display on October 20th when the school received a generous donation that will benefit students across all grades.

A Partnership That Delivers

Spherion Mid Ohio, in partnership with School Specialty in Mansfield, has been a vital part of our community, offering employment opportunities to our students during their Summer Peak Seasons. This collaboration has not only provided valuable work experience for our students but has also led to a wonderful initiative: The Truckload Of School Supplies Giveaway.

A Day of Celebration

The district received pallets of educational materials valued at over \$20,000. The supplies, which benefit students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, were received with gratitude and enthusiasm. The donation was greeted with enthusiasm to mark the occasion, with performances by the marching band and cheerleaders.



A Community-Wide Pep Rally

The excitement continued with a district-wide pep rally in the gymnasium, where students and teachers gathered to celebrate this windfall. It was a moment of pride and gratitude, showcasing the strong bonds within our school community.

“We extend our heartfelt thanks to the leadership at School Specialty and the team at Spherion Mid Ohio for making this donation possible,” added Superintendent Jeremy Secrist. “Their commitment to our community and our students is deeply appreciated.”

The Giveaway: A Token of Appreciation

Now in its second year, the giveaway is a way to recognize the hard work of student employees and the schools that support them. With students from over 15 districts participating, each student’s effort gave their school a chance to win a truckload of supplies. This year, the lucky recipient was Lexington.

Positive Behavior: A Priority at Lexington Schools

At Lexington Schools, we're committed to nurturing not just academic excellence but also the personal growth of every student. That's why we're excited about the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program at our schools. PBIS isn't just a policy; it's a promise to foster a safe and positive learning environment for all.



Students Celebrate at Junior High PBIS Rewards Assembly

What is PBIS?

PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports needed for students to achieve social, emotional, and academic success. It emphasizes positive behaviors and includes strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create positive school environments.

PBIS in Action

At Lexington Junior High, PBIS is more than just a set of principles; it's a living, breathing part of our school culture. We encourage families to extend these practices at home, reinforcing the positive behaviors that lead to success in and out of the classroom.

Central Elementary hosted a special celebration of kindness. This fall, we planned a week-long celebration of kindness from November 13th-17th. Each day featured a theme and activities to spread kindness throughout our community. Teachers could incorporate these acts of kindness to fit their classrooms best.

School-Wide Expectations

We focus on three core expectations: being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready. These simple yet powerful standards guide our students in their daily interactions and learning.

Support and Contact

Our dedicated team is always here to support our students and families. We're just a call or email away.

A Community Effort

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who plays a part in making our PBIS initiatives a success. Your support is invaluable, and together, we're making Lexington Schools a beacon of positive behavior and learning.

Stay tuned for more updates and stories of kindness and positive behavior from our Lexington Schools family. Together, we're making a difference, one positive action at a time.

Extending Kindness

Looking ahead, we're planning a week-long celebration of kindness from November 13th-17th. Each day will feature a theme and activities to spread kindness throughout our community. Teachers have the flexibility to incorporate these acts of kindness in ways that best fit their classrooms.



Eastern Elementary celebrated their first-quarter achievements

Celebrating Success

Rewards and incentives are key components of PBIS. For instance, Western Elementary celebrated their first-quarter achievements with a schoolwide pizza party, honoring students who consistently demonstrated the 3R's. It's not just about the pizza; it's about recognizing and reinforcing the positive.

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Lexington Local Schools Renewal Levy on March 2024 Ballot

By **Jason Whitesel**, Treasurer/CFO

At the September 20, 2023, school board meeting, the Lexington Board of Education agreed to place our renewal levy on the March 2024 ballot. This renewal levy was originally passed in 1999, and residents have renewed the levy in 2004, 2009, and 2014. In 2014, the renewal levy was passed for a period of 10 years and our community now has the opportunity to vote to renew the levy every 10 years.

This renewal levy is for a fixed amount of \$2,705,000 annually, which represents approximately 10% of our General Fund operating budget. Since it is a renewal of an existing levy, it is not a new tax on residents. Also, as an existing levy, this levy continues to qualify for homestead and rollback from the State, offsetting a portion of the applicable taxes for our community members.

Operating levies fund the daily operations of the school district, which includes teachers in the classroom, instructional programs, academic curriculum, student transportation, updated technology, and utilities as well as other operating costs of the school district.

It's important to know what the levy means for our schools. We want to make sure everyone has the facts they need so please feel free to ask questions, come to meetings, and reach out to learn more about the impact of this renewal levy.