

# Maumee City Schools

# QUALITY PROFILE FALL 2017



## MAUMEE CLOSSES GAPS FOR ALL SUBGROUPS OF STUDENTS

**Continuous student improvement is essential.**

Maumee Schools is pleased to share that every subgroup of students that the Ohio Department of Education reports data for, made significant progress last year. This progress means the district improved two letter grades in Gap Closing.

Math proficiency increased by 6.0% overall and Language Arts improved by 9.1%. Here are significant data points.

Student Subgroup	Math % Increase	Language Arts % Increase
All Students	6.0	9.1
Economically Disadvantaged	6.2	6.7
African American	9.2	5.9
Individualized Education Plan (IEP)	8.6	4.9



## A Message From The Superintendent *Todd Cramer, Ed.D.*

Maumee teachers and staff do amazing work. Maumee students work hard and are achieving success both inside and outside the classroom. And, the Maumee community has historically made, and continues to make, a financial investment in our future.

This is the second year for our QUALITY PROFILE. Maumee continues to provide both essential academic skills and life skills. Our mission is to educate, prepare and inspire our students and we strive for this every day as we blend proven teaching strategies with modern approaches and state-of-the-art technology tools so that each and every Maumee student is

prepared for success today and as they graduate from their K-12 education and begin their global-world future.

We accomplish this and so much more by living out our core beliefs:

- We believe students come first
- We believe in continuous improvement
- We believe in maximizing the potential of others

We are very proud of our past accomplishments and grateful for the hard work and dedication of our students, staff and community as we continue to move the district forward. It is an exciting time to be a Panther!

## A Message From The Board Of Education President *Mike Wiley*

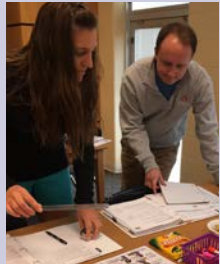
After my wife and I got married in 1996, I convinced her that we needed to stay in Maumee to raise our family. The main selling point was the great school system. My wife, a product of the Catholic Schools in the Greater Cleveland area, was hesitant at first. But it did not take long for her to see just how great the Maumee City Schools was at the time, and still is today.

The Maumee City Schools did not earn a rating of "Excellent" and then rest on its laurels. The district is continuously striving to improve by hiring the best teachers, the best administrators, and putting into place the best curriculum to challenge students. This helps us achieve our mission to,

"Proactively engage and inspire student learning, involvement and service."

I have two sons at Maumee High School and I have been amazed at what they have learned at each building they have attended in the district. Learning standards that used to be taught in high school are now taught at the elementary and early junior high school levels. You can be assured that the Maumee Board of Education will continue to pursue academic success at all levels. I, along with the rest of the Board of Education, appreciate your continued support of the students in this district.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Maumee staff members are life-long learners.** Staff professional development opportunities are provided throughout the school year so that teachers, counselors, administrators, and ancillary staff members can learn and collaborate and thus create more and better learning opportunities for students.

## A Message From The District Treasurer *Paul Brotzki*

I am pleased to report that every school year Maumee Schools offers more educational and extracurricular opportunities to students. This is true because for many years we have operated in a "lean" and fiscally responsible manner so that valuable dollars go straight into our classrooms.

The district has been recognized for exemplary fiscal reporting and strict budgeting, and as we look to the future it is critical we continue to uphold our commitment to the strong connection between finances and academic excellence.

Maumee Schools enjoys a Standard & Poor's High Grade AA- bond rating. My job as treasurer is to make sure we have the resources and support

necessary to maximize each learner's educational experience and afford him/her the ability to be successful in college and/or career.

The Maumee Board of Education has kept its promise to make property tax levies stretch for at least three years and we will continue to work together to guide district operations in the most fiscally-responsible way and at the same time ensure that we fulfill our mission of educating, preparing and inspiring students to be contributing and valuable members of this community and the world beyond Maumee.

I am grateful to the Maumee community for their continued support and encourage you to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

**Continued pledge to be good stewards of taxpayer money.** We know that a substantial portion of the district's operating and capital improvement budget comes directly from our community in the form of local property taxes. Maumee Schools has a \$30 million annual operating budget and we pledge to be good stewards of these dollars and to continue allocating funds to students in classrooms. Approximately \$13.285 million goes for classroom teacher and support salaries, \$316,500 for educational materials/supplies/text books, and we budget \$351,500 annually for technology purchases and upgrades.

Operating an organization the size of our school district is expensive. The Maumee Board of Education strives to utilize permanent improvement funding whenever possible so that operating revenue can be directed to student educational needs across the district. As an example, the recent LED lighting upgrade project (bulbs and replacement fixtures) allowed approximately \$100,000 to stay in the operating fund, keeping funding in the classroom. In fiscal year 2017, \$1.2 million from permanent improvement funds were spent, including \$173,000 for telephone system upgrades, \$399,500 for roofing (Wayne Trail and the Service Center), \$43,900 for tile repair/replacement at Fairfield Elementary, and \$133,500 to resurface the middle school track.

## ATHLETICS

**NEW! MHS 'Athletic Enhancement Program' Takes Shape.**

Maumee High School now has an Athletic Enhancement Program to offer the most efficient, productive and accommodating experience for multi-sport athletes. Maumee's new approach will be modeled after an award winning, best practice strength and conditioning program developed at Ben Davis High School in Indiana and now utilized by high schools across the country.



Full launch is expected in summer 2018. A pilot program is now in place with a team of 11 varsity coaches and administrators at the helm and a student athlete advisory council set to convene early this school year.

## RIGOR & RELEVANCE

**Maumee is helping students realize relevance of what they are taught.** Helping students make connections between the content of coursework and their lives outside of school is a daily classroom goal. As examples of this, all five Maumee schools have career days, welcome in guest speakers from the community and provide engaging, real-world MakerSpace challenges. The high school offers a daylong career exploration event for 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade and students are able to explore seven possible career paths discussed by 50 guest industry professionals.

**NEW!** A high school job-shadowing program is planned for 2017-18.

## TECHNOLOGY

**Continued expansion of 1-to-1 technology planned.**

Currently, students in grades 4-10 have a Chromebook with them every school day. Teachers continue to enhance their teaching to utilize this technology every day. Maumee's technology mission statement reads: All students will have the opportunity to collaborate, experiment and creatively apply concepts with technology. Putting a computer in the hands of every student means each is able to engage in learning that is relevant and relatable to his or her life.



## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION



**Maumee's four-week summer camp experience was possible thanks in part to a generous gift from the JLW Foundation.** Curriculum was differentiated to provide enrichment and help for students currently struggling in reading. Each week was themed: Rocketry, Art, Zoology, MakerSpace. Nearly 200 students (grades K-5) attended one or more session and the majority who were tested at the end of

summer camp showed improvement in STAR reading scores. "Summer camp helped students avoid the 'summer slide' and to learn to think critically and work cooperatively," explains assistant superintendent Steve Lee.

## SCHOOL SPIRIT

The Maumee High School student group known as the Panther Pack is always on the prowl with activities for Maumee Panthers of all ages. Elementary school students are invited to join in themed nights at athletic events that range from pink outs in support of breast cancer research to elementary school student welcome night and little cheerleader clinics & game day performances.



### 2016-17 State Level Competitors:

- MHS Baseball Team
- MHS Dance Team
- Alyssa Delffs – Gymnastics
- Zak Kirk - Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field
- Brandon Phillips – Wrestling
- MHS Cheerleading

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

**NEW! Coming Soon: Maumee's Parent Academy.** Workshops and learning opportunities will be offered so parents are empowered to become part of their children's digital world and have the tools and resources to help them address social, emotional and educational realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**FAMILY NIGHT** will be back this year. Mark your calendar for November 20!

## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Always looking for ways to save money without decreasing services. Shared services agreements mean financial savings and Maumee works with other area school districts and organizations for: digital educational content sharing, office & custodial supplies, natural gas & electric services, food service and transportation. Last fiscal year, spending was decreased by \$232,110 in three areas (purchased services, miscellaneous, material & supplies).

Through vigilant negotiation, we are pleased to report that health insurance costs are only increasing 2% for the next two years.

- Maumee Schools buildings are valued at more than \$130 million
- Maumee Schools owns and operates 39 buses, vans, utility vehicles

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

Over the course of the last two years, 52 Maumee High School students earned 462 college semester credit hours through the MHS College Credit Plus program in cooperation with BGSU. In addition, Maumee High School students in grades 10 – 12 took 154 Advanced Placement tests - with 81 earning a score of 3, 4 or 5 which most universities accept for college credit. This equates to tens of thousands of dollars in tuition costs saved.

**NEW!** Plans are in the works for an online school to operate from Maumee High School. This curricular option will help tailor curriculum to individual students wants and needs and provide students with experience in managing college coursework that is being offered more and more frequently online.

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

MakerSpaces are learning environments in all five Maumee schools that provide hands-on, creative ways to encourage students to design, experiment, invent and build as they



learn. MakerSpaces are designed to accommodate a wide range of activities, tools, and materials – all of which are critical to students' design, creation, and exploration process. Maumee is proud to be a destination for districts hoping to create their own MakerSpaces. To date, more than 100 district and business representatives have visited our MakerSpaces and met with staff for insights and advice.

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**Mission:** To educate, prepare and inspire students to be contributing and valuable members of our community and beyond

**Vision:** Proactively engage and inspire student learning, involvement and service

**Core Beliefs:** We believe students come first. We believe in continuous improvement. We believe in maximizing the potential of others.

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The Panther Pride Foundation Welcomes You to the Future of Maumee High School

October 6 – Homecoming 2017 @ Kasmaier Stadium  
Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Panther Pride Foundation invites you to be part of a major project unveiling.

Join us at Kasmaier Stadium and see what all the excitement is about!

Details @ [www.pantherpridefoundation.org](http://www.pantherpridefoundation.org)



## Our Fall 2017 QUALITY PROFILE

is a companion piece to Ohio's Local Report Card. It includes accountability measures that define a high-quality education, but that are not captured on the state report card. Maumee's PROFILE highlights aspects of the overall value of education for the students of this wonderful community we call home.

We believe that a successful school district ensures that each and every student has the opportunity to excel both inside and outside of the classroom and we are highlighting just a few of the programs and services available to students and supports in place to help them succeed, regardless of their college or career path.



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## How You Can Get More Involved With Maumee Schools

**Be a Fan.** This is the simplest way to support Maumee students. Help fill the stands at athletic contests throughout the year.

**Join the Golden Panther Club.** Senior citizens who live within the school district are invited to all high school and middle school athletic and arts programs FREE OF CHARGE. All you need is a Golden Panther Card. These are available at various community events and at the administration office (716 Askin Street).

**Join a Booster Club.** Not everyone who participates in booster clubs is a parent. The Maumee Athletic Boosters is the prime example. Community members who had children in school years



Thank you Maumee Garden Club for beautifying the Courtyard at Maumee High School.

ago still organize and run fundraisers and stay involved to help raise funds for middle school and high school athletics.

**Donate an Instrument.** Families sometimes think their children can't participate in band or orchestra because of the cost of instrument purchase and rental. First Presbyterian Church graciously organizes an instrument donation effort for the school district. For more information or to make a donation: Annette Blair – 419-893-0223.

**Always Looking for Businesses & Groups to Partner With.** If you have a passion for working with students or we have a student initiative you might consider being more involved with, please let us know. Contact Nancy Sayre – nsayre@maumee.k12.oh.us

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## SPECIAL AWARDS RECEIVED BY MAUMEE HIGH SCHOOL

- Maumee High School Honored as US News & World Report Top 100 Ohio High School
- College Board Organization 'AP Honor Roll' Designation. This honor is bestowed to only a small percentage of high schools in the United States
- Youth Jefferson Award Winning High School – Silver, Bronze and Gold Awards Presented by Leadership Toledo

