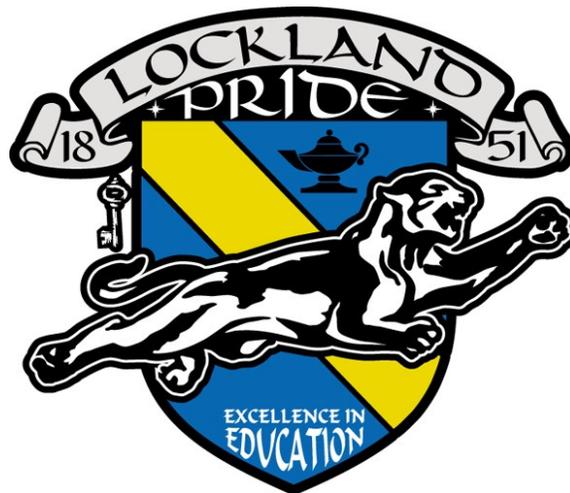




LOCKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUALITY PROFILE

2014-15



A successful school district places a high degree of importance on ensuring that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. This profile helps characterize the overall educational value of your school district in areas that matter most in our community.



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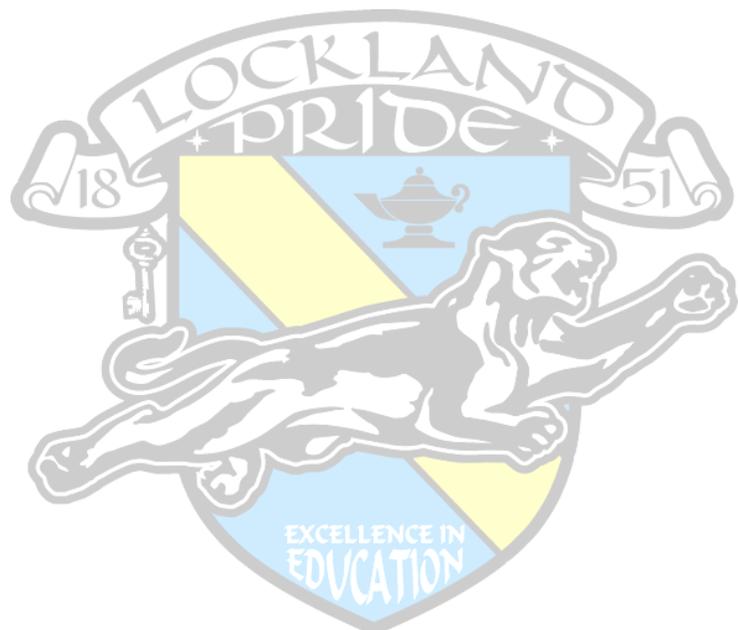
Dear Lockland School District Stakeholder,

On behalf of Lockland Local Schools, I would like to thank you for your support during this past school year. Rest assured, the staff and I are working diligently in providing the best educational opportunities for our girls and boys. Together, we can make our district EXCELLENT in every way possible. As your superintendent, I will continue to reach out to parents and community members on ways to move our district *FORWARD*.

This **Quality Profile** for the 2014-15 school year, is designed to showcase the positive things that happened in our district that went beyond standardized testing. The sections include **Academics, Arts and Extra-Curricular, Student Leadership, Parent Involvement, Student Services, and Fiscal Stewardship**. Further, we will continue to utilize our website, Twitter, and Facebook page to publish important information, as well as highlight and promote the outstanding students who are in our charge each day. I continue to be humbled and excited about the opportunity to lead our school district. Make it a great day to be a PANTHER!

Yours in Education,

Matt M. Bishop, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools



September 2015



Dear Lockland School District Resident,

Several months ago, our 11.2 mill school levy narrowly failed by 10 votes. We've made great strides in closing the deficit from 36.9% saying YES in August of 2014 to 49.1% saying YES in May. I believe one of the reasons we are seeing more YES votes is that we are earning your trust back and that is extremely important to us.

We were set to run the 11.2 mill levy in November, however, our elected officials in Columbus settled on a two year budget that gave more money to school districts. We are projected to receive a large increase in state aid. Now, there are many factors that contribute to how much state aid we will receive. The likelihood of us getting the exact percentage they announced is questionable. As a result, this has forced us to rethink the school levy we are requesting of the community. Equally important is that along with the possible large increase in state aid, the state is taking away the Tangible Personal Property (TPP) reimbursement from Lockland and other districts. **This is a loss of \$1,100,000 per year...gone off the books forever.**

This is the issue we face. We know we're going to get a substantial increase from the state. We also know we're going to get a substantial decrease from the state beginning with the 2017-18 school year. There is no doubt in my mind we will need additional money from the community in the form of a school levy to fill the gap between the increase in state aid and the decrease in TPP. However, without seeing for myself what the state aid amount will actually be, I cannot ask for a specific millage for the school levy. I have to be absolutely confident in the numbers before I ask for your hard earned money.

Here is what we are going to do. Each month, our Treasurer receives payments from the state. We need to look at the first half of the 2015-16 school year and see those amounts. Based on the actual money received from the state, I will be able to see what we will need to fill the gap. This will determine the millage we will request from voters.

Bottom line, we will not be running a levy in November. The next time we can run a levy would be March, August, and/or November of 2016. Whatever amount we request, it is important to pass in the 2016 calendar year, otherwise, we would lose an entire year of collection.

In the April letter, I asked the community whether they want a local school in their community. I believe the community answered that question in May and we are going to continue to work to earn your trust. There is no bigger investment that a community makes than in their public school. We are a direct reflection of the homes from which our students leave in the morning and return to in the afternoon. Making Arlington Heights and Lockland a great place to live and work starts with the Lockland School District.

I am going to hold an open forum at the beginning of the Regular Board of Education meeting on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 152 to answer any questions about the information provided in this letter. As I wrote in the April letter, I am here to serve you as your school leader. I appreciate you taking time to read this.

In Service to the Community,

Matt M. Bishop, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

LOCKLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS

2015-2016

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IF NECESSARY, MAKE UP DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 2/12, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31, 4/1, AND THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 19	First Day of School
Sep 7	Labor Day
Nov 11	Veterans' Day
Nov 5	Conferences (3:15-7:00 pm)
Nov 12	Conferences (3:15-7:00 pm)
Nov 23 - 27	Fall Break
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 18	M.L. King, Jr. Day

Feb 11	Conferences (3:15-7:00 pm)
Feb 15	President's Day
Feb 18	Conferences (3:15-7:00 pm)
Mar 25-Apr 1	Spring Break
Mar 25	Good Friday
Mar 27	Easter
May 30	Memorial Day
May 31	Commencement
Jun 1	Last Day of School

***The last day of school, students will dismiss at 1:30 p.m.

175 Student Days (including conferences)
184 Teacher Days (including in-service days)

1st Qtr	Aug 19 - Oct 22	45 days
2nd Qtr	Oct 26 - Jan 14	43 days
3rd Qtr	Jan 19 - Mar 17	41 days
4th Qtr	Mar 21 - Jun 1	44 days

KEY

	Teacher In-service-No School for Students
	No School
	First/Last Day
	Last Day/Qtr



ACADEMICS



Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

- ◆ Our teachers met weekly for Teacher Based Team meetings to learn about, implement, and reflect upon the effectiveness of a variety of research-based instructional strategies.
- ◆ Focus was a health program sponsored by the YMCA of Hamilton and Miami University's Department of Nursing. The goal was to help young women learn about their health and making smart choices. Several of our high school girls attended all four sessions and received a \$50 gift card for the completion of a survey and the program. Kudos to our Counselor Ms. Kohring for arranging this free educational program.
- ◆ A Counselor's Corner was added on the school website. Ms. Kohring posted information for students to learn about scholarships, colleges, careers and military service. Several speakers addressed students during the middle and high school lunches throughout the winter and spring quarters. They included the military branches, colleges and summer career opportunities.
- ◆ Ms. Bailey and Mrs. Krause recognized Black History Month for the Middle and High School students with various events and activities such as morning trivia contests.
- ◆ Lockland Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 5 new candidates into membership: Jaimee Darling, Brian Gaines, Aaliyah Kite, Bella Lilly and Savannah Roberts. Students were eligible by having a high GPA and voted upon by the faculty based on their character, leadership & service. This was a special occasion not only for the 5 new inductees, but also for their parents and the school community. The current members did an outstanding job with the ceremony and made it a memorable event for us all to be proud of.
- ◆ Middle and high school students discussed the benefits of the Ohio Means Jobs website. Students took interest inventories to discover careers, research scholarships, and learn how to budget for their future.
- ◆ Specials teachers provided interventions for sight words in grades K-2 and math facts for students in grades 3-5.
- ◆ Mrs. Large and Ms. Adams provided after school tutoring three days a week for twelve 3rd grade students. Ms. Jackson also met with ELL students for an additional one hour period each week and after school every Wednesday.



ACADEMICS cont.



Our district's academic program provides opportunities for all students to reach their full potential.

- ◆ Fifth graders presented group presentations to their classmates, teachers, parents, and Principal Lord. Students worked cooperatively in groups to research science concepts through books and the internet. They also created posters and wrote speeches where everyone took on a role. Mrs. Gibson designed this cross curricular project to help students achieve the Ohio New Learning Standard for public speaking. Students did an outstanding job!
- ◆ The Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Committee planned two assemblies and organized consistent lesson plans for expectations in community areas. They also worked with teachers to consistently teach classroom expectations. The committee created and displayed school-wide posters for the three common expectations. In addition, they developed a Panther Paw reward system and a store as well as a Secret Spy program to recognize outstanding class behavior in the hallways.
- ◆ Our junior and senior ladies attended a presentation on Teen Dating Violence. Presenters Jen Hall and Maria Newsad from Tri-Health came in to speak on the topic of Understanding Teen Dating Violence.
- ◆ Our seniors went to CitiBank in Florence, Kentucky to spend the day as part of their Future Focus Program. Our students had real-world experiences in the corporate world along with mock job interviews to resume writing. Lunch was provided. There was no cost for our students to attend this great program. Mrs. Krause organized this event and Mr. Heintz helped chaperone.
- ◆ Our first "College Signing" was held in May to recognize our seniors who received Scholarship money. The seniors were Devin Coulter, Alyssa Frisby, Jessica Harper, Terraceuniq Johnson, Desiree Maynard, Trey Playforth, and Andrew Robinson. The total amount of scholarship money awarded to our seniors topped \$300,000.
- ◆ Lockland High School Class of 2015: Valedictorian-Desiree Maynard; Salutatorian-Trey Playforth; Class Officers-Jessica Harper (President), Desiree Maynard (Vice President), Alyssa Frisby (Secretary), Terraceuniq Johnson (Treasurer); Honors Diploma-Alyssa Frisby, Jessica Harper, Terraceuniq Johnson, Desiree Maynard, Trey Playforth, Andrew Robinson.
- ◆ This was the first year of the Panther Star Awards. Each month, twelve students were nominated by staff members in four categories: Citizenship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Work Ethic. Students received a certificate and medal from the superintendent at the beginning of a Board of Education meeting. Ninety-six students were recognized during the



ARTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR



Participation in performing and visual arts inspires students' creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

- ◆ Our very own Lockland Band Students and Director Chad Welage performed the National Anthem for the Shrine Circus at the Bank of Kentucky on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. They did a phenomenal job representing the Lockland School District and community.
- ◆ Mrs. Krause and Mrs. Bailey organized a black history play with our students who performed songs. The entire middle school and high school student body attended with two fifth grade classes. A Black History Read-a-Thon was also held at Lockland Elementary School. Guest readers visited every classroom to read books and relate their personal experiences to Black History.
- ◆ During Cinco De Mayo, the Spanish classes held an event in the middle school gym for elementary students to learn about the Spanish culture. Elementary students participated in games, activities and music led by the Spanish high school students.
- ◆ The annual Lockland Softball Tournament was held on Saturday April 18th. This year's participants were West High, St. Bernard, and New Miami. Coach Schilling and a large crew of volunteers did a fantastic job running the tournament. Our very own Lady Panthers went 3-0 to win first place! In addition to the team success Madison McCumbers and Aubrey Eggleston took home individual awards for throwing accuracy and "road runner" events. Thanks again to everyone who spent a beautiful day at Gardner Park supporting our student athletes.
- ◆ Both the Middle and High School attended a play perform by the Playhouse in the Park group called "Theory of Mind". The play was about a relationship between an autistic teenage boy and a free spirit girl. Two teaching artists conducted workshops in our English classes to prepare our students for the play and what to expect. A big thank you went to the English Department and Mrs. Krause for a job well done.
- ◆ Ms. Gibson organized Field Days for students at Lockland Elementary. Middle school students supervised students in a variety of activities at the stadium. Lunch was provided afterwards for students, teachers, and volunteers.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



A well-rounded education includes a wide variety of opportunities.

- ◆ The Varsity Boys Basketball team and coaches took a break from practice and games to volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries. This was an important event for the team and allowed them to give back to the community and help others, putting service to others as a priority.
- ◆ Anthony Munoz Leadership Team, comprised of LHS student leaders, sold purple arm-bands to raise awareness for drug and alcohol prevention. All proceeds were donated to the Addiction Service Council. They raised \$120.
- ◆ The Lockland Chapter of the National Honor Society hosted a campaign to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, called "Pennies for Patients". All money raised stayed locally to help fund research for the cure of blood cancers. They collected over \$950 for this wonderful cause.
- ◆ Lockland Spirit Club hung signs around school and decorating the Panther Pit this year, Mr. Raby was the new club moderator. They also donated and decorated a small garden area outside the gym door in recognition of the Class of 2015.
- ◆ Middle School started an Anti-Bullying club this year. They met weekly and displayed anti-bullying messages throughout the school.
- ◆ Student Councils of both the middle and high schools did a great job organizing a field day for students. Students participated in games and were given free snow cones.
- ◆ Mr. Thompson took the LHS members of the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) to Cincinnati Country Day School for an exchange program through the Miami Valley Conference (MVC) Athletic Directors group.
- ◆ Former OSU Buckeye, Jimmy Bell, addressed our middle and high school students on the topic of respect.
- ◆ Nationally renown anti-bullying speaker, Keenan West, presented his "Mean Stinks" assembly in January. Students kindergarten through twelfth grade learned about the importance of standing up when students are being treated unkindly.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT



Educational experiences are enhanced by partnerships between the school district and community.

- ◆ Lockland hosted an Honors and Perfect Attendance breakfast to recognize our students for their achievements each quarter. Students and their parents were invited to attend. Certificates were presented by the Principal and Assistant Principal to the students in front of peers and parents.
- ◆ A parade was held in support of the school levy. Several parents, students, staff and board members decorated their cars and participated in this event. There also was a door-to-door mailing where our athletic teams, parents, students, staff, board members and volunteers walked throughout the community distributing packets of levy information.
- ◆ Senior Breakfast and car decorating was held in honor of the Class of 2015. It was well attended by parents, family, staff, and our graduating seniors.
- ◆ Senior Awards ceremony was held in the auditorium. It was attended by parents, staff and board members.
- ◆ Middle School Awards were held in the auditorium. Parents were invited to attend to see their student receive their award.
- ◆ PTO organized several fundraisers throughout the year and were able to purchase new playground equipment, fund field trips for grades kindergarten through fourth, and sponsor May Fair. The PTO hosted Trunk or Treat in October, the Holiday Shop in December, the Spring Fling Family Dance in March, and May Fair in May.
- ◆ The Attendance Committee created and executed a monthly incentive and planned strategies to improve student attendance such as letters to families and clarifying attendance expectations.
- ◆ 160 families attended Fall Conferences in November at the elementary school.
- ◆ Breakfast with Mom and Dad was held on two separate occasions. Over 100 parents were in attendance at each of the events.
- ◆ Parent Information Night took place in September. Parents gained an understanding of what their children would learn, how they can support learning at home, and classroom/school expectations for success.



STUDENT SERVICES



A variety of services provide options to ensure all students receive individualized instruction, enrichment, and support.

- ◆ We offer the following services to our students: Special Education, Gifted, English as Second Language, Head Start Pre-School (through the Hamilton County Educational Service Center), Federal Programs such as Title I
- ◆ We belong to the following support groups: High Schools That Work, Making Middle Grades Work, Greater Cincinnati School Advocacy Network, Hamilton County Educational Service Center, Ohio School Boards Association, Miami Valley Conference, Ohio for Equity and Adequacy

Lockland School District Data

Year-End Enrollment for 2014-15 School Year:	584 students
Racial Balance of District:	Black (47%)
	White (43%)
	Multiracial (6%)
	Hispanic (4%)
Students in Poverty:	82%
Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	98%
Students with a Disability:	18%
Students with Limited English Proficiency:	10%
Students Identified as Gifted	5%
Median Family Income:	\$22,098
Average Family Income:	\$29,937



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP



Financial responsibility ensures that the majority of funding is spent on classroom instruction.

Cost Saving Actions Since 2013

- ◆ Reduction in Force of over ten staff members
- ◆ Rumpke trash collection: Reduced the number of collections
- ◆ Orkin pest control: Reduced the number of visits
- ◆ Contracted our special education and athletic transportation
- ◆ Restructured our copier lease
- ◆ Restructured our telecommunications with Cincinnati Bell
- ◆ Utilized a collaborative for acquiring substitute teachers
- ◆ Secured fixed rate for gas and electric
- ◆ Closing of Arlington Heights Academy building
- ◆ Sold four district-owned vehicles
- ◆ Auctioning/selling the Arlington Heights building (in process)
- ◆ It has been five years since our staff has received an increase on the base salary

Cost Per Pupil

This has saved the district over \$500,000 and our Cost Per Pupil Expenditure has gone from \$12,300 to \$11,302 in one year. We are predicting the Cost Per Pupil will be reduced another \$1,000 to approximately \$10,300 when the figures come out in November.

Financial Statements

<http://www.locklandschools.org/docs/Lockland%20FY15%20Financial%20Statements.pdf>

Five Year Forecast

<http://fyf.oecn.k12.oh.us/genForecast.asp?IRN=44230&Format=HTML>

Performance Audit

<https://audits.ohioauditor.gov/Request.aspx?d=Ek65VGnhXzhwTB0xT9p27A%3d%3d&e=uZV1d7mVntOKORWXRdhTdy2YhHnWMspgqr03sot%2fBLI%3d&p=Guk5P41zyG%2f2KnwUZEj9iw%3d%3d&i=XSZJeB8Vp45bx%2f53yfUbaQ%3d%3d>



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Our Vision

The Lockland Local School District, rich in pride, tradition and opportunities, where our students are engaged in excellent education leading to their future success.

Our Mission

We are dedicated to providing challenging educational experiences that maximize each student's intellectual, social and physical potential to develop responsible citizens and leaders.

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Lockland Elementary School

Dir. of Ed. /Principal: David Bartoe

Asst. Principal: Chris Thompson



Lockland Middle/High School

Principal: Karen Chicketti

Asst. Principal: Chris Kloesz