



**Jeff Abke '96, CFRE, CEFL**  
*Director of Development*  
Jeff Abke '96, CFRE, CEFL, Director of Development for Perrysburg Schools recently earned the Certified Fund Raising Executive

accreditation. Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International, which include tenure in the profession, education and demonstrated fundraising achievement. They have also passed a rigorous written examination testing the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a fundraising executive, and have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights.



**Ethan Jessing**  
*Hull Prairie Intermediate School STEM Teacher*  
Ethan Jessing, Hull Prairie Intermediate School STEM Teacher, was awarded an OSLN STEM Classroom Grant for \$2,500 to fund the

project Super Sunshine Solar Races, which will launch during the 2022-2023 school year. The project will educate students about electrical outputs from renewable sources. Students will design, test and build solar-powered cars to race in an epic conclusion to the unit. They will gain a better understanding of electrical power, exercise their engineering design process and learn more about renewable energy.



**Alana Sigg**  
*Perrysburg High School Counselor*  
Alana Sigg, Perrysburg High School Counselor, was recently named an Emerging Leader by the Ohio School Counselor Association Board.

Only five individuals received this honor. "Alana exhibits strong leadership qualities on a consistent basis. She is a problem-solver - she is driven, transparent, thoughtful, compassionate and truly goes above and beyond for all PHS students and staff members. We are fortunate Alana is a member of our high school team and want to congratulate her on this prestigious accomplishment!" shared Aaron Cookson, Principal.

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# DISTRICT DASHBOARD

## STUDENTS USE STEM TO HELP COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMUNICATE

The opportunity to make change begins before sunrise for eight Perrysburg High School students this school year.

The change is happening with a STEM group through Project Invent — a national organization that empowers students with 21st-century skills to succeed individually and impact globally through innovation. Project Invent also sponsors an institute for teachers during the summer. It is the first year for Project Invent at Perrysburg High School, and all eight students made the team through an application process that began in Spring 2021.

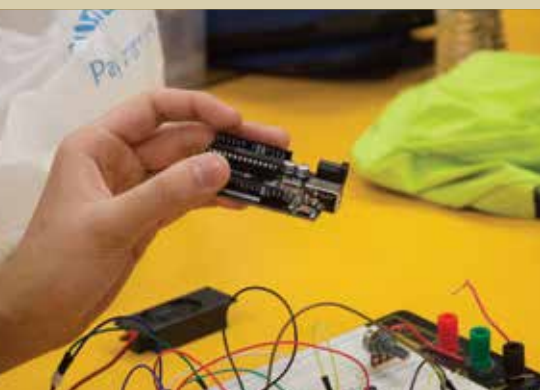
"I want to leave behind something impactful," Kennedy Rowley '22 said.

Rowley, along with Nabeel Arif, Tony Chen, Nabeel Khatri, Julia Koehler, Adam Roberts, Gavin Shine and Jillian Speer are led by Jason Hubbard — a Teacher on Special Assignment in the Department of Teaching & Learning for Perrysburg Schools - who volunteers to lead the team before school.

They meet every Wednesday to work on developing a product that will help Bradley Strong, a resident at Sunshine Communities, who communicates

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*The Voxheart Development Team looks over its Arduino hardware - the "brain" behind the product's operation.*



*Julia Koehler '22 helps the Voxheart Development Team continue in its design of the product.*



*Before school, Mr. Jason Hubbard (far right) meets with the Voxheart team at Perrysburg High School as the group works toward its final presentation.*





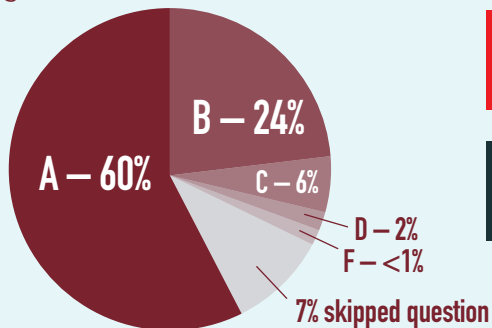
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Respondents of our annual public opinion survey were asked: "Suppose Perrysburg Schools were graded like students in our district. Based on your impressions and experiences, what would you say the district's overall grade should be?"



## FACTS IN A FLASH

Perrysburg Schools has been honored for **16 consecutive years with the Best Communities for Music Education** designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.



According to Niche's 2022 Best Schools, **Perrysburg Schools ranks #21 out of 608 school districts for Best School Districts in Ohio**, which is based upon rigorous analysis of data and reviews.

**All eight Perrysburg Schools won Bronze Awards for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation.**

**Perrysburg High School, Perrysburg Junior High School, and Hull Prairie Intermediate School have earned the Ohio Department of Education's Purple Star designation**, which recognizes the schools' commitment to supporting military-connected students and families.



Class of 2021 earned **\$21.8 million** in scholarship awards

**PHS again named a U.S. News Best High School**

**72%** of our teachers have at least a Master's Degree.

Average Years of Teaching Experience = **12**



## STUDENTS USE STEM TO HELP COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMUNICATE *(continued from page 1)*

non-verbally. The goal is to make it easier for Strong to communicate with his caretakers, as current products available through tablets can at times be too cumbersome and expensive.

Hubbard divided the students into a product development team and a pitch team. The group ultimately presented its product, Voxheart, virtually to Project Invent in April 2022 at Demo Day X.

"Design thinking has helped me understand giving kids real world problems is more than just giving them story problems," Hubbard said "We all remember the story problem of 'When Train A leaves and when Train B leaves, when will they meet?' What you have to do is get beyond the classroom and connect with people's lives."

The product has two buttons and allows someone to answer 'yes' or 'no' to

questions. "Our original prototype was a foot pedal, and we realized that Bradley cannot use his feet," Rowley said. "If we didn't think about asking that question first, we would have developed a product that would have been useless.

*Nabeel Khatri '23, Kennedy Rowley '22 and Nabeel Arif '22 (left to right) record their product pitch for Demo Day X.*

So, we asked a lot of questions to find out and used empathy to find our solution." Rowley's dream is to attend the United States Naval Academy and become a mechanical engineer.





# ATHLETICS

## Fall Sports:

- Boys Cross Country - Placed 3rd at Regionals
- Girls Cross Country - Won the D1 State Championship
- Football - Won first D1 playoff game in school history
- Girls Golf - Sydney Deal finished 20th in the State
- Girls Soccer - Junior Adelle Francis Named an All-American and 1st Team All-State

## Winter Sports:

- Boys Basketball - Senior Kannon Klusmeyer named All-State Special Mention
- Girls Bowling - Qualified for Districts for the first time in school history
- Cheerleading - State Champions for D1 State Game Day and D1 3rd Place
- Gymnastics - Finished 9th in the State
- Swim & Dive - Owen Recker finished in 2nd place at the D1 State Diving Championship
- Wrestling - Finished as D1 State Runner-Up with 3 individual State Champions



*The Board of Education recognizes the girls cross country team.*



*The Board of Education recognizes the boys wrestling team.*

## ESports

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Super Smash Brothers Ultimate ESports teams at Perrysburg High School both became State Champions in ESports Ohio this Fall Season! The teams' matches are streamed at [perrysburgschoolsfoundation.org/psf-tv](http://perrysburgschoolsfoundation.org/psf-tv).



# FAST FACTS

## Food For Thought

Woodland Elementary School Student Council recently conducted a drive to support Food For Thought, an organization in Toledo that helps feed people experiencing homelessness. The students collected 1,050 pounds in donated food items!



**\$64 Million**

General Fund Budget

**5,600**

Preschool-12th Grade Students

**1,830**

Miles driven by our buses each day - equivalent to going to Jacksonville, FL and back!

**663**

Employees

**8 schools**

1 Preschool (located in Maumee), 4 Elementary (K-4), 1 Intermediate (5-6), 1 Junior High (7-8) and 1 High School (9-12)

# FAST FINANCE FACTS

## Levy History (Last 30 years)

22 Levies presented to voters with 15 passed and 7 failed

## Levy History (recent)

2019 Passed operational levy  
2020 Passed permanent improvement levy  
*Thank You, Voters!*

## Debt Mills - Retiring Debt

2024 - 2.0 mills retiring  
2042 - 1.6 mills retiring

## Levy Future

2024 - Operational Levy Expires (Board will determine replacement, renewal or expiration)  
2025 - PI Levy Expires (Board will determine replacement, renewal or expiration)  
20?? - Bond Issue (Board will determine, with consideration of the recommendation by the Facility Master Planning Committee by January 2023, if there is a need to ask voters to approve a bond issue to address facility needs.)

## Staffing History - New Positions by Category

2019-2020 School Year  
13.8 new employees (13.3 teachers, 0 classified/exempt staff and 0.5 administrators)

2020-2021 School Year  
8.5 new employees (6.5 teachers, 2 classified/exempt staff and 0 administrators)

2021-2022 School Year  
19.5 new employees\* (7.5 teachers, 4 classified/exempt staff and 1 administrator) \* Recovery Plan — Federal Funds also added 7 employees: Social Worker, English Language Arts Instructional Coach, Math Instructional Coach, 6 Intervention Tutors

## Expenditure Per Pupil

Year	Perrysburg Schools	State Average	Difference
2017	\$10,545.96	\$11,603.12	-\$1,057.16
2018	\$11,577.68	\$11,953.14	-\$375.46
2019	\$11,238.95	\$12,474.40	-\$1,235.45
2020	\$11,139.48	\$12,691.85	-\$1,552.37
2021	\$12,047.42	\$13,386.70	-\$1,339.28

Source: Ohio Department of Education District Profile (Cupp) Report

72% of funds are spent on classroom instruction, according to the Ohio Department of Education. Perrysburg ranks 19 out of 42 in comparison to other school districts of similar size, according to ODE. A rank of 1 indicates the highest percent spent on classroom instruction.

**Perrysburg Schools, considered a high wealth school district by the state, receives 25% of our funding from the state compared to the state average of 43%.**

Source of Funds	District	State Total
Local	\$46,681,320 • 67.1%	\$10,445,025,000 • 41.3%
State	\$17,208,816 • 24.7%	\$10,766,602,000 • 42.5%
Federal	\$3,024,233 • 4.3%	\$2,390,865,000 • 9.4%
Other	\$2,699,521 • 3.9%	\$1,703,394,600 • 6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,613,890 • 100%</b>	<b>\$25,305,886,600 • 100.0%</b>

Source: Ohio Department of Education

A pay-to-participate program has been in place for extracurricular activities since 2011.

**Over \$6.1 million has been donated to our school district** since the establishment of our Development Department in Fall 2013.

**Since 2011, our school district has grown by 17% or 800 students.** To put this in perspective, Hull Prairie Intermediate School currently serves approximately 800 students.

A Facility Master Planning Committee, composed of 60+ community members plus school employees, had a kickoff meeting in February. Their goal is presenting a unified recommended facility plan to the Board of Education by January 2023. They began with an overview of the school district and tours of the school district's facilities.



School Year	Student Headcount
2011	4,800
2012	4,854
2013	4,934
2014	4,947
2015	5,029
2016	5,129
2017	5,213
2018	5,470
2019	5,564
2020	5,539
2021	5,600



## PHS Select Strings Performs at Midwest Clinic International Band & Orchestra Conference

On December 15, 2021 Perrysburg High School Select Strings performed at the 75th Annual Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago. Select Strings, under the direction of Michael Smith, was one of only five high school string orchestras to perform at this prestigious event.



*Pictured are members of the PHS Select Strings and guest conductors (L-R) Dr. Soo Han, Director of Orchestras at George Mason University; Ryan Smith, Assistant Orchestra Director from Highland High School and PHS Alumnus; Michael Smith, PHS Select Strings Orchestra Director; Abigail Miles, PHS Assistant Orchestra Director and HPI Orchestra Director and Brian Balmages, Composer and Conductor.*

## Three PJHS Students Qualify For State Science Fair



*(L to R) Mr. Corbin Brangham - 7th Grade Science Teacher, AJ Benko, Avnish Shenge, Krisha Raichura, Maanya Parikh, Ria Khatri and Gauri Anil*

Perrysburg Junior High School's Local Science Day in February marked the school's first year of preparing for and presenting in competitive science fairs. Students worked on their projects since September and completed the entire scientific process, including background research, experimentation, analysis and presentation. All PJHS students were invited to participate. They chose their topics based on their own interests.

At Local Science Day, students' projects were rated by judges as Satisfactory, Good, Excellent or Superior. AJ Benko, Maanya Parikh and Krisha Raichura earned a ranking of Excellent. Gauri Anil, Ria Khatri and Avnish Shenge earned a rating of Superior, which came with an invitation to compete at the District 2 Science Day held by The University of Toledo. All three students received Superior ratings at UT District Science Day and are invited to represent PJHS at the State Science Day in May.

## Facility Dog joins Perrysburg High School

Meet Taft, our first full time Facility Dog at Perrysburg High School! Taft will be spending a trial period at PHS with the potential to be placed "FUR-EVER." Bringing Taft to PHS was made possible through private gifts including the support of Perrysburg Schools Foundation. The Facility Dog program at Perrysburg High School first began in 2019.

Facility Dogs are specially trained to provide physical, social, cognitive and/or emotional assistance to individuals in schools/classrooms as well as in other public settings, according to Circle Tail, the nonprofit organization that trained and placed Taft at PHS.

These dogs have gone through at least a year of specialty training and have the capacity to assist and participate in the school system to help support students.



*(L to R) Taft's host when he is not at school: John Henline, Health and Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Athletic Director, and Taft's handlers when he is at school: Alana Sigg, Counselor; Sadie Browne, Intervention Specialist; and Janice Ray, Dean of Students.*



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## Retiring School Board Member Gretchen Downs Honored

All members of our school community were invited to a public open house honoring retiring Perrysburg Board of Education Member Gretchen Downs in December. Mrs. Downs retired after 20 years of commendable leadership on the Board of Education. Thank you for your exemplary service to the students of Perrysburg and our community, Mrs. Downs!



*Superintendent  
Tom Hosler  
with Gretchen  
Downs*

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