



The Midview Schools

E-NEWSLETTER

June 2008...

Welcome to the *Midview E-Newsletter!* This summer we have made some changes in the e-newsletter format to allow this communication to be visible through more e-mail providers. Yes, it's not as pretty, but if we can provide better access to open, honest communication to more people in the district, then we're going to do everything it takes. Thanks for your input and patience as we've worked to improve this format! *Now, on to the news...*

Community Input Informs Board as They Face Difficult District Decisions

After voters defeated a 2.5 mill permanent improvement levy in March, the Midview School Board contracted Burges and Burges Strategists to conduct surveys that examine community attitudes to determine why this issue failed, as well as provide insight into voters' general attitudes towards the schools.

Midview currently has the LOWEST per pupil instructional costs in Lorain County. The Board is turning to community input to decide what to do next: go back to the ballot in November, or cut more than one million dollars from the budget, including laying off teachers and staff and cutting programs—moves which would have a negative impact on student learning. [Learn more....](#)

Board and Community Set Goals for 2009

On Saturday, May 10, twenty-five volunteers from the Midview community and staff volunteered their time to help the Midview Board set and achieve goals for the 2008-2009 school year. This process began in 2006 as a way to help rebuild trust through regular "coffee talk" meetings, in which the community was encouraged to share their questions and concerns face-to-face with the new Board.

Since that time, the process has grown into annual Long Range Planning sessions in which the Board—with community input—sets goals to build upon the district's strengths and focus on needs. The goals set for this year are:

Goal #1: The Board will establish trust through open and honest communication;
Goal #2: Develop and communicate instructional, operational and financial plans;
Goal #3: The Board will review, modify and finalize the Master Building Plan, and
Goal #4: The Board will encourage the development of our students' compassion, honesty, integrity and respect within a stable learning environment.

Goal committees will meet over the summer to establish action steps, and report back in August. **If you would like to be involved on a Long Range Planning Committee, [click here...](#)**

Congratulations 2008 Midview Graduates!

Congratulations to the 278 Seniors who represent the 52nd graduating class of Midview High School. The class of 2008 was awarded over \$1,439,773 in scholarships and grants. Class Valedictorian was Lauren Gauvreau, and Salutatorian was Theresa Hutka. Nearly 83% are

seeking post-secondary education all across the nation, including the United States Armed Forces, Lorain County Community College, University of Akron, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Bowling Green State University, Heidelberg College, Hiram College, Loyola University of Chicago, Miami University, Oberlin College, Ohio University, University of Tennessee, and University of Toledo. [Click Here to view the online photo gallery..](#)

MHS and MMS Students Help Elementary Teachers with Restructuring Moves

On the last day of the school year, students at the middle school and high school pitched in to help our elementary school teachers with some heavy lifting as the district prepares for a reorganization at the elementary school buildings.

Next year East Elementary School will become an intermediate school hosting all 5th and 6th graders. North and West Elementary Schools will become “primary” buildings, hosting students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. With a deficit budget on the horizon, we are doing all we can to save money while still doing what is best for students. [Learn more...](#)

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