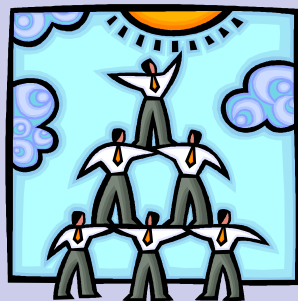


Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from
the Midview Local Schools

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Midview Board of Education Goals for 2006



Since the start of 2006, the Midview Board of Education has taken on an increasingly active role in getting to know the Midview community as part of an engagement process to better serve the district. With the help of community organizations, parents, and Midview staff members, the Board has participated in more than a dozen small "Coffee Talk" sessions with groups of 10-15 community members at a time throughout the district.

During these Coffees, Board Members have had the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain the roles and responsibilities of the Board (these are now posted on the Midview website for you to view). Then, they did the most important thing: they sat back and listened to the community. At the end of each session the Board Members then took away 3-5 goals that the group would like the Board to concentrate on for the rest of the year.

Armed with this information, the Midview Board and Administration met on March 11th to begin a Strategic Goal-Setting Process, facilitated by the Public Services Institute at Lorain County Community College. The Long Term Planning Committee, consisting of the Board, district administration and building principals, reviewed the information gathered from the community and set three goals to be accomplished this year. Committees were then formed to develop action steps and timelines for achieving these goals. These plans were then fine-tuned when they came together again on April 1st at the Board of Education office. The Board approved the following at the April Board Meeting:

In pursuit of academic excellence we will:

- Goal #1: Establish and maintain trust through open and honest communication
- Goal #2: Develop and communicate strategic plans
- Goal #3: Improve, expand, and communicate fiscal stewardship

The Midview Board of Education appreciates your valuable input during this process. We will provide reports on their progress throughout the year as together we are **Expecting More, Achieving More!**

Midview Makes Huge Strides!

The results are not yet official, but as of this publication Midview appears to have made a big leap on the Ohio Report Card. In the next few weeks we will be finalizing exact numbers to confirm a significant gain from "Continuous Improvement" to "**Effective.**"

We will keep you updated as we finalize these numbers, in particular regarding the exact number of statewide assessments indicators which factor largely in a district's ranking. More detailed, official results will be released by the Ohio Department of Education in August. Until then, thank a teacher and congratulate a student.

Midview's on the move!

Retiring Staff Members

Congratulations to the district's retirees who were recognized at the May Board of Education meeting. These individuals include Sandy Dupakoski, Clarence Barber, Donna Caponi, Vic Prosak, Nevin Rasor, Chuck Reimer, Rick Rymers, Jeanne Davis, Gregg Gilder, Ann Spice, and Debbie Wiersum.

College Alliance

We want to give our seniors the best preparation to be successful at the college level. 49% of students who go to college never graduate. Next year, students at Midview High School can earn both high school and college credit. For high school credit, students will have the opportunity to earn an "H" with a weight of 5 points. There is **no fee** because these courses fall under PSEO, Option B – government paid, **earning both high school and college credit.** This keeps our students on our campus so they can enjoy their senior year and continue to participate in extra curricular activities.

Through our alliance with the University of Findlay, students can take Calculus I for 4 semester hours of college credit and Environmental Science for 3 semester hours. Students must apply and be accepted into the program by the university. A 3.2 cumulative GPA and teacher recommendation are required. Our alliance with Oberlin College affords students the opportunity to take American History for 4 semester hours of college credit.

Midview is continuing its association with Lorain County Community College so that students can earn 9 semester hours of college credit in AP English or 6 semester hours of college credit in English IVA. This experience will prepare students for the rigors of college while still enjoying the assistance that high school staff offer to their students.

Summer School Opportunities

Midview's Online Summer School programs provide excellent opportunities for middle school and high school students to get back on track academically by recovering lost credit to graduate on time.

Midview is offering these summer school opportunities in response to parental requests for a more convenient location and opportunity to take middle school and high school classes in the summer. Courses:



High School

English I-IV
Algebra I
Geometry
Integrated Science
Biology
Global Issues
U.S. History
Senior Social Studies
Physical Education

Middle School

English/Reading 7
Math 7
English/Reading 8
Math 8

How does it work? This program is an alternative to traditional instruction. Midview students have the opportunity to take two classes that they may have failed the previous year. Students will work on individual subjects using e-learning online software. Courses are self-directed online lessons taken at their school's LRC and computer lab. Two sessions will be held daily from June 12th until July 3rd.

Session 1: 8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. **Session 2:** 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Students may earn 2 credits by attending both sessions, or 1 credit by attending one session. Along with the daily commitment at school, students are also expected to complete 1.5 hours of work outside of class each day per session. Teachers will be available to assist students as they complete their online lessons and assignments. For more information or to register, visit Midview's website at www.MidviewK12.org or contact your student's school. Middle School: 748-2122 High School: 748-2124

Visit Midview's Website for News You Can Use

Midview's website is www.midviewk12.org. This website will provide you with the opportunity to see the successes happening daily in our classrooms, as well as District Information, Staff Contacts, Board of Education meeting agendas and minutes, District Calendar, Lunch Menus, and more. **Right now, you can also sign up to receive E-News**, which delivers important information via e-mail to your home or work account. This is just one more way we're working to keep you connected to what's happening in the Midview Local School District!



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