



Midview Messenger

Quarterly News from
the Midview Local Schools

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Midview Improves Test Scores By 100%



District Rates as "Effective"

The Midview Local School District is pleased to announce 100 percent improvement on Ohio's Local Report Card in the 2005-2006 school year, placing the district in the "Effective" category. Midview met 22/25 indicators, with a performance index of 97.8 percent. This is a large leap in improvement over the 2004-2005 school year in which the district met 11/23 indicators on the Local Report Card, previously placing the district in the "Continuous Improvement" category.

Superintendent Howard Dulmage attributes this achievement to the district's team approach. "Every person in the district had a role in improving our scores," Dulmage said. "From our bus drivers and cooks, to our teachers, intervention tutors and parents, we stayed focused on one thing: student learning. And it worked."

Midview's largest gains on the Local Report Card were realized in the areas of Reading and Mathematics, reflecting the additional resources, professional development, and intervention initiatives of the district last year. Dr. Cathy Pugh, Midview's Director of Curriculum, emphasized the district's three-tiered approach. "Student learning is a priority at Midview," she explained. "Our first level of intervention is good teaching in the classroom. Level two is supporting solid programming, such as Saxon Math and Guided Reading. At Level three we apply an intensive intervention program in which our teachers and intervention specialists work individually with our students to help them achieve."

In addition to Midview's leap in scores on the test, Midview High School once again was rated "Excellent" meeting 11/12 indicators on the Ohio Graduation Test.

For more information, and to view Midview's Local Report Card, please visit the district website at www.MidviewK12.org.

Midview's on the move!

Spotlight on the Midview Board of Education Summer Activities



Midview is on the move! The Board of Education is setting goals, evaluating progress, seeking input from the community, and creating an inviting and caring environment for students, staff and the community we serve.

In April 2006 the Board adopted a plan to build upon the district's strengths and focus on needs. The plan is periodically reviewed to ensure goals and performance indicators are being met. The process emphasizes teamwork, commitment to excellence, and a celebration of achievement, which is reflected in the district's vision and mission statements.

This summer, the Board progressed in several areas in their pursuit of academic excellence:

Goal #1: Establish and maintain trust through open and honest communication

- Hosted two Community Coffees and one Fellowship Coffee with previous board members in an effort to gain additional knowledge about district concerns, needs, and areas of strength

Goal #2: Develop and communicate strategic plans

- Hired Superintendent Howard Dulmage for a two-year term
- Eliminated the Business Manager position and transferred those duties to the superintendent
- Began the Board's education process regarding the original Master Building plan to understand all of the available options through Ohio School Facility Commission funding

Goal #3: Improve, expand, and communicate fiscal stewardship.

- Sold Grafton Elementary and East Carlisle Elementary.
- Rented Brush Elementary to the Positive Education Program

The Midview Board of Education meets at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month in West Elementary. For more information about the Board of Education, including biographies and contact information,

FINANCE CORNER

In Midview's efforts to improve, expand, and communicate fiscal stewardship in the district, the Treasurer's Office would like to make you aware of the following updates. Below please find the schedule in which the following budget reports will be available on Midview's website for community viewing:

August—Permanent Improvement financing
September—Permanent Appropriations
October—Midview's 5-Year Budget Forecast

In addition, Midview is in the process of developing a community finance committee which will meet quarterly. The purpose of the committee is to increase awareness and knowledge about school finance. Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (440) 926-3785 if you are interested in joining this committee.

Movie Gallery Collects School Supplies

Thank you to the Movie Gallery on Main Street for collecting school supplies to benefit Midview's students. These supplies will be divided evenly amongst Midview's elementary buildings to help students in need at the beginning of the school year. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Linda Clifford at the Movie Gallery in Grafton at 926-3060.



Please Note: School Starts August 29th, please watch for children and drive safely!

What's New at Midview?

This year, Midview will introduce several exciting new developments to support our students, parents, and staff members. These include:

- Significant improvement on the Local Report Card, doubling Midview's score to rank the district as "Effective"
- **Summer Writer's Workshop** training for staff members
- Entering third year of the **Balanced Literacy Initiative** at the elementary schools
- Completion of **Book Rooms** at the elementary schools with leveled reading material
- New interactive **Math textbooks** for grades 7-12
- New interactive **Science textbooks** for grades K-12
- Increased **Professional Development** with the addition of three new waiver days to focus on curriculum alignment and the integration of technology in the classroom
- Training for Midview's **Literacy Coaches**
- Introduction of **Neo Smart Mobile Labs** to teach keyboarding at the elementary schools and middle school
- Addition of 18 **Smart Boards** for Math and Science teachers
- Hiring of Bob Maver as Midview's new **Athletic Director**
- **Lunch Box**, an automated lunch payment system, will be piloted at the middle school and high school
- Thirteen **new staff members** will join the Midview team this year, replacing retired staff members

For more information on these initiatives and other new developments throughout the year, please keep posted to the Rural Urban Record and visit the district website at www.MidviewK12.org.

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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. In addition, **you can also sign up on the website to receive E-News**, an e-newsletter which delivers important information via e-mail directly to your home or work account each month. This is just one more way we're working to keep you connected to what's happening in the Midview Local School District!