



# A Message from Your Superintendent



### Dear Resident:

With each new year, great things continue to happen in our West Clermont schools. We are grateful for each success and, by no means, take even one of these for granted. After all, it was only a few short years ago that our district saw tough economic times. Through it all, we are emerging today into what is a new West Clermont.

Raising the level of academics remains central to all that we do.

Within these pages, you will see that the hard work of our students and staff is paying off. Already, on the most recent state tests, we are seeing students' scores increase tremendously. In several cases, there has been a double digit increase from the previous year.

Ensuring up-to-date school buildings is critically important as we work to ensure our teachers have the tools they need to deliver high quality instruction each and every day. We are proud that we have been able to provide our communities with new and renovated schools – without having to ask residents for additional financial support. This has been due to our strong partnership with both Union Township and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.

In order to assure each of our students can reach their full potential, we know we must:

- employ high quality personnel to lead, teach, guide and support our students,
- remove barriers for all students so that they can focus on learning and growing,
- increase the academic rigor in our classrooms at all grade levels and in all subject areas,
- increase opportunities so that all students have a pathway to the college or career of their choice,
- provide students and staff with the tools they need to be successful in the classroom and beyond, and,
- prepare students for their future, not our past.

By focusing on these big picture goals, we are confident that our students will be well prepared for life after graduation from West Clermont High School.

West Clermont has much to be proud of as we enter the 2017-18 school year. We hope you will share in the excitement and support our efforts as continue to build Cincinnati's District of Choice.

Sincerely,

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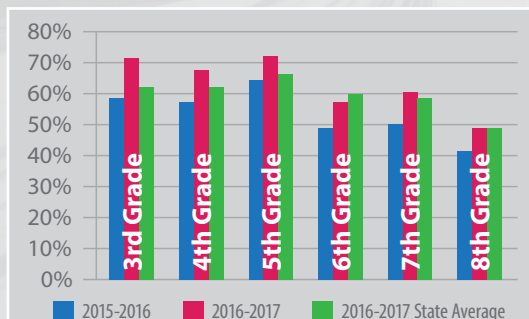


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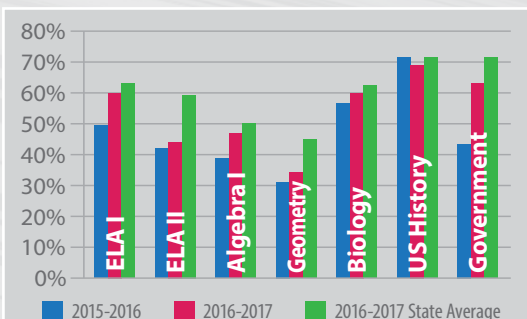
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## Academic Performance is on the Rise

While state tests change each year, what remains constant in West Clermont is our drive to constantly improve the academic achievement of our students. Over the last several years, we have realigned our curriculum and provided our teachers more of what is needed to assure our students have a high quality educational experience.



**Reading** is the foundation of education. At every level, our reading scores show marked improvement.



**High School Scores** are near the state average but remain a definite area of improvement and focus for our students and staff.

As changes to the State's assessment program becomes more stable and our staff and students become more familiar with standards and what is expected, our students' performance will continue to rise. There is still much work to do here but we are headed the right direction due to the hard work of our students, teachers, parents and community.



## Promoting a Courageous Culture Matters

Data is clear: If schools provide a solid, productive culture students and schools will be successful. Our students will reach their potential because they attend schools that are safe and secure, receive high quality teaching and learning and because we are working toward a barrier-free environment.



### Providing What Today's Students Need

Today's students compete in a competitive local and global marketplace. Making sure they are ready for their future means providing what they need today.

- The new high school includes state-of-the-art equipment and technology, additional security features, and a wider range of opportunities for our young people to explore. This will help our students as they prepare to enter college, the workforce or military service.
- The Amelia Middle/High School Campus was renovated and students will dive into more rigorous academics, explore additional career paths, and develop personal skills that will help them choose their path through high school and life after graduation.

## Removing Barriers to Learning

West Clermont is on a mission to help our students and their families remove the barriers that keep students from excelling in the classroom. As a result, we are working with local organizations and agencies throughout Clermont County to make sure students can attend school and focus on learning.

- A new Student Health Center will officially open in January of 2018 and will serve students' medical, dental, vision and mental health needs.
- We are working with our staff and community to understand poverty and eliminate the impact it has on the learning and growth of our students.
- We will continue, as we have in previous years, to collaborate with organizations throughout the district assist those in need with our annual food drives, Blessing Boxes, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Adopt-a-Family activities.



## Changing the Way We Deliver Education

Today's students will enter one of the most dynamic and fast-changing workforces ever. In order to assure our students are ready to face the world, we are committed to providing students the support they need to chart their future, help students become life-long learners, and give them skills that allow them to be responsible and productive citizens.



### College and Career Readiness for Every Student

In order to prepare our students for their future, we realize we need to double our efforts around college and career programming. West Clermont has always had opportunities for students to explore possible careers and find the appropriate pathway to reach their goals.

In 2017-18, we are partnering with local businesses and higher education institutions to provide more exposure to, and experience with, various college and career options. At the high school, we have added additional counseling support focused on career paths for students.

We are also committed to working with the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to open the doors to internships, mentoring opportunities and exploratory programs which give our students hands-on experiences in possible career areas.

## Access to Technology for Every Student

Technology is today's textbook. It is the key to learning and to their future. As the 2017-18 school year opens, we will see a dramatic increase in student and teacher use of technology. We have been able to provide these additional resources through redistributing existing equipment and the purchase of additional devices through our construction projects so that there is zero additional cost to students or residents.

### At West Clermont High School:

- A Chromebook cart is located in every English, Math, Science and Social Studies classroom.
- All classrooms have interactive SMART projectors to enhance teaching and learning.

### At West Clermont Middle School:

- Each student was issued a Chromebook at the start of the 2017-18 school year. This will allow students to work at school and from home to do research, assignments and collaborate with classmates.
- Middle School classrooms are equipped with interactive SMART Boards to bring teaching and learning to life.

### At Our Elementary Schools:

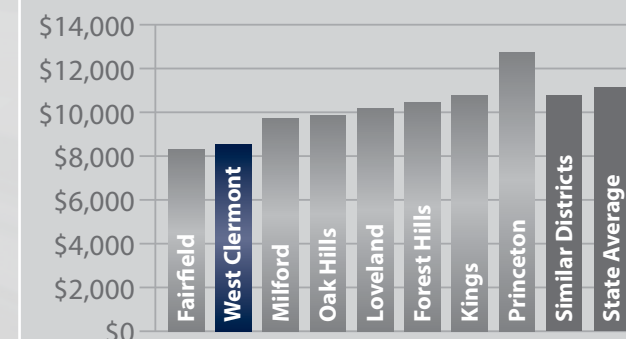
- We have significantly increased the number of devices in our elementary buildings so that students have easy access whenever technology is essential to accelerate learning.
- All elementary schools are equipped with SMART Boards to enhance student engagement and advance learning.



## Operating in a Lean Manner

West Clermont continues to operate in a very efficient manner. We are frugal with our tax dollars and residents benefit from our strong community partnerships with other local governments and entities such as Union Township, University of Cincinnati Clermont Campus, the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce and many others.

- West Clermont has a very low cost per pupil. We spend 30.6% less than the state average of Ohio schools and 25.4% less than our state similar districts.
- A large share of our revenue comes from the state. Our schools receive less from local resident taxes than many other school systems.
- We have been able to construct new buildings and renovate existing ones at zero additional cost to residents due to a TIF donation from Union Township and by accessing dollars from the state's Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.



**Per Pupil Expenditure.** We spend less per pupil than the state average and less than other area school districts.