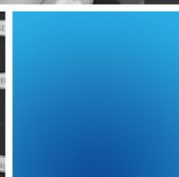
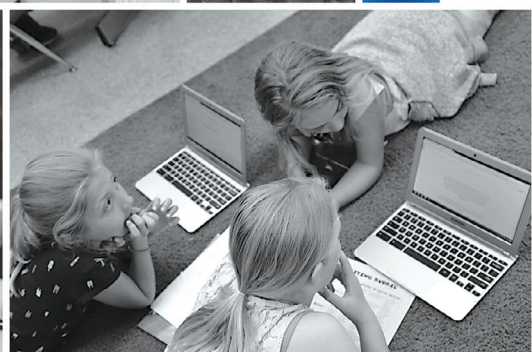
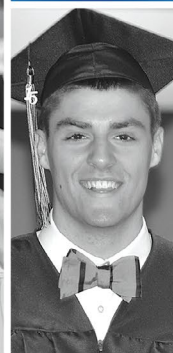
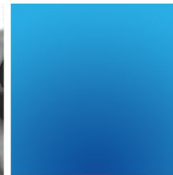


Sylvania Schools Community Report 2015



We educate students to make a difference.

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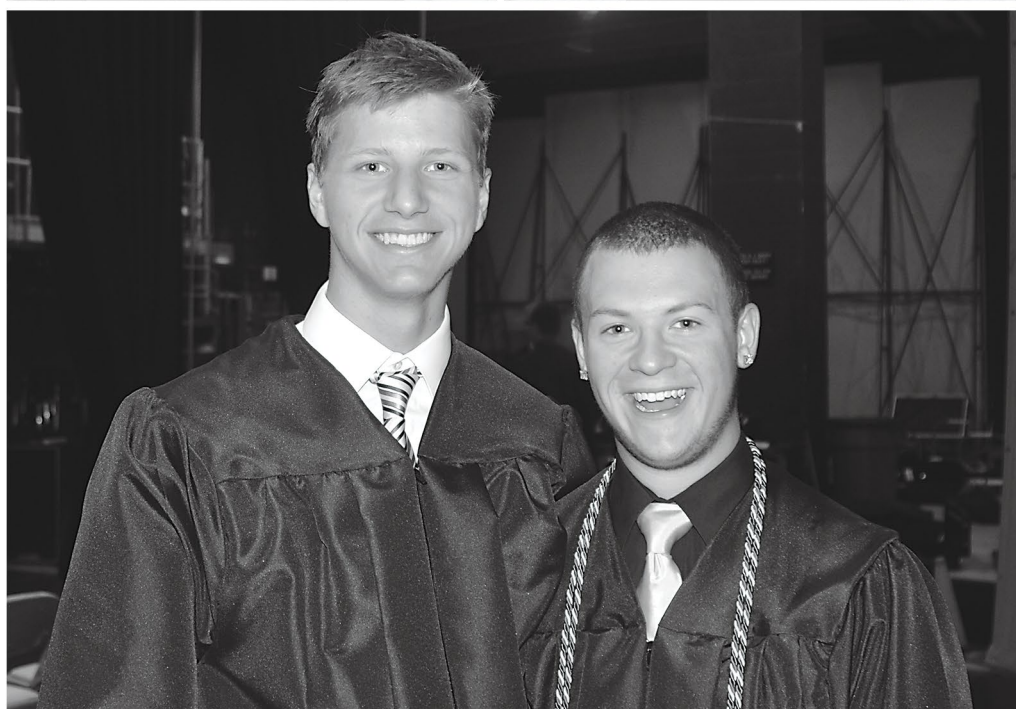
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Superintendent's Message



At the opening day staff meeting, the “Together as One” theme presented to approximately 850 staff members discussed the individual roles we perform daily for kids, but more importantly emphasized the strength of our collective efforts in educating each of our students. Teachers, support staff, parent volunteers and administrators strive to create meaningful learning experiences throughout a student’s day from the moment they walk out of the house to the moment they leave school.

The same “Together as One” message or concept can be applied to the Sylvania area. Sylvania is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. There are many reasons for this – ranging from dependable city and township services, noteworthy recreation programs and assistance for all ages, first class health care institutions and an esteemed university – to a public school system with an exceptional reputation.

“Together as One” each organization helps to define Sylvania as the premier community in Northwest Ohio. The inter-related nature fundamental to this concept is the substantial collective strength the groups bring to the local area. The ability of each group to rely on and support each other, particularly in times of need, has been a longstanding hallmark of Sylvania.

Sylvania Schools are a reflection of the broader Sylvania community and perform an integral role in attracting and retaining families and businesses. Sylvania Schools also plays a vital role in the local economy. We are the second largest employer in the Sylvania area where over 50% of our employees have chosen to live.

As we look to the future, Sylvania Schools will continually strive to look at ways to improve as an organization as well as to be forward-thinking when it comes to:

- Concentrating on what is best for our students
- Focusing on the essential interaction in the delivery of instruction between student and teacher
- Addressing long-term needs and objectives through the strategic planning process
- Continuing to identify operational efficiencies to optimize resource allocation

Sylvania Schools has a distinguished history and will work diligently to maintain and exceed these expectations as we prepare all of our students to be dynamic and compassionate members of the Sylvania community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott D. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott D. Nelson,
Superintendent



Teaching and Learning:

Top priorities as we transform our classrooms into successful 21st Century Learning Environments!

91%

of the class of 2015
are pursuing post-secondary
education opportunities



In today's educational world, change is taking place at rapid speed. We are preparing students to be ready for the 21st century by instilling the attributes of creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and powerful collaboration in and out of the classroom.

With the ultimate goal of preparing students for success in college and ready with the skills needed to fulfill lifelong careers, our learning standards, along with the increased use of technology will better prepare our students for the challenges they need to be successful. With these challenges come changes in instruction. Training for our educators will remain a priority as we work to better meet the needs of all students. The continued implementation of new instructional materials and the Google platform will provide noticeable changes this year across all grades and ability levels.

Our teachers will continue to design and implement more rigorous technology-based lessons for students with more hands-on, performance-based learning experiences.

Sylvania Schools strives to live our mission of "educating students to make a difference." We want to make sure that every child is ready to enter the 21st century world with the skills they need to be successful, but most importantly, we want to ensure that they have the best overall experience and leave Sylvania Schools with a lifelong love for learning!

2015 Educators of the Year

The District celebrated its 18th year of honoring teachers, administrators, support personnel and volunteers through the Educator of the Year Program. Congratulations to Gail Masse, Occupational Therapist at Stranahan Elementary as the Sylvania Schools Teacher of the Year. Gail will represent Sylvania Schools in the Ohio Teacher of the Year Program. She is honored along with colleagues Alyssa Bauer, Stranahan Kindergarten; Kathleen Theiss, McCord Intervention Specialist; and Amy Schoegl, Northview English. Karen Hehl, formerly Timberstone Assistant Principal was named the Administrator of the Year. She is now principal at Central Trail.



Support personnel honored are Mark Birr, Hill View Custodian and Lucinda Wright, Maplewood Cafeteria Coordinator. Volunteers of the Year include: Kate Fineske, past president of the Sylvania Schools Parent Organization and Highland parent; and Dan LaRue, grandparent and volunteer at Maplewood.

Left to right: Lucinda Wright, Mark Birr, Karen Hehl, Alyssa Bauer, Kathleen Theiss, Amy Schoegl and Gail Masse
Not pictured - Kate Fineske and Dan LaRue

We've gone mobile: Sylvania Schools App

Now parents, students and the community can have school information at their fingertips 24/7 with the push of a button on their phones. The Sylvania Schools app will provide timely information on events, student progress, maps, lunch menus and more.

The app is available free for either Apple or android phones through Apple Apps or Google Apps. Simply look for Sylvania Schools in the app stores, download the app and follow the simple launch directions to set up the school or schools that you want to follow – or access everything through the District. The app can also be accessed by using the QR Code below.

The app will provide notification of closings, delays and other important announcements. It will also provide the District with an additional safety component through a tip line allowing anonymous reporting of bullying and other safety issues. Download the app and get all of your school and District news in one place at your fingertips.



Administration: New Faces

With the close of the 2014-2015 school year, 42 administrators, teachers and support personnel retired with over 1,000 years of service to the District. Thank you to each of them for their commitment to the students and to excellence in the Sylvania Schools. They will be missed.

We are pleased to welcome their replacements this fall. Changes in the administrative team include:

- **Scott Nelson**, Superintendent
- **Jane Spurgeon**, Assistant Superintendent
- **Keith Limes**, Human Resources
- **Karen Hehl**, Central Trail Elementary Principal
- **John Duwve**, Maplewood Elementary Principal
- **Amanda Ogren**, McCord Junior High Principal
- **Susan Felver**, McCord Junior High Assistant Principal
- **Chris Fahim**, Northview High School Assistant Principal
- **Stan Joplin**, Southview High School Assistant Principal
- **Libby McIlwain**, Southview High School Assistant Principal
- **Jim Huss**, Southview High School Athletic Director
- **Juliane Gault**, Sylvan Elementary Principal
- **David Malolepszy**, Timberstone Junior High Assistant Principal

Chet Trail, Diversity Specialist, and Alex Clarkson, Digital Instruction Specialist have taken on new responsibilities at the District level to benefit students. These changes and the hiring of 47 teachers will add to the knowledge, expertise and energy of the Sylvania Schools team.

High School Honors and Achievements

■ Valedictorians:

Manasa Geeta Gondy Rao - Northview
Eric Zhu - Southview

■ Salutatorians:

Emily Lu - Northview
Shaleen Goel - Southview

Academic Recognitions:

- Three National Merit Scholars and seven commended students
- 73 students earned over 4.0
- 134 Honor Roll students
- 140 Ohio Diploma with Honors
- 115 President's Award of Excellence
- 10 Jefferson Youth Leadership Awards
- Over 300 students took 25 AP courses
- Over 50% graduated with college credits
- Eight perfect scores on portions of ACT
- \$13 million in scholarships – including military and athletic – awarded to the class of 2015
- 91% of our graduates will attend post-secondary schools including:
 - Bangkok University
 - Bowling Green State University
 - Case Western Reserve University
 - Clemson University
 - Duke University
 - Lourdes University
 - University of Michigan
 - Northwestern University
 - University of Notre Dame
 - The Ohio State University
 - Owens Community College
 - Purdue University
 - University of Toledo
 - Xavier University
 - Yale University



Over 50%

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graduated with college credits
earned through AP courses



73

members of the class of 2015
earned over 4.0
grade point averages



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High School Honors and Achievements (continued)

National and State Championships:

■ State honors in:

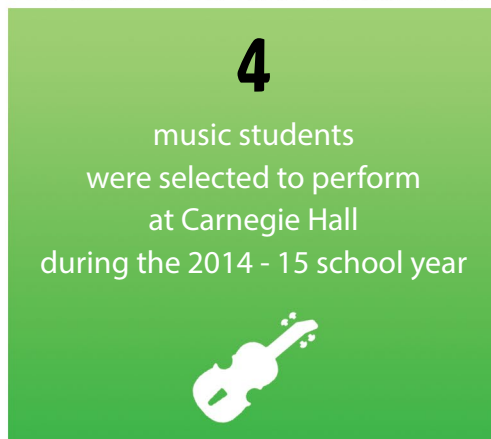
- Speech & Debate
- Science Olympiad
- Science Day & Symposium
- Junior Science & Humanities
- Americanism/Government Tests
- Law Day
- FAA Nursery
- FCCLA Early Childhood
- All-Ohio Thespian Awards
- Governor's Art Show Honorees
- Superior Ratings for Choirs, Bands and Orchestras
- All-State Orchestra
- All-State Choir
- All-State Band
- OMEA Music

■ National honors in:

- Rocketry (finalists)
- Carnegie Hall (four students)
- Mock Trial
- Med Tech
- Business Tech
- Agri-Business

■ Athletics – All-State Teams, 2nd Team and Honorable Mentions:

- Cougarettes, Northview Dance Team (Runners Up)
- Cross Country and Track
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo



Service to the Community:

- Over 30,000 hours of service and more than \$100,000 donated to local/national organizations

Junior High School Achievements



\$35,000+

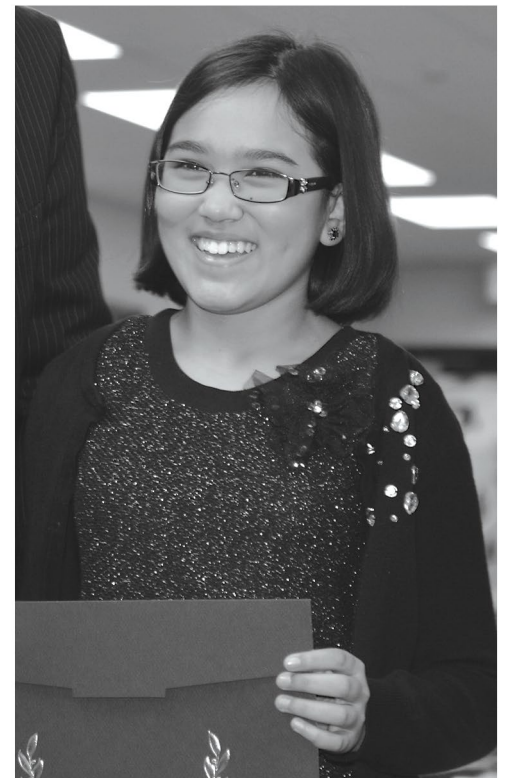
collected for
philanthropic
organizations by
District junior high
students during
the 2014 - 15
school year



- Presidential Achievement Award
- Power of the Pen (District and State)
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Olympiad
- Robotics/First Lego League (State)
- Perfect Score on NUMATS test
- Basketball, Archie Griffen Sportsmanship Awards (3)
- Cross Country

Service to the Community:

- Students collected more than \$35,000 for Food Bank, SCAT, American Red Cross, Make-A-Wish and other organizations



8

perfect scores
on portions of
the ACT Test

Elementary School Achievements

- Art Awards (State)
- Robotics/First Lego League (State)
- Chess Tournament

Service to the Community:

- Students collected over \$20,000 for Girls on the Run, American Red Cross, Make-A-Wish and other organizations

Teachers Awards

- Americanism Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding World Languages Teacher of the Year
- Blade Basketball Coach of the Year
- NW Ohio Art Educator of the Year
- State Thespian Educator of the Year



1st Place

in the state Robotics
and Lego League
awarded to District
elementary and junior high
students



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Students recognized
as National Merit Scholars/
Commended Students

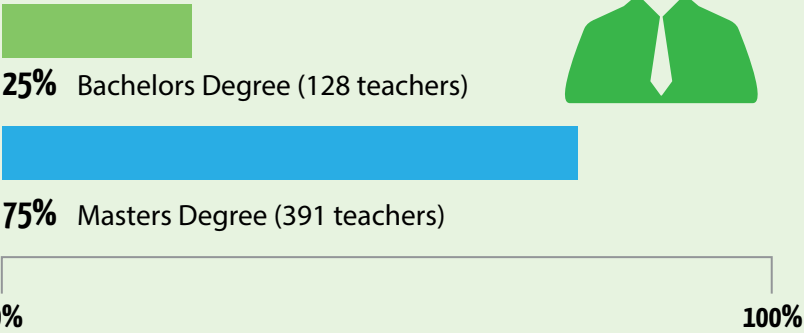


District Statistics 2014 - 15

Teachers & Staff

- 519** Teachers
- \$63,249** Teachers' Average Salary
- 14** Teachers' Average Years of Experience
- 36** Administrators
- 318** Classified Staff

Teachers' Education Level



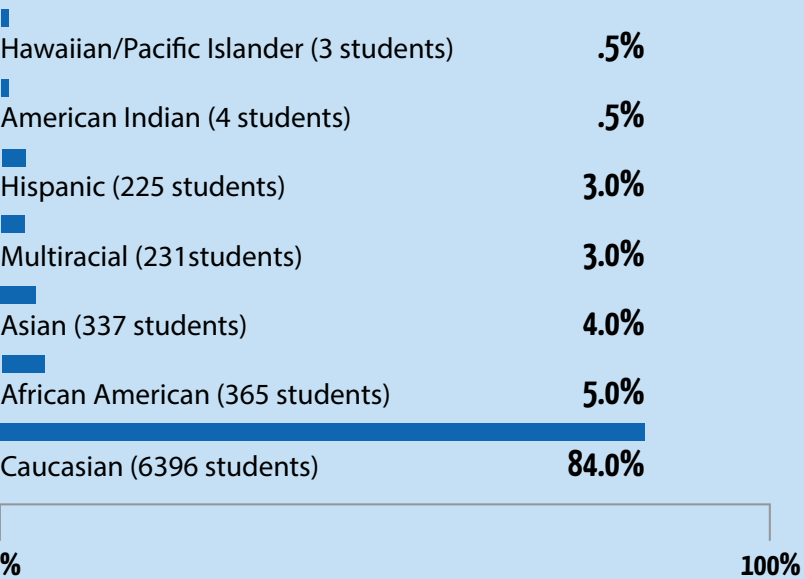
Students

- 7561** Student Enrollment
(Based on October Count Week)

- 23.7** Average Class Size



Student Body Ethnic Composition

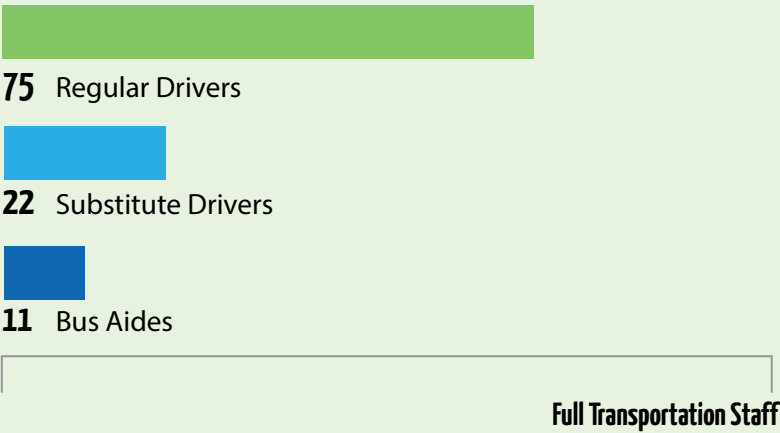


Transportation

- 99** Buses in Fleet
- 78** Buses Used Daily
- 12** Years – Average Bus Age
- 34** Schools Served
- 4,204** Students Served
- 793,620** Miles Driven per Year
- 55,113** Trip/Athletic Miles Driven per Year



Transportation Staff



Foundations Enhance Schools

The Sylvania School District boasts two foundations that support the schools through academics and athletics.

The Athletic Foundation will hold its 8th annual Athletic Hall of Fame honoring the following alumni:

Southview

- Kari Barcus Phillips, '95
- Jennifer Nance Williams, '97
- Lauren Rose Kucic, '94

Northview

- Ben Tombaugh, '87
- Andy Kreinbrink, '98
- Tom Snowberger, '82

Sylvania

- Jim Raszka, '72
- Terry Raszka, '66

Burnham

- 1942 Golf Team

They will also honor coaches Ron Primeau and Ralph Kreidel (posthumously). These alumni and their families will be honored at the Northview/ Southview Football Game on October 30 and at a special luncheon at Sylvania Country Club on October 31. For more information and reservations, go to www.supportsylvaniaathletics.com.

The Academic Excellence Foundation (AEF) enhances the technology and curriculum in the classroom. AEF also provides scholarships to graduating seniors and hosts the Academic Hall of Fame each spring. This year the Foundation will celebrate its 25th Hall of Fame. Nominations are now being accepted. Applications are available on the District website: www.sylvaniaaef.org or call 419-824-8553.



Financials 2014-2015

State Funding

The State of Ohio is operating under a new two-year budget. The net effect of the funding changes represents a 0.6% increase in overall District revenue. It has been reported that Sylvania Schools is receiving an increase of 7.5% each year. In reality, this increase is mostly offset by the elimination of tangible personal property reimbursement funds.

Local Funding

Lucas County is experiencing a reappraisal of all property in 2015. This increase in property value provides no additional revenue on voted millage for the District because of the tax reduction factors from the existing H.B. 920 legislation enacted in 1976.

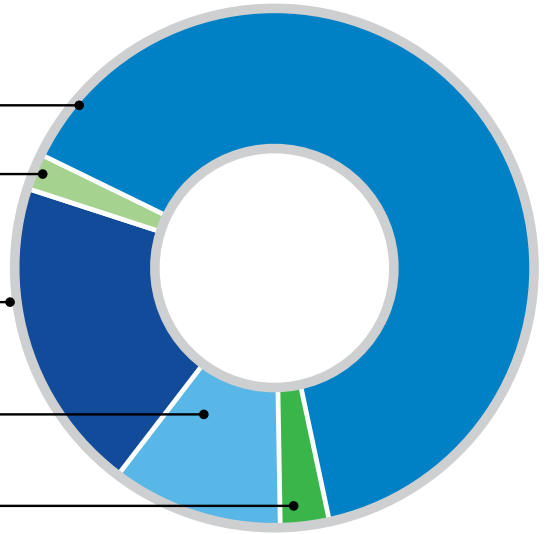
What this means to the Sylvania community is that the District continues to operate with static funding levels.

Bond Refunding

In April 2015, Sylvania Schools sold bonds to refinance the outstanding debt originally issued in 2009. This process is similar to a homeowner who refinances their mortgage. We took advantage of lower interest rates, reducing the average interest rate of the debt from 5.08% to an average of 3.62%. This interest saving provides relief to the taxpayers, but has no impact on the District's operating budget.

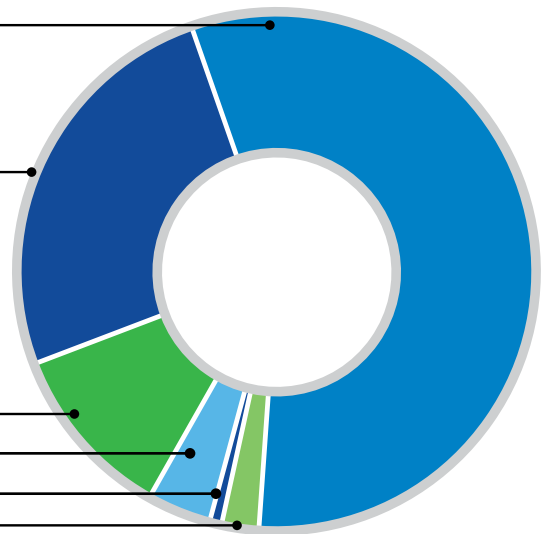
Revenues

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|--|---------------------|----------------|
| Real Estate Taxes | \$52,480,431 | 64.54% |
| Tangible Personal Property Tax | \$1,672,032 | 2.06% |
| State Funds - Both Restricted and Unrestricted | \$15,925,028 | 19.58% |
| Property Tax Allocation | \$8,716,514 | 10.72% |
| Other Revenues | \$2,519,723 | 3.10% |
| Total Revenues | \$81,313,728 | 100.00% |



Expenses

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Wages | \$46,077,473 | 56.48% |
| Benefits | \$20,768,812 | 25.46% |
| Purchased Services | \$9,386,912 | 11.51% |
| Supplies and Materials | \$3,253,701 | 3.99% |
| Capital Outlay | \$18,769 | 0.02% |
| Other Expenses | \$2,071,682 | 2.54% |
| Total Expenses | \$81,577,349 | 100.00% |



Summary Information

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$4,315,234 |
| Revenues | \$81,313,728 |
| Expenses | \$81,577,349 |
| Ending Balance | \$4,051,613 |
| Reserve for Encumbrances | \$508,203 |

As CFO/Treasurer for the Sylvania Schools, Laura Sauber has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) every year of her five years of employment with the District.

The Government Financial Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presents the award to governmental agencies including school districts for their financial reporting and transparency in presenting budgets. ***The District has won this prestigious award every year since 1994.*** The Ohio House of Representatives also recognized Laura and the Treasurer's office staff for "financial diligence and fiscal responsibility" on behalf of Sylvania Schools.

Board of Education Meetings

The Sylvania Board of Education meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The first session is a work session in which issues are heard and discussed. The second meeting is a traditional board meeting.

Work Session

The Bradley J. Rieger Administration Building
Zimpfer Conference Room
4747 N. Holland Sylvania Road
5:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Southview High School
Media Center
7225 Sylvania Avenue
7:00 p.m.

These meetings are open to the general public and community members are encouraged to come, voice opinions, ask questions and obtain current information vital to the school district and the children of Sylvania. Agendas for the meeting are available prior to the meeting on the District webpage: www.sylvaniaschools.org and notes from previous Board Meetings are also available on the website following the meetings. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Left to right, back: Stephen Rothschild, Jim Nusbaum and Dave Spiess
front: Julie Hoffman and Vicki Donovan Lyle

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Karma Vince, Math teacher,
was honored with the
Presidential Award
for Excellence
in Mathematics
& Science Teaching



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The following elected officials represent the Township and City of Sylvania. View the entire directory of area legislators at toledochamber.com.

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The Administration Offices were renamed The Bradley J. Rieger Administration Building in honor of the service and leadership that Brad Rieger provided the District during his 12 years as Superintendent of the Sylvania Schools. The Board of Education officially renamed the building on July 27, 2015.

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Kindergarten Information Nights

Parents of students that will be five years of age before August 1, 2016 are invited to attend a Kindergarten Information Night to meet the teachers and learn about the kindergarten program. The information nights will begin promptly at 7:00 pm at each school on the dates listed below. *

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| ■ Central Trail | Tuesday, January 26 |
| ■ Highland | Wednesday, January 27 |
| ■ Hill View | Thursday, January 28 |
| ■ Maplewood | Monday, February 1 |
| ■ Stranahan | Tuesday, February 2 |
| ■ Sylvan | Wednesday, February 3 |
| ■ Whiteford | Thursday, February 4 |

* If weather closes schools, the information night will be rescheduled for the week of February 8.

8th Grade Information Nights

Parents and 8th grade students are invited to attend open houses at 7 pm:

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| ■ Southview | Thursday, November 5 |
| ■ Northview | Tuesday, November 10 |

We've gone smoke-free.

The policy includes students, staff, parents and visitors. All are asked to refrain from smoking tobacco or using tobacco products on all of the 12 school campuses including fields, stadiums, parking lots, the Support Services Facility and the Bradley J. Rieger Administration Building.



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