

LOGAN ELM LOCAL SCHOOLS THE BRAVE REPORT

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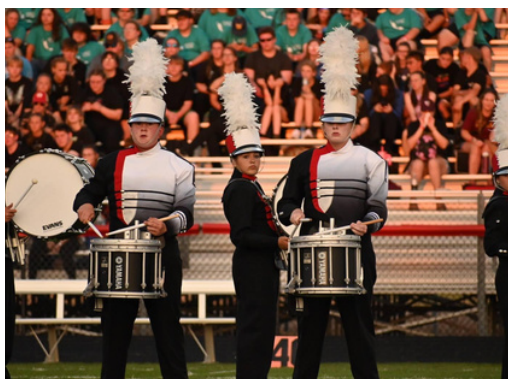
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REPORT FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Logan Elm Schools
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As we embark on the second semester, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire Logan Elm Local School District community for your unwavering support. Your generosity has been instrumental in providing our students with an exceptional learning environment. This incredible building fosters academic growth, social development, and the cultivation of good citizenship and productive members of society.

This past summer, the District embarked on a strategic planning initiative to continue our journey of excellence. We were incredibly encouraged by the overwhelming participation of nearly five hundred community members who completed our online survey. This valuable input guided our planning meetings and shaped our next steps. Four key areas emerged as focal points for the strategic planning committee: student achievement, financial and operational efficiency, student and staff well-being, and communications. In collaboration with the Board of Education, my dedicated staff will diligently work to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses these critical areas and drives continued growth for our district.

Throughout this newsletter, you will have the opportunity to celebrate our academic successes, witness inspiring student-led initiatives, and gain valuable insights into the district's financial health. We hope this information provides you with a glimpse into our daily operations and the remarkable work happening within our schools.



I am delighted to introduce Brooke Devolld, Logan Elm's inaugural Communications Director. The results of our community survey highlighted the need for this crucial role, and we are thrilled to welcome Brooke to our team. We envision her leadership in communication to effectively address important areas identified in our survey.

I hope each of you has a safe winter and I am looking forward to an early Spring! Go Braves!

-Tim Williams, Superintendent

IMPORTANT DATES

February

17- No School
21- Interims Sent Home
27- PK-2 Parent Teacher Conferences

March

6- 3rd-5th Parent Teacher Conferences
21- No School (Teacher Professional Day)
28- Grade Cards Sent Home

April

1-17 - Elementary Reading State Testing
18-21 - Spring Break
25- Interims Sent Home



2024 Ohio School Report Card

Overall 4/5 Star Rating for Logan Elm Local School District.

“The report card reflects the collective efforts of our administration, staff, and students. Last year marked a significant transition as we consolidated our PK-12 operations into a new facility. We anticipated that this move would facilitate academic growth through increased collaboration and resource sharing. While the results indicate positive progress, we recognize that there is still room for improvement. I am grateful for the continued support of our community, which has enabled us to provide our students with a high-quality educational experience.”

TIM WILLIAMS
Superintendent



Ohio School Report Cards offer an extensive summary of progress for schools within the state.

Last year was the first year for the overall 5-star rating scale. We are excited to learn that this year we earned a 4, which exceeds state standards.

Specific areas we excelled in:

Progress ★★★★★

The district earned a 4 star in progress. This section reviews how much growth students are making each year.

Graduation ★★★★★

The district earned a 4 star in the Graduation Component.

Gap Closing ★★★★★

The Elementary school, specifically, earned a 5 star rating in the Gap Closing Component, which is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups. This rating significantly exceeds the state standards.



REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

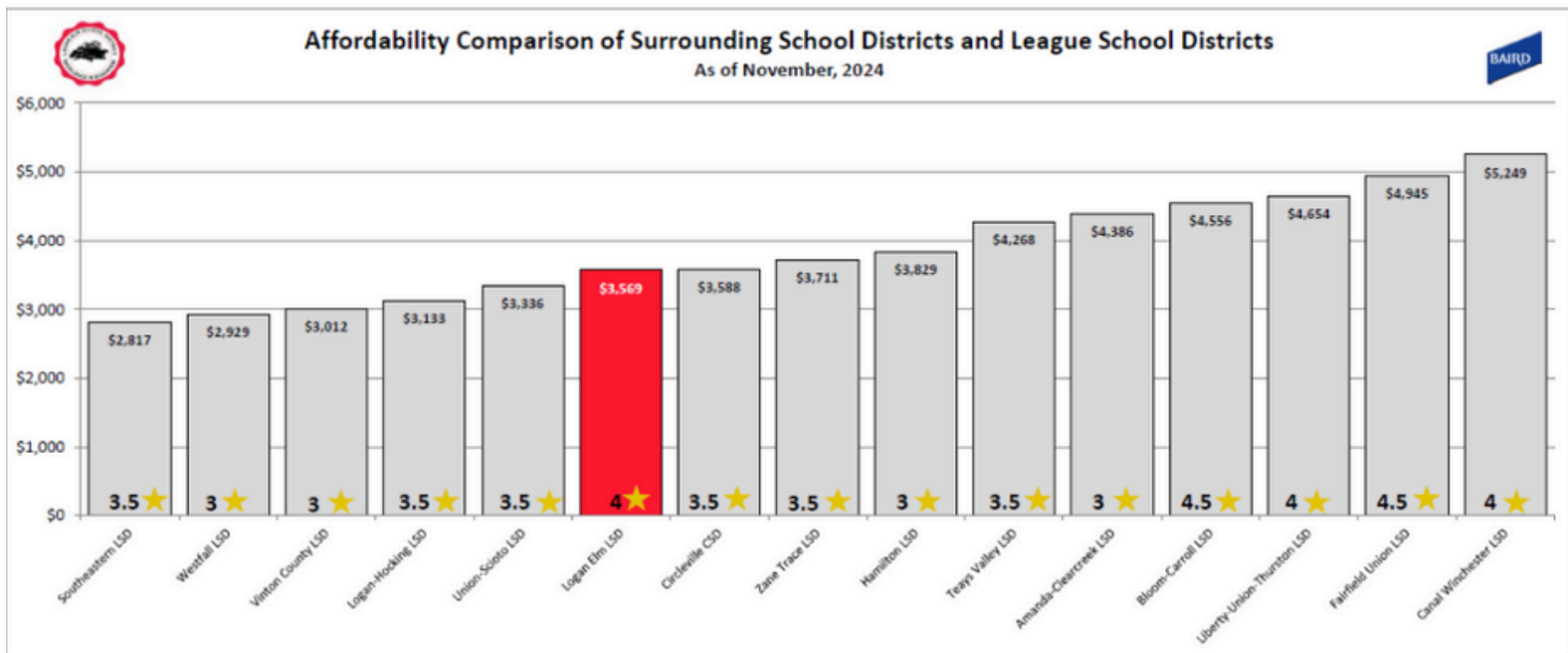


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At their December meeting, the Logan Elm Board of Education acted to place two renewal levies on the May 6, 2025 ballot. **These renewal levies are not new taxes, and would not increase taxes.** They would simply maintain the tax rates that district residents have been paying for years to support our schools.

The first levy is an emergency property tax levy that generates \$812,000 in annual operating revenue. For a \$200,000 home, this costs the owner \$94 per year. The second levy is a 1% earned income tax paid by residents. An earned income tax only applies to employee compensation (wages, salaries, tips) and self-employment income. It does not tax retirement and investment income.

Both levies fund day-to-day operating expenses, so the need for them continues. According to the Board of Education's financial forecast, **the district will run out of funds by 2029 if these levies are not renewed.** Significant cuts would be made to avoid a deficit, eliminating essential services for students.



* Assumes a median home value of \$210,200 and earned taxable income of \$85,797 which are the District's 2022 median values.

* Figures include all property and income taxes paid from living in the respective school district. Inclusive of all other appropriate municipal taxes. Does not include city income tax or county sales tax.

The chart above compares Logan Elm's annual taxes and Ohio School Report Card rating to neighboring school districts. This comparison highlights Logan Elm's above average results for below average taxes.

LOGAN ELM 2024-2025 Projects

Logan Elm Local School District is excited to update the public on current projects aimed at improving our facilities.



FIELDS PROJECT

As part of a multi-phase development, the district is currently constructing new middle school baseball and softball fields, which are set to open in the spring of 2025. These fields will provide much-needed practice and game space for student-athletes, offering the middle school baseball team a dedicated facility on campus for both practices and games, eliminating the need to use off-campus venues. In addition to the sports fields, improvements will also be made to the band practice area, enhancing the environment to better accommodate the needs of the Logan Elm Marching Band of Pride and support the growth of their award-winning program. The new fields will feature an irrigation system for optimal field conditions and a removable outfield fence, ensuring cost-effective, reliable playing surfaces for the student-athletes.

GREENHOUSE PROJECT-

Logan Elm is in the process of constructing a new 24x48 foot greenhouse on campus. This facility will serve as a hands-on learning environment for our Agriculture students, allowing them to study the growth of various vegetables and plants. Students will also have the opportunity to sell these plants within the local community. The greenhouse foundation is currently being established with concrete, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of February 2025.



ROOFING PROJECT-

During the summer, Damschroder Roofing and Logan Elm collaborated to enhance campus facilities. They installed new insulation and a PVC roof membrane on the McDowell building, improving the condition of its 25-year-old roof. Currently, McDowell serves as a space for offices, athletics, and auxiliary programs. In the future, it could also accommodate classrooms if the district experiences increased enrollment.



Logan Elm Elementary Recycles



As part of Logan Elm's ongoing efforts to promote sustainability, our Elementary School has a new recycling initiative, which was developed by students. This student-driven plan aims to encourage responsible waste management and foster a culture of recycling within our school community.

Partners in Promoting Recycling-PRHF Solid Waste has been an invaluable partner in helping to manage and promote the recycling program. They provide resources to Logan Elm, and even had their mascot, Rossco the Raccoon, come visit 5th graders.

This new recycling initiative is just the beginning of a larger commitment to sustainability at Logan Elm Schools. We are so proud of the collaborative efforts that are helping to build a more environmentally conscious generation.



Student Plan-

Every Wednesday and Friday, teachers will place recycling bins outside their classrooms. During 5th grade lunch, from 11:40 AM to 12:10 PM, 5th grade students will collect these recyclables and deposit them into a rolling can.

STUDENT PROBLEM-SOLVING-

Students are actively problem-solving by sharing their concerns on the whiteboard. Students write down what went well and what needs improvement.

STAFF PLAN-

Staff members Lyndi Ross, Susan Love, and Empress Bethel led the development of the program. With the support of the Logan Elm Education Foundation (LEEF), a professional development session was held in August, which gave the team the tools and resources needed to design a plan. During this session, Mrs. Ross suggested an inspiring connection to the United Nations' Global Goal #12—"Responsible Consumption and Production." This idea was a perfect way to highlight the global impact of responsible recycling.



LOGAN ELM HAS EMBRACED THE PHRASE "BE A BRAVE" AS A CORNERSTONE OF ITS POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS (PBIS) PROGRAM.

TEACHING POSITIVE BEHAVIORS AT LOGAN ELM

This initiative, which has been in place for nearly a decade here at Logan Elm, is designed to encourage positive behaviors among students.

The phrase "be a brave" serves as a reminder to students of the values they should embody in their daily actions. Each school within the district has interpreted the meaning of "be a brave" in its own unique way.



The Brave Store

Students are given "Brave Bucks" for positive behaviors, which can be used in many different ways throughout the school, including the Brave Store. This store has snacks and merchandise for students to choose from as a reward for their positive behaviors.

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To "be a brave" means to treat everyone with respect, to be responsible, and to be involved in our school.

-Logan Elm Middle School Student



The Core Values of "Be A Brave"

- B**e prepared- Students are encouraged to come ready to learn, on time, with necessary materials to be successful in class.
- R**espect everyone- This value teaches students the importance of mutual respect, regardless of differences.
- A**ct responsibly- This encourages students to meet the expectations set for them and take ownership of their actions.
- V**alue property- Students care for school property, including keeping their Chromebooks safe and charged and maintaining a clean school.
- E**ncourage others- Students learn to cheer on their peers, teachers, and community.



Christmas at Logan Elm



LOGAN ELM MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SEND LETTERS TO LOCAL NURSING HOMES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

In an effort to spread holiday cheer, students at Logan Elm created colorful notes and letters to send to Logan Elm Healthcare, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center that has been serving Pickaway County for over 40 years. This activity was one of many crafting projects taking place in the media center this holiday season, organized by Mr. Southworth and funded by the Logan Elm Education Foundation.

LOGAN ELM COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL HOLIDAY HELPER PROGRAM

Each year, Logan Elm coordinates a Holiday Helper Program to support families in need. This program provides food and gifts to families who have either reached out for assistance or have been identified by others as needing extra help. This year, we were able to serve approximately 90 students.

The program is made possible through the generosity of our community, including staff members, school programs (such as FFA, Industrial Arts, and the Student Union), local 4-H groups, community churches, local agencies, law enforcement, and families. Together, we work to bring hope to our students and families during the holiday season.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone in the community for their unwavering support of this important program.