



April 3, 2024

Dear Anthony Wayne Stakeholders,

With spring break now behind us, we have less than 40 days left in the 2023-24 school year. This year is passing very quickly, and with the very busy months of April and May ahead, the last day of school will be here before we know it.

Just like the current weather, this year has brought some rainy days and the forecast for the fall is a bit uncertain. But we know that spring sunshine is coming and that as we enter the last weeks of school, there will be many opportunities to celebrate all of the achievements and accomplishments of our staff and students. The number of awards and honors our Generals are earning is truly remarkable.

As we enter the final stretch, I encourage all of our staff, students, families and community members to continue giving your best effort every day. Let's maintain our focus, enthusiasm, and positivity to ensure that we finish the year strong.

Remember, each and every one of us has an impact on our students' education today and their success in the future. Let's rally together, support one another, and make these last few weeks memorable and impactful for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Fritz, *Superintendent*

Anthony Wayne Local Schools

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### **Paint the Town Purple for Our Military-Connected Students**

[April is the Month of the Military Child](#) and AWLS is proud that each of its schools is designated as a Purple Star School by the state of Ohio for supporting military-connected students and families. You are encouraged to show your support by helping us paint the town purple during the month of April. We will also recognize our military-connected students at the April 15 Board of Education meeting.

### **No School for Solar Eclipse: April 8**

There will be no school for students on Monday, April 8 due to the Total Solar Eclipse. This decision was made under advisement from local law enforcement and emergency management officials who expect an influx of visitors to NW Ohio. [We have prepared an informational webpage to help families prepare for viewing and the expected crowds.](#)

### **Financial Recovery Plan Work Session: April 8**

The AWLS Board of Education will hold a work session at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 8 to discuss the implementation of the District's Financial Recovery Plan following the failure of the proposed operational levy. The work session will be held at the Central Administrative Office. More information about pay-to-participate, transportation, personnel reductions and other details will be shared in the coming weeks.

### **Spring Testing is Coming Soon: April 9 - 25**

While some absences cannot be avoided, please avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during the spring Ohio State Testing window this month. Testing dates can be found on [the testing calendar](#).

### **Board of Education Meeting Location Change: April 15**

Due to the recognition of our military-connected students and a presentation from the AW Bands, the April 15 Board of Education meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the AWHS Gymnasium.

### **April Events**

*[Please refer to the District Events Calendar for a full list of events.](#)*

Monday, April 8	<a href="#">CLOSED: Solar Eclipse</a>
April 9 - 25	<a href="#">Spring Testing</a>
Monday, April 15	<a href="#">Board of Education Meeting: AWHS Gymnasium</a>
April 15 - 19	<a href="#">Military Student Week</a>
April 18-20	AWHS Presents: <a href="#">Mamma Mia!</a>

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### **March Highlights & Headlines**

AWLS News: [AWJH students earn honors in regional writing contest](#)  
AWLS News: [FCCLA students bring home gold medals from regional competition](#)  
AWLS News: [Career Talks help students plan for their futures](#)  
AWLS News: [FTMS students explore ancient civilizations and world geography](#)  
AWLS News: [FTMS featured as a building spotlight by the Ohio Middle Level Association](#)  
AWLS News: [AWHS Esports team takes third place at regionals](#)  
AWLS News: [Ten AW-Penta students advance to international competition](#)  
AWLS News: [Two Fallen Timbers Middle School students recognized at Breakfast of Champions](#)  
AWLS News: [Waterville Primary Celebrates World Down Syndrome Day](#)  
AWLS News: [Anthony Wayne-Penta FFA holds Chapter Degree Ceremony](#)  
AWLS News: [FTMS 6th graders learn cultural, historical significance of henna](#)  
AWLS VIDEO: [Purple Star Generals Host the Ohio MIC3 Council](#)

13abc: [What to expect for school levies on March 19 ballot](#)

BCSN: [Massillon Jackson stuns Anthony Wayne in regional semifinals](#)

BCSN: [First half shutout propels St. Francis past Anthony Wayne](#)

The Blade: [Perrysburg, Anthony Wayne gymnastics compete at state meet](#)

The Blade: [Anthony Wayne romps past Findlay in D-1 district final](#)

The Blade: [Big Board Friday Basketball Week 12: Wapakoneta vs. Anthony Wayne](#)

The Blade: [All-district girls basketball: Bender, Gerken, Braden take top honors](#)

The Blade: [Anthony Wayne, Fremont Ross stumble in girls basketball regional finals](#)

The Blade: [Simulated stock trading drives emotional roller coaster](#)

The Blade: [Meet Marcus Waugh, the World's Strongest Firefighter with a passion for serving others](#)

The Blade: [Anthony Wayne, Liberty-Benton pick up preseason top-10 high school baseball rankings](#)

The Blade: [Ottawa Hills Schools levy wins, Anthony Wayne and Perrysburg lose](#)

The Blade: Toledo-area players to watch in 2024: [Baseball](#) and [Softball](#)

The Blade: [2024 NLL Buckeye baseball preview: Anthony Wayne the title favorite](#)

The Blade: [Anthony Wayne's Bender earns first team All-Ohio basketball honors](#)

The Blade: [2024 NLL Buckeye softball preview: Anthony Wayne favored to win division title](#)

The Courier: [Anthony Wayne cools off Findlay in district final](#)

The Mirror: [AW Ski/Snowboard Club wraps up successful season](#)

The Mirror: [Jobs fair draws students, community members to AWHHS](#)

The Mirror: [A day off for students brings lessons for AW teachers](#)

Toledo City Paper: [Art Calendar April 2024](#)

WTOL: [Anthony Wayne coach teaching next generation of sports officials](#)