

# Excellence Inclusion Innovation



## **Three Rivers Elementary**

746 Students  
95 Staff



## **Taylor Middle School**

617 Students  
74 Staff



## **Taylor High School**

654 Students  
65 Staff





*"In a world of turmoil and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to make our families the center of our lives and the top of our priorities."*

- L. Tom Perry



Dr. Mark Ault, Ed. D.

## Message from Superintendent

While there are times when it seems the whole world is in turmoil, it is comforting and reassuring to see our school community embracing a return to normalcy and focusing on what is most important for our students. We have been intentional in promoting a growth mindset for our students and for our school district. Our belief that we can always find ways to improve is ingrained in our daily work and is captured in our district's long-term strategic plan. Our administrative team, our staff, and our school board members have been busy this last year reflecting on our areas of strength as well as on our areas for improvement. We are committed to ensuring our students have ample opportunity for academic success as well as opportunities to engage in a wide variety of leadership and learning activities.

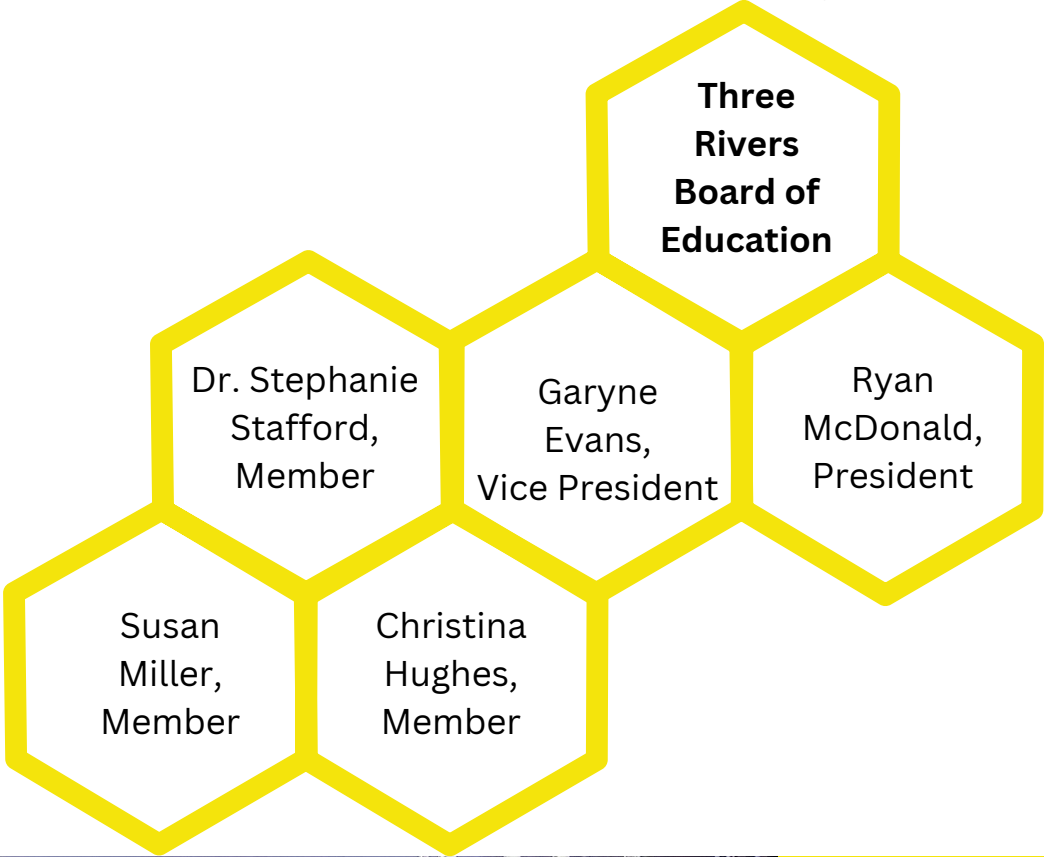
We are proud of our Three Rivers Educational Campus (TREC), yet the ten-year anniversary of TREC reminded us that it was time to revisit our capital improvement plan so that we are adequately maintaining our beautiful facility. With the assistance and input from our School Board and administrative team, we recently developed a 5 -year capital improvement plan to address upcoming maintenance needs.

During that process, we also identified other areas that will need to be addressed to continue to improve our capital investment. We have begun to focus on finding effective ways to address the need to increase quality instructional space on our campus. Programs such as our College & Career Academy as well as our partnership with Best Point Behavioral Health to provide social and emotional support to our students and families were educationally sound reasons for expanding into spaces that were not originally designed to be classrooms or offices. Additionally, the importance of maintaining a school safety team, securing adequate technology personnel from Forward Edge, as well as continuing our commitment to provide quality services for our gifted, intervention and special education programs found us moving staff and students into spaces not always designed for teaching and learning. While we have made these spaces work, we believe we need to make a concerted effort to find long-term solutions to better support all of our programs. So, while sadly it seems the rest of the world is in unrest, it is comforting to know that our school community has remained steady and determined to get back to normalcy and to focus on what we believe to be most important. We believe that focus continues to be on our students and our goal over the course of the next few years is to find ways to provide them with quality learning space to support programs that allow them to continue to have the the opportunity to learn and grow.

The Board's major responsibilities are to set policies and oversee the implementation of those policies by the Superintendent and staff. Other functions of the Board include:

- Adopting plans and establishing district goals.
- Selecting and employing a Superintendent and Treasurer, and conducting their evaluations.
- Monitoring the overall financial operations of the district.
- Considering recommendations of the Superintendent regarding policy, personnel, curriculum, and other matters.
- Evaluating the district's effectiveness.
- Informing the public about the progress and needs of the district.

*"I am proud to be associated with the Three Rivers Local School District because of all the faculty and staff that care about our kids and make them the focus of what they do each day. We have a supportive and positive culture of servant leadership by a staff that provides our students with personalized attention that they value and remember long after graduation. This is truly a special place!"*  
-President, Mr. Ryan McDonald

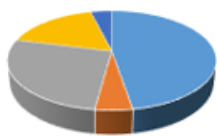




## A Message from the Treasurer:

The District finished Fiscal Year 2023 strong as a result of our commitment to effective operations, fiscal responsibility, and transparency. Our cash reserve is strong due to the conscientious and strategic use of our ESSER(Federal Covid) funds for which we supplanted a portion of our salaries, benefits, purchased services and supplies which directly relieved the general fund. Our district, however, is not immune to the same pressures being felt in the community as a result of the economy and increasing inflation. We continue to evaluate the longevity of our current resources, seeking cost savings whenever possible despite fairly flat state funding, while protecting and ensuring quality instruction and programming experiences for our students. (Three Rivers has a finance committee with representation from community stakeholders, parents, and staff to share and disseminate information. Please contact Teri Riesenber, Treasurer, (513) 824-7400 or triesenberg@trlsd.org for more information on finances or if you are interested in joining the District Finance Committee.)

### FY23 Revenue Source by Type

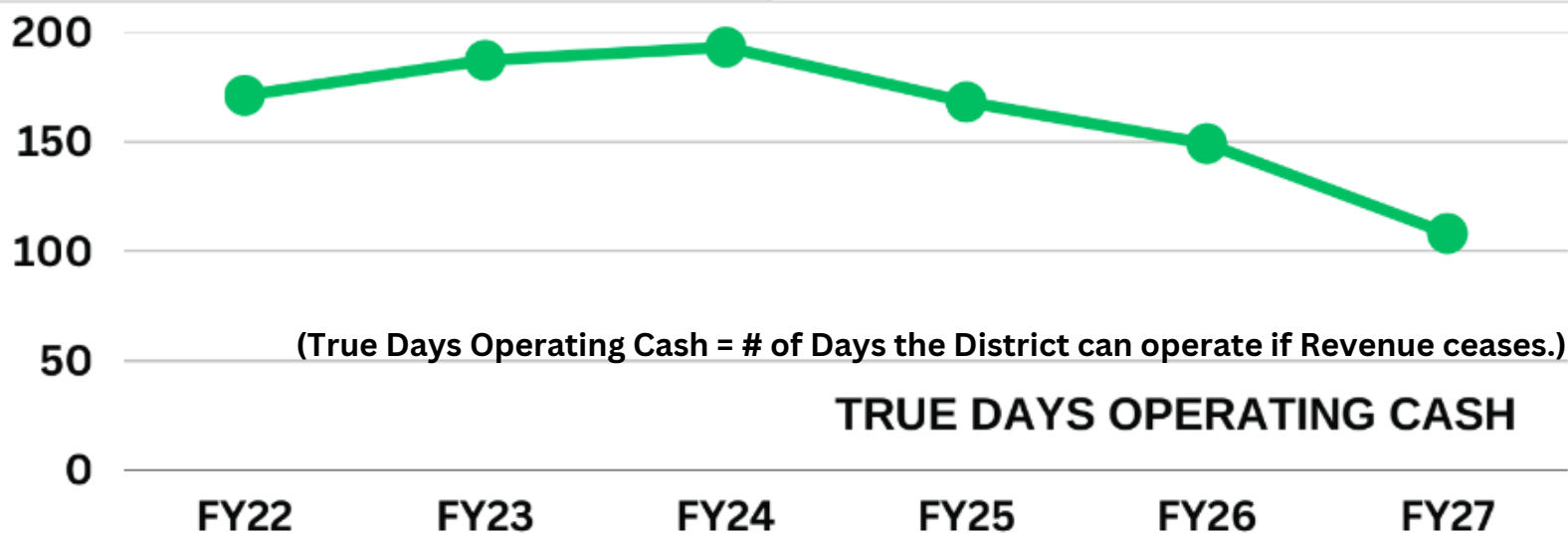


- Local Real Estate 47%
- State Funding 27%
- Other Misc Receipts 4%
- Homestead & Rollback 5%
- Other Local (TIF) 17%

### FY23 Expenses by Type



- Salaries 56%
- Benefits 20%
- Purchased Services 16%
- Other Expenses 2%
- Buses/Equipment/Capital 3%
- Supplies 3%



*I am extremely proud of my staff!  
Only 4% of Ohio entities receive  
the Auditor of State Award."*

-Teri Riesenber, Treasurer/CFO



TRLS staff pictured left to right:  
Lori Nelson, Treasurer Asst II, Teri Riesenber,  
Treasurer/CFO, Dan Carle, Treasurer Asst. I



## Transportation Department



# 343,000 Miles Driven a Year

Our top priority in transportation is ensuring the safety of students and operating efficiently. We take pride in empowering our students, being safety-focused, and adapting to changes to routes. In February 2023, we implemented an onsite fuel tank to be fiscally responsible and purchase fuel at a bulk discount rate. By going digital in the summer of 2022, we can now email and post all student routing information to parents promptly. We also rolled out Stopfinder, our new parent app, which allows parents to track their student's information and set alerts for when the bus is approaching their stop. Parents can also message the Transportation Office through the app, which is our primary communication platform for all department-related matters. If anyone in the school community has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Transportation Department as student safety is our top priority.

## Food Service

# 1,100 Meals Served Daily!



Three Rivers Food Service prides itself on delivering diverse delicious quality meals to students, staff, and visitors. We strive to make every patron a truly satisfied customer while having a blast doing so! March 6th-10th 2023 Food Services, in combination with National School Breakfast Week, offered free breakfast for all students. The kitchen staff dressed in hilarious breakfast foods and cheerfully served the students with breakfast and a smile! We even had school staff and administrators join in on the fun! The response to free breakfast was overwhelmingly positive, so Food Services decided to promote free breakfast for all students this current school year. Also this year we are introducing a few new items on our menus and the Burrito Bowl has taken off. Patrons can customize their bowls with choices of beef, pulled chicken, carnitas, and beans. This is just the start with many other inclusions and toppings to choose from. So come on in and get a bite with us! We look forward to serving you!



The K-12 Drama program presented three successful musicals: Moana JR, Mamma Mia, and My Son Pinocchio JR. In addition, the high school production of Mamma Mia received 13 Cappies nominations and won best Choreography (Lillian Adams, Elayna Bender, Logan Duerk, Delana Hinman).

**13 Cappies  
Nominations**

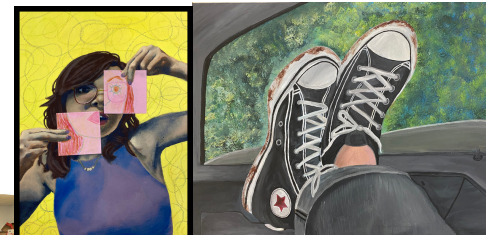


THS Choirs had another successful year with 100 singers across three ensembles. Featured events included Elements, A Three Rivers Holiday, Tell Me a Story, and Spring Choral Showcase and Celebration.



TMS Choirs enjoyed great success with three evening concerts and performances at various school events including Veterans Day. The combined 7th and 8th grade choir competed at Kings Island Music in the Parks and earned the highest rating of Superior.

Three Rivers Fine Arts Day was reestablished in March 2023, showcasing band, choir, drama and visual arts. Surrounded by K-12 artwork, short vignettes of songs, drama scenes, and band scores were presented to the Three Rivers community, celebrating the Fine Arts in Three Rivers. Polly Miceli and Berdie Blersch were inducted into the Acclaim Hall of Fame.







## Taylor Athletic Director: Zach Stakely



Mr. Stakely is in his first year at Taylor and seventh year as a high school athletic director.

### Vision

We envision a high school athletic program that goes beyond the mere pursuit of victory on the field. Our vision is to create an environment where student-athletes thrive not only as competitors but as well-rounded individuals, fostering their growth as leaders, scholars, and contributors to our community. We will continuously evaluate our programs, collaborate with students, educators, parents, and the community, and remain adaptable to the evolving needs of our student-athletes. Our commitment to enhancing the student-athlete experience extends to both their on-field performance and their personal development.

63

Taylor has 63 different teams competing in grades 7-12

26

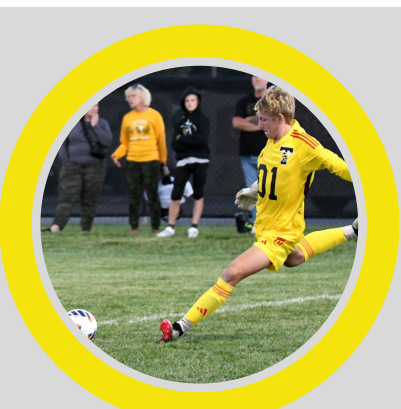
26 High School sports offered

14

14 Middle School sports offered

468

468 students played a sport in 22-23 SY



## Highlights

Launched a new athletic website in Nov. 2023 (TaylorAthletics.org)

4th in the CHL All Sports Trophy 2022-2023 SY

103 CHL All-League Athletes 2022-2023 SY

2 CHL All-League Athletes of the Year 2022-2023 SY

Softball won the CHL for the 6th consecutive year, and captured the Division II District Championship, and was the Regional Runner-Up (2022-2023 SY)

Varsity Volleyball won the CHL Championship with a 13-1 record (2023-2024 SY)

Middle School Football won the CHL Championship with an undefeated season (2023-2024 SY)





## UC Early IT Program

The UC Early IT program at THS was so proud to have 8 seniors accepted into the degree of Information Technology or Cyber Security at the University of Cincinnati. This is the largest class to have completed the program since we began 5 years ago, and UC wanted to come and honor these students in person and congratulate them on their acceptance and accomplishments. They were presented with certificates, stoles for graduation and some goodies! Andre' Vogel, Ricky Johnson, Colby Gleckler, Gabe Wood, Dakota Clark, Derrick Johnson, Caleb Mastruserio, and Ella Seibert will be heading to UC in the fall with Sophomore status earned by completing the Early IT Program.

## College Credit Plus

We currently have 162 THS students taking Fall College Credit Plus courses through Cincinnati State. Out of the 162 students, there are 181 CCP courses being taken either in-house, online, and/or on campus at Cincinnati State.

Taylor High School has 81 students registered to take spring in-house Cincinnati State CCP courses. Registration is beginning soon for students to apply for spring CCP online or on campus. Representatives from Cincinnati State come to the campus to meet individually with students if they need help with registering.

This fall Taylor HS had 3 students taking CCP courses online through the University of Cincinnati. Two of those students take IT courses in-house at Taylor High School and the rest of their schedules are online courses through the University of Cincinnati.

*Thank you!*



The class of 2023 was offered a total of 4.5 million dollars in scholarships. Seniors earned \$65,000 in local scholarships from private donors and organizations.





CONGRATULATIONS  
TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL'S

**MACY ILG**

OVER \$100,000 IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
UNIVERSITY

**Congratulations**  
**Taylor High School's**

*Angel Hockemeyer*

**\$100,000 in**  
**scholarships to**  
**Mount St. Joseph**  
**University**

**Congratulations**  
**Jordan Webb!**

**Winner of the Darwin T. Turner**  
**Scholarship**  
**Full tuition at UC!**

**BRYNN**  
**STOKES**

Athletic & Merit  
Scholarships

**FULL TUITION!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**OWEN LARKINS**

**DEPAUL**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**STATE SCHOLAR**

**\$100,000**

Taylor High School

*Congratulations College Board*  
*National Recognition Winners!*

THE FOLLOWING TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
HAVE EARNED THIS HONOR BASED ON HIGH  
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND TEST SCORES  
THROUGH THE COLLEGE BOARD.

Daniel Truitt- National Hispanic Recognition Award  
Gabrielle Fenton- National Rural and Small Town Award  
Elizabeth Miller- National Rural and Small Town Award  
Skylar Koch- National Rural and Small Town Award

*Congratulations!*

Taylor High School's

**Elise Lindle**

\$78,000 in  
Merit Scholarships

**Congratulations!**

Taylor High School's

**Nathan Duerk**

\$88,000  
Academic Dean  
Scholarship

Wilmington  
College

**ABIGAIL**  
**BRETTSCHEIDER**

**Presidential**  
**Scholarship**  
**\$72,000!**

Cedarville University

**Congratulations**  
**Hagan Scholarship Foundation Winner!**

**Colby**  
**Gleckler**

**Worth over \$60,000**



**CONGRATULATIONS**

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL'S

**BROCK BITTERMANN**

MERIT & ATHLETIC  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FULL RIDE!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL'S

**PAIGE**  
**SMITHMEYER**

\$72,000 in  
scholarships  
Mount St. Joseph  
University

**EDITH**  
**BARR**

**GUND FAMILY**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

**CLEVELAND**  
**INSTITUTE OF ART**

**WORTH OVER**  
**\$72,000!**

CONGRATULATIONS  
TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL'S

**NICHOLE LIPPETT**

OVER \$100,000 IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS TO  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
UNIVERSITY

Taylor High  
School Senior

**Azucena**  
**Anderson**

Educational  
Diversity  
Scholarship

NORTHERN  
KENTUCKY  
UNIVERSITY

**Full Tuition!**

**TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2023**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**OFFERED**

WE ARE SO PROUD  
OF OUR OUTSTANDING  
YELLOWJACKETS!

OVER  
**4.5**  
MILLION  
DOLLARS

*Congratulations*  
*Zoe!*

**HORATIO**  
**ALGER**  
**STATE**  
**SCHOLAR**

**Zoe Hicks**  
THS Senior

**Katherine**  
**Cruze**

Eminence Fellows Scholar  
Stamps Scholar  
The Ohio State University

FULL TUITION, ROOM/BOARD  
& \$3000 ANNUAL STIPEND

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL'S

**CALEB BARDO**

Over \$100,000 in  
scholarships  
Mount St. Joseph  
University



# Inclusion



At Three Rivers, meeting the individualized needs of our students is a top priority. Our dedicated and well-trained staff includes Intervention Specialists, Instructional Aides, Speech Language Pathologists, School Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical therapists, Hearing and Vision Specialists, and Transition Coordinators. These individuals do a remarkable job of meeting all of our students' needs through academic support, individualized and group therapy for specific skills deficits, as well as creating individualized education programs geared toward meeting each student's needs.

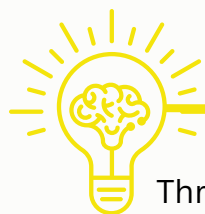
Three Rivers also partners with Best Point. Best Point Education & Behavioral Health is Greater Cincinnati's most prolific non-profit specializing in education, behavioral and therapeutic health services, and autism services for vulnerable, at-risk youth, their families, and caregivers. Three Rivers is fortunate to have Best Point staff on-site at TREC, providing individualized and group therapy to our students, as well as care coordination which helps bridge the gap between school and home services.

The Three Rivers Community continues to go above and beyond to help our students in and out of the classroom. The Knights of Columbus have again extended their generosity to the Three Rivers Special Education Department by providing a check for \$4,500 that will be used towards providing adaptive equipment for our students. Three Rivers Local Schools continues to extend gratitude to the Three Rivers St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus for supporting our students.



*Thank you, Knights of Columbus*





Three Rivers School District has a gifted program, which serves grades 2-12. Students in grades 3-6 are placed in APT (Academic Program for the Talented) who meet the state guidelines for gifted superior cognitive ability. Students in grades 2-6 are placed in LEAP (Learning Enrichment Activities Program) who meet the state guidelines for gifted Reading, Math, and/or Creative Thinking ability. Students in grades 7-12 can be placed in honors, AP, and CCP classes, depending on their identified needs.

APT students meet in class for one day per week. Students focus on higher-level thinking skills, and problem-solving skills that encourage students to think critically and logically and develop research/technology skills. LEAP students meet in a small group for 45-60 minutes each week to participate in enrichment activities based on the gifted goals.

APT students will participate in several programs, including the VFW Patriot Pen essay contest, Knowledge Master Open, Stock Market Game, and other possible competitions.

They will go on a field trip to iSPACE (Grades 4 & 5) and an escape room (Grade 6) in spring. They will work on STEAM activities, research projects, and creativity assignments throughout the year.

LEAP students work on higher-level thinking skills and standards above grade level. Students identified as gifted in reading get exposure to the Junior Great Books program and primary grade students learn about different thinking strategies using the PETS program. LEAP students work on cross-curricular projects and logical thinking activities. LEAP also offers experiences for students in grades K-1 who are not identified as gifted but benefit from above grade level curriculum.



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Three Rivers Elementary School Preschool is rated as a Five-Star Step Up to Quality Program. This rating recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school-age child care licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up To Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards that lead to improved outcomes for children.



On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Three Rivers Board of Education gave their approval for a generous \$10,000 donation from Crossroads Westside and \$6,000 from Target to support Jacket Cares.

Crossroads has consistently supported the district and the local community for many years. They have consistently participated in school community events and leveraged their strong presence on the west side to benefit the entire school community. During the summer, Crossroads organized a World Impact Summit, which Taylor High School Counselor Katie Ryan participated in. The contribution from Crossroads came about because Katie was chosen by her fellow non-profit leaders as the presenter with the most compelling elevator pitch in support of Jacket Cares' work.

Jacket Cares, launched in 2022 with a significant prior donation, aims to address the physical, social, and emotional needs of Three Rivers' students and staff. Since its inception, the Jacket Cares board has been diligent in ensuring sustainable funding. They've introduced options like payroll deductions for staff, an online donation portal, and seasonal fundraisers.

To date, Jacket Cares has made a profound impact, assisting numerous families facing challenges such as bereavement, house fires, illnesses, financial instability, and other life hurdles. The contribution from Crossroads and Target further strengthens Jacket Cares' mission of removing obstacles that impede the full potential of Three Rivers' students and staff.

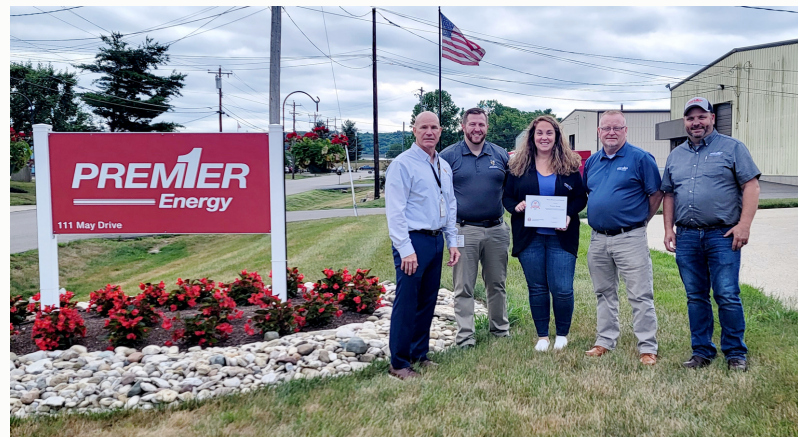
"Donations from organizations such as Target & Crossroads Church have given us the ability to make a tangible difference in the lives of our students and families. I can't tell you how amazing it is to be able to give families not only support and encouragement as they navigate difficult situations, but also meaningful solutions to the problems they are facing. We want every student to know that they are truly a part of the Yellowjacket family" states Katie Ryan, Counselor at Three Rivers Local School District. Anyone interested in donating to the ongoing efforts of Jacket Cares can do so by scanning the QR code.





THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (OSBA) PROVIDES DISTRICTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TOWARD LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FOLLOWING THE APPLICATION DEADLINE, OSBA EVALUATES EACH BUSINESS NOMINATION TO ASSESS THE IMPACT THEY HAVE HAD ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS YEAR, THREE RIVERS PUT FORWARD FIVE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, ALL OF WHOM WERE HONORED WITH PERSONALIZED RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES. THE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED THIS YEAR INCLUDE BROCKMAN SIGNS, CARR ELECTRIC, PREMIERE ENERGY, CLEVES TOOL RENTAL, AND REUPERT HEATING & COOLING. TOGETHER, THESE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THREE RIVERS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHETHER THROUGH GENEROUS DONATIONS OR CONSISTENT, ONGOING SUPPORT, EACH OF THESE BUSINESSES HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE ASSET. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE THREE RIVERS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO EACH OF THEM.

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