



OUALITY PROFILE 2017 - 2018

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# Our VISION

"Our Children, Our Community - We Are Aviators!"

# Our Mission

"Empowering students to be aviators for life with capabilities , resiliency, and resources wherever they soar."

### **INTRODUCTION**

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

September 2018

The Vandalia-Butler City School District, a vibrant and robust community located north of Dayton, Ohio, serves families of the City of Vandalia and Butler Township. As our district continues to make extraordinary strides in providing a rigorous and relevant education for our students, we are also deeply committed to ensuring the education of our students is reflective of our local values and traditions; values that have made our community a great place to live, learn, work, and play. The contents of this document, the Vandalia-Butler City Schools Quality Profile, will demonstrate this commitment to our stakeholders.

The 2017-2018 school year was exceptional in many ways. The District initiated the first year of our Connecting Aviators: Our Children, Our Community strategic plan implementation phase. We began implementing 34 of the 43 strategic actions called out in the plan. Students excelled in the classroom, in extracurricular activities, athletics, and clubs they participate in outside of the school day. We honored students last year each month for exceptional achievements through the Aviator Achievement Award. Students were awarded for winning 4-H Speech contests, awards at the State Fair, athletic state participants (including a STATE CHAMPION), heroic actions in the community, AP Scholars, National Merit Scholars, and the list goes on. It is apparent we have great students. I cannot wait to see the achievements that we honor and recognize in the 2018-2019 school year.

The Vandalia-Butler City Schools Quality Profile will demonstrate to you, the reader, the values the community places on educating its children and the progress the district is making toward that end. It will also highlight the commitment of the district to be fiscally responsible and true partners with the Vandalia-Butler community.

We consider it an honor to serve the students, parents, families, and visitors of this great community and endeavor to reflect its values, traditions, and expectations. To that end, we value the feedback we receive and encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, concerns questions or ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. You can reach me at 415-6415 or at robert.oleary@vbcsd.com.

It is a great time to be an Aviator!

Robert M. O'Leary

Superintendent of Schools



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### **ACADEMICS**

At Vandalia-Butler City Schools, we provide our students with access to high-quality learning opportunities that expand their prospects for success in college, career, and life. Recognizing that our students must be prepared for a highly competitive global society, we teach 21st-century skills through carefully designed learning experiences.

These experiences build fundamental skills and knowledge while fostering innovation, communication, collaboration, and creativity. Our instruction is guided by a wealth of data that enables our teachers to individualize instruction and meet the educational needs of every student.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Class of 2018 graduate, Troy Abele, was presented with an Aviator Achievement Award from Superintendent O'Leary for being named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.



#### Our ACT scores for the 2017-18 year:

ACT	BHS AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE
ENGLISH	19.4	18.6
MATHEMATICS	20.8	20.0
READING	21.4	20.2
SCIENCE	20.9	19.9
COMPOSITE	20.7	19.8

# Total Number 2 3 2 of Graduates

13 Students named AP Scholars
6 Students named AP Scholars w/Honors
9 Students named AP Scholars w/Distinction
1 Student named National AP Scholar



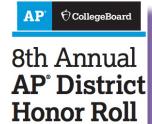
7.1 Million offered in Scholarships



#### **AVIATOR CONNECTIONS**

#### **85 PARTICIPANTS**

A total of 85 Butler High School students earned 147 credits through Aviator Connections, an alternative online program designed to help students meet graduation requirements.



#### HONOR ROLL

#### ANNUAL AP DISTRICT

Vandalia-Butler City School District was named to the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll for expanding opportunity and improving performance for Advanced Placement.



#### **CAMP INVENTION**

#### **80 CAMPERS**

Camp Invention is a summer enrichment program designed to encourage creativity and problem solving while focusing on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



#### KIDS READ NOW

#### 3697 BOOKS

A total of 3697 books were read by 258 Demmitt and Helke students as part of the Kids Read Now summer reading program. The program is designed to keep students reading during summer break.



#### **COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS**

#### **109 CCP PARTICIPANTS**

Through CCP, students can earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses. There were 187 high school credits and 568 college credits earned during the 17-18 year through this program.



#### **PRESCHOOL**

#### CLASS OF 2031

A total of 71 students graduated from the Vandalia Preschool. In this group of graduates, we have future teachers, police officers, firefighters, cheerleaders, veterinarians, and even a doctor and a president.



#### **FIVE-STAR**

#### STEP-UP TO QUALITY

The Vandalia Preschool is recognized as a Quality Learning and Development Program by the state of Ohio. A five-star rating means a child is in a program that has demonstrated the highest level of quality.



#### PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

#### **PLTW**

In 2017-2018 we added PLTW curriculum at Smith and Morton. PLTW is a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of science and technology graduates. Over 300 students participated in one of

#### **CLASS OF 2018 AFTER GRADUATION PLANS**

61%	plan to attend a <u>four-year school</u>
16%	plan to attend a <u>two-year school</u>
8%	plan to <u>work full-time</u>
5%	plan to join the <i>military</i>
5%	are <u>undecided</u>
3%	plan to attend a <u>trade/tech/nursing program</u>
2%	<u>other</u>

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# STUDENT SERVICES

At Vandalia-Butler City Schools, we offer a variety of programs and services to ensure all students receive the appropriate instruction, enrichment, and support to succeed. We provide a broad range of programs and services including special education, specialized programming for English Language Learners, home instruction, gifted acceleration, and school attendance.



#### **GIFTED SERVICES**

The Gifted Department manages the district's services for identified gifted students. The department offers a continuum of services, including academic acceleration and enrichment opportunities.

#### TITLE 1

The Title I Program is a federally supplemental reading program provided to children who show a need for additional reading instruction. Title I supplemental instruction focuses on developing reading skills within the classroom, small groups, or individual instruction. This reading instruction is given in addition to the reading instruction provided in the classroom.

#### **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

School nurses facilitate positive student responses to normal development, promote health and safety, intervene with actual and potential health problems, provide case management services, and actively collaborate with others to build student and family capacity for adaptation, self-management, self-advocacy, and learning.

#### SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

School psychological services support families, schools, and the community in meeting the academic and mental health needs of students. Our school psychologists consult with parents, teachers, and other professionals to promote student well being and achievement. They develop specific preventions and intervention programs for students, advocate sound educational practices for all students, and provide formal assessments of a child's abilities, learning styles, emotional development, and social skills.

18.8% STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS GIFTED

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 3120

15.8%

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A DISABILITY

.98%



STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

# FISCAL STEWARDSHIP AND OPERATIONS



Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the National Government Finance Officer's Association for the 11th straight year.



Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction for excellence in financial reporting for period ending June 30, 2017.



By refinancing bond totaling \$43,881,820, the district was able to continue saving taxpayer dollars, \$2,884,901 to date.

Vandalia-Butler City Schools, considered to be a high wealth district by the State, received 22.85% state funding compared to the state average of 43.57%

Maintained an Aa3 rating from Moody's while being UPGRADED to an AA-/Stable rating from Standard & Poor's

"On November 7, 2017, voters approved making a limited levy a permanent, on-going levy. By doing so, we can have a more stable revenue source that enables us to focus on educational outcomes, goals, and strategies while continuing to advance our students and district. THANK YOU!!!"

- Eric K. Beavers, Treasurer/CFO

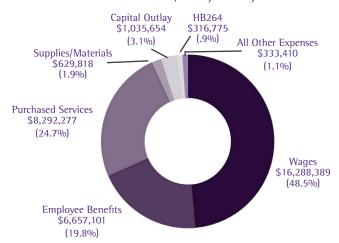
#### **DID YOU KNOW**

- -Average Daily Student Enrollment was 2,978.37, with State average of 2,812.07
- -Receives \$1,125.49 per student from the State and LESS than State average of \$3,906.99
- -Spends \$11,070.66 per student and LESS than State average expense of \$11,603.12
- -Spends 69.23% of each dollar on salary and benefits while the State average is 74.13% per dollar
- -Average administrative salary is \$63,583.11 and LESS than State average of \$80,981.84

#### GENERAL FUND REVENUES TOTAL - \$34,547,319

# State Property Tax Allocation \$3,341,503 (9.7%) Restricted State Aide \$81,878 (0.24%) State Foundation \$5,856,603 (16.96%)

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENSES TOTAL - \$33,553,425



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# MUSIC, VISUAL, ARTS AND PERFORMING ARTS



#### BUTLER DRAMA DEPARTMENT

The Butler Drama Department presented "Romeo, You Idiot" for its fall play and "Thoroughly Modern Millie" for its spring musical.



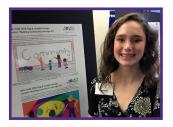
#### **BUTLER CHOIR**

Both the Women's and Symphonic Choirs performed at the OMEA Large Group District 12 contest in March of 2018. The Women's Choir received an Excellent rating, and the Symphonic Choir received a Superior rating, which qualified them for OMEA Large Group, Southwest region State contest in April, where they received an Excellent rating.



#### MORTON DRAMA CLUB

The Morton Middle School Drama Club presented "The Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery" for its spring play.



THE YOUTH ART MONTH (YAM) FLAG CONTEST

Congratulations to Morton 8th graders Eva Stalter and Lily Susag! Eva took first place in the 2018 Youth Art Month contest, and Lily placed second. This is Lily's third year in a row placing in the contest.





#### MORTON HONORS CHOIR

The Morton Honors Choir, made up of 22 7th and 8th-grade students, performed at the Ohio Music Educators Association's District XII Honors Festival.



OHIO ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (OAEA)

Artwork from two Morton students was displayed at the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) exhibit in Columbus from February to March for Youth Art Month. Makenzie Blair, 6th grade, had her mixed media artwork included in the Young People's Art Exhibition. Leah Begley, 8th grade, had her ink and colored pencil drawing shown at the Youth Art Month Exhibition.

- The Butler Marching Aviators competed at the Bands of America Grand National Championships and came in 83rd in the US!
- The Butler Symphonic Band was invited to take part in the second annual Music For All Concert band Festival in Cincinnati Oh.
- Butler High School was the ONLY school in the state of Ohio to have a Winterguard, Indoor Drumline, and Indoor Winds group participating in the Mid-East Performance Association this past year. The Indoor Winds came in 1st place at every one of their shows in Class A, and the Butler Indoor Percussion Ensemble came in 1st place at the Mid-East Performance Championships being named the MEPA Regional A Champions!
- The Morton and Butler band combined last year for the first-ever All-District concert featuring every band in the school district!
- 6 different Vandalia-Butler students participated in the OMEA Solo & Ensemble contest three of whom earned Superior ratings: The Highest rating in the State!



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# Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

The VBCSD strives to include a variety of extracurricular activities for all of our students. We believe that getting involved in extracurricular activities is important for students to explore their interests, cultivate passion, and strengthen their resumes. With dozens of student clubs and programs, there is no shortage of opportunities.

#### **High School**

Academic Challenge

Airlog

Astronomy Club

Chamber Club

Chess Club

Drama

French Club

**Future Educators of America** 

History Club Interact JCOWA Kickline

Latin Club

Marching Band/Color Guard

Mock Trial

Muse Machine

National Honor Society

Octagon

Pep Band

Planeteers

Spanish Club Student Congress



#### **Middle School**

#### Morton

Handbell Choir

Lego Robotics

Muse Machine

Smith

D.A.R.E Diversity Club Drama

Handbell Choir

Science Club

Student Council

History Club

Intramurals Muse Adventure Muse Machine

Smith Smart

Yearbook

National Jr. Honor

Society

Spelling Bee Student Gov. WEB Leaders

Yearbook



#### **Elementary**

#### **Demmitt**

Safety Patrol

Miles Club

Girls on the Run (GOTR)

#### Helke

Safety Patrol

Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Ukulele Group



## **Athletics**

Football | Volleyball | Soccer | Cross Country | Golf | Girls Tennis

39 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED ALL GWOC AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM GWOC NORTH CHAMPIONS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY | BOYS GOLF | GIRLS TENNIS

Boys Soccer Zane Burgmeier earned 1st Team All Ohio

Boys Cross Country Long Fa Lin was GWOC North Individual Champion, 1st Team All GWOC, state qualifier for the 2nd year in a row | Coach Andy White named GWOC North Coach of the Year

Boys Golf GWOC North Champions for 4th straight year | Austin Greaser earned 1st Team All GWOC, 1st Team All Ohio, and placed 5th at the OHSAA State Championship

Girls Golf Coach Dee Hoffman named GWOC North Coach of the Year

Girls Tennis GWOC North Champions for 2nd straight year | Allison Baker earned 1st Team All GWOC, GWOC North Player of the Year, and qualified for OHSAA State | Coach Amanda Paul named GWOC North Coach of the Year

#### Basketball | Wrestling | Swimming | Bowling

40 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED ALL GWOC AMERICAN LEAGUE TEAM

GWOC NORTH CHAMPIONS BOYS BASKETBALL | WRESTLING | BOYS SWIMMING | BOYS BOWLING GWOC CHAMPIONS WRESTLING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS WRESTLING

Boys Basketball Most regular season wins since 2002 | Coach Darren Wyrick named GWOC North Coach of the Year, Southwest District 9 Coaches Association of the Year, Media Southwest District Coach of the Year Girls Basketball First tournament win since 2012 | Coach Molly Bardonaro named GWOC North Coach of the Year, Southwest District 9 Coaches Association Coach of the Year

Wrestling The best wrestling season in Butler history | 5 state qualifiers (ties school record) | Team finished 20th at state | Coach Mark Peck named GWOC North Coach of the Year

Boys Bowling Qualified for State Championship for the 2nd year in a row | Team finished 6th at state | Drew Sacks named GWOC North Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All GWOC, OHSAA Div. I Individual State Champion | Noah Detrick named 1st Team All Ohio | Coach Steve Sacks named GWOC North Coach of the Year

Girls Bowling Southwest District Div. I Champions | Qualified for state (1st Team in Butler history | Team finished 10th at state

Boys Swimming Colin Wolfe named GWOC North Athlete of the Year | OHSAA State Qualifiers Colin Wolfe, Matt Brunsky, Brendan Shanahan, Jacob Staley

Baseball

Baseball | Softball | Boys Tennis | Track & Field

SPRING

Baseball Sectional Champions and District Runner-Up
Softball Lindsay Achs named GWOC North Player of the Year
Boys Tennis One student-athlete qualified for the District Tournament
Boys Track and Field Daiton Vinson-Sharp broke the Regional Championship long jump record |
Long Fa Lin named GWOC North Athlete of the Year | 5 boys qualified for the State Championships
Girls Track Abbie Schoenherr named GWOC North Athlete of the Year

#### **Totals**

27 Student-Athletes competed in OHSAA State Championships
5 Student-Athlete earned 1st Team All Ohio
7 Butler Coaches Earned GWOC North Coach of the Year
7 Teams won GWOC North Championships

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# STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY - Nearly 35 students participated in Youth in Government Day. The Optimist Club sponsored event gives students an opportunity to spend time with government leaders from the City of Vandalia, Butler Township and the Vandalia-Butler Board of Education.

DAYTON LASERTOMA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE

AWARD - Butler High School class of 2018 senior, Jenna Albezreh
was named Dayton LaSertoma International Youth Service Award
recipient for outstanding volunteer and service activities.

BUTLER GIRLS BASKETBALL - The Butler girls basketball team took a break from practice to visit the House of Bread and wrap hundreds of presents for local children.

MORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS - 25 Morton NJHS members partnered with Shoes 4 the Shoeless to provide shoes and socks for nearly 200 Demmitt Elementary students.

MYSA - Members of the Morton Youth Service Association completed many service projects over the year including a sock drive for Project Believe, volunteering at the House of Bread soup kitchen, volunteering at the Demmitt father/daughter dance, helping out at the Mom's Mart, creating Christmas cards for Children's Hospital, and gift wrapping for Project Believe.

SM1TH MIDDLE SCHOOL

DESIGN LAB- Students in Smith's Design Lab program learned the design process and how to solve a problem related to a specific theme. The theme during the 2017-18 school year was food. Students created a model using floor, sectional, and elevation plans along with a focus on environmentally friendly materials and energy sources.

SPECIAL WISH FOUNDATION - Smith 4th and 5th graders raised \$5448.98 for the Special Wish Foundation and combined with a \$5000 donation from community Bob Crotty, the Smith students were able to help grant three wishes!

HELKE ELEMENTARY <u>SAFETY PATROL</u> - 26 students participated in safety patrol at Helke. As part of safety patrol, students helped the crossing guard at the entrance and exit of the parking lot, helped monitor our students at arrival time, and assisted with the bus lines at the end of the day.

M.O.S.T. - 43 Helke 2nd and 3rd graders made up the Making Others Smile Today club. This service club collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, made Valentine's Day cards for the senior center, held a book drive for project reads, cleaned up the Helke grounds, and made placemats for a Vandalia nursing home. The club also sold 1110 candy canes in two days allowing them to donate \$328.69 to SICSA Pet Adoptions.

DEMMITT ELEMENTARY GOTR - As part of the Girls on the Run program at Demmitt Elementary, the girls practiced running while learning lessons on real beauty. During practice, each girl would run from one coach to another, striking a pose for different beautiful characteristics. After they finished, the girls each wrote the name of a person in their life who exhibited each of the traits.

PRESCHOOL- Both morning and afternoon preschool classes visited the
 Crossroads Rehabilitation & Nursing Home on December 13, to sing holiday songs for the residents.



# PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The VBCSD is pride to have such strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations within our community. These partnerships help us ensure our students receive a world-class education.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Vandalia-Butler Athletic Department in cooperation with the Vandalia-Butler Athletic Boosters worked together to raise \$100,000 for a new weight room at Butler High School.

Butler High School Alumni, David and Cheryl Kudla agreed to match the first \$25,000 toward the project. A total of \$70,000 was raised through the Kudlas and community donations. The Athletic Boosters donated the remaining amount for the project.

No tax dollars were used to fund this project.

#### **GRANTS**

VBCSD received a record \$10,000 in grants to fund innovative classroom initiatives from the Visions Endowment Fund.

#### Here are this year's awards:

- \$3,000 to Smith Middle School for fifth graders, including students with disabilities, to work with a Muse Machine artist-in-residence to create a script from scratch in four days and stage an original performance.
- \$2,100 to Helke Elementary School for first graders to work with a Muse Machine artist-in-residence on creating a script, choreography, and music for a live performance.
- \$1,974 for six high-tech portable data collection devices for science students at Butler High School.
- \$1,000 for workbooks for academically struggling students at Morton Middle School.
- \$611.94 to provide a mobile science center, live animals and exploration materials for Vandalia Preschool at Demmitt Elementary School.

- \$500 to pilot a reading program at Morton Middle School that improves reading levels by engaging students in reading a set of books in a series.
- \$415 for new classroom furniture and other tools to help students at Demmitt Elementary School focus better in the classroom.
- \$300 from the Vandalia-Butler Foundation's Cotterman Fund for yoga classes at Vandalia Preschool.
- \$250 from the Vandalia-Butler Foundation's Cotterman Fund to hire an art instructor to provide lessons to Vandalia Preschool students.

#### PTA/PTO

Morton, Smith, Demmitt, and Helke each benefit from strong, active PTA or PTO organizations. These parent groups sponsor fundraising, carnivals, parties and more.



### SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors is a top priority in our district. Our team works closely with Vandalia Police and Fire as well as Butler Township Police and Fire Departments to ensure we maintain a close working relationship with our community's local first responders. In our efforts to continue building and improving a culture of safety throughout the District, we are focusing on five components.

#### 5 COMPONENTS TO BUILDING OUR CULTURE OF SAFETY

#### Building Security

All of our school buildings are equipped with camera systems and audio/video intercoms for enhanced access control. Each building also has key card access for staff.



#### Safety / Security Practices

Restricted access to all of our buildings. All entry doors will be locked, and we do not allow ANY propping of doors.



#### Trainings for Students and Staff

Vandalia-Butler Schools takes Safety practices very seriously. The following are practices that we have to help with the safety of all our students and staff.

A.L.I.C.E Training (A= Alert L=Lockdown I=Inform C=Counter E=Evacuate) for Staff and Students.



Instruction will be grade level appropriate in Grades K-6 for school intruders. The students will be read the book, "I'm Not Scared... I'm Prepared!"

<u>ALL</u> students and staff receive some form of ALICE training, including our substitutes.



Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate



#### Mental Health

We added additional school psychologists and counselors to the District. These additions allow for three counselors at Butler High School, one and a half at Morton Middle School, one at Smith Middle School, and one split between Demmitt Elementary and Helke Elementary. We have also added a Medicaid Counselor at no cost to the District and an SBIRT counselor at Morton and Butler, which is grant funded.

SBIRT is through Samaritan Behavioral and is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use and mental health disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these



#### Assessing Safety / Security

In late February, 2018, the District completed a full security audit.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

As part of the Our Children, Our Community 2021 Strategic Plan, which was Board approved on April 25, 2017, 43 actions were created to ensure growth over the next five years. Last year, the District began implementing 34 of the 43 actions.

GOAL 1

#### Sustained Academic Excellence

Class of 2018 had one National AP Scholar, nine students named AP Scholars with Distinction, six students named AP Scholars with Honors, 13 students named AP Scholars, and a total of 7.1 million dollars offered in scholarships.

GOAL 2

#### Hire, Develop and Retain Staff Talent

During the 2017-18 school year, six certified staff positions were added as called for in the strategic plan.

GOAL 3

#### Assure Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout the 2017-18 school year, Superintendent O'Leary presented 58 Aviator Achievement Awards. These awards are presented to students and staff members who perform outstanding excellence.

District administration began laying the groundwork of creating an Alumni Association.

During the September, 2017, regular BOE meeting, Superintendent O'Leary presented a State of the Schools presentation to the Board and community members and all service clubs.

GOAL 4

#### Promote Local Governance

The District continues to participate in Youth In Government Day. Through YIG day, Butler High School Government Studies students are paired with a local government leader from either the School District, the City of Vandalia or Butler Township to learn about government process and procedures.

The VBCSD school board and school officials met with Ohio State School Board Representative Charlotte McGuire in October 2017 to share concerns ranging from state testing, report cards, and school funding.

GOAL 5

#### Maintain a Future Facilities Plan

The District has completed a facilities assessment and reengaged the facilities committee.



# OUR CHILDREN, **OUR COMMUNITY**

- WE ARE AVIATORS

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