




### New Substitute Levy explained

Finally, the state of Ohio has taken a step toward what the people of Ohio have been asking them to do. Lawmakers have developed a levy that will work in favor of the property owner while also helping schools.

**It's called a Substitute Levy. Here's how it works:**

**1.** A school district with an expiring Emergency Levy can ask voters to approve a Substitute Levy **in place of** the expiring levy.


**YEAR 1**



**Existing Properties**

**NO NEW TAXES**

The Substitute Levy generates the same dollar amount that the expiring Emergency Levy had generated.



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**2.** In the first collection year of a Substitute Levy, the district would collect the exact dollar amount as the expired Emergency Levy.

**NO NEW TAXES.**

**3.** In the remaining collection years, there would still be no new taxes for the existing property owners, but the district would receive a portion of the taxes from any new construction in the township – if, in fact, there is new construction.

**YEAR 2**



**Existing Properties**

**NO NEW TAXES**

Taxes on new homes and businesses built in year 1 (the prior year) are added to the levy base, allowing the schools to benefit from the growth.




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### NO NEW TAXES

Jackson's 5-year Emergency Levy will expire in December 2011. Voters will be asked to approve a 5-year Substitute Levy on May 3 for the exact amount of the District's expiring 6.4 mill Emergency Levy. **NO INCREASE.**


**YEARS 3 - 5**



**Existing Properties**

**NO NEW TAXES**

Taxes on new homes and businesses built in year 2 (the prior year) are added to the levy base, allowing the schools to benefit from the growth.



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Taxes can still go down, based on reappraisal. This was developed in an effort to help schools keep pace with inflation while not continually showing up at the ballot box.

### Levy Endorsement

#### Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce endorses levy renewal

The JBCC believes that quality education and training of our young people is necessary for this country and the businesses in this country to evolve and move forward to meet the challenges of the future. To date, the Jackson School System has done an outstanding job in meeting this goal. After careful review of the district's finances and the levy request (a renewal only – no increase), the Chamber supports Issue 6 and asks the residents to vote in favor of this needed request so that our school district can continue the excellence.



Jeff (far right) with his family, Julian - 8th grade, his wife Sherry, Cathy Calhoun - grandma and levy supporter, Sophia - 6th grade, and Sidney 11th grade.

### Jeff Sponseller leads Levy Committee

"My wife and I moved to Jackson Township to raise our family because we wanted our children to receive the best education possible. Recently, I was asked to consider helping Jackson Local continue its tradition of excellence through the renewal of its five-year levy, at no tax increase to residents. After carefully reviewing all of the district's expenses and successes, I am proud to help educate our citizens about a school system that has given so much to my children and to the families of this township."

– Jeff Sponseller

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# Durkin's Diner: Serving up skills and smiles

Twice per month, the JHS staff is invited to eat at Durkin's Diner, a classroom just down the hall from the principal's office. The classroom is home to eight students with multiple handicaps who transform their classroom into a Polar Bear restaurant with purple-covered tables and home-made specialties such as spicy tacos, baked ziti, mac & cheese, and sloppy joes. The young waiters, cooks, and hostesses hover over approximately 60 patrons who have come to expect a delicious \$4 lunch and the friendly service.

Teacher, John Durkin, said the project incorporates life skills and independent living skills. Prior to restaurant day, the students board a SARTA bus and head to Sam's Club to purchase ingredients and supplies. While out in the community, the students practice social skills by having lunch out together. The food is prepared on Thursday. On Friday the restaurant is assembled and the doors flung wide for business.

Patrons are greeted by student Noor Aljaberi who checks reservations and takes the money. "I like that all the teachers come," Noor said.

The students especially like it when Assistant Principal Jeff Moore comes in because he is fond of teasing them. He even stops in when there is no restaurant, just to make the students laugh and to lift his own spirit.

"Sometimes I just need to get away from my office, so I pay these kids and staff a visit because there are always smiles on the faces in that classroom," Mr. Moore said.

Principal Monica Myers agrees. "If you ever want to be greeted with a great big smile, you need to visit Durkin's Diner," she said. "It is often the highlight of my week." Mrs. Myers added that she also sees the layers of learning happening. "These students struggle with everyday life activities that so many of us take for granted, and the diner experience helps the students practice their math skills, social skills, and communication skills," Mrs. Myers said.

"It's fun waiting on the people," said student Scott Musser.

"The food is always delicious," said Secretary Donna Ruwadi. "Even more important though, it's nice to interact with



**Above: Asstant Principal Jeff Moore gets a refill from Jared Boeshart as Teacher John Durkin and student Scott Musser watch.**



**Right: Noor Aljaberi serves Director of Special Programs Kathy Brand a taco as Classroom Aide Rick Neitzelt supervises.**

the students and watch them perform their duties. They are very professional

"I think Durkin's Diner is a wonderful experience for the students to learn about dealing with people and the various aspects of preparing and serving food, taking money, and cleaning. I also think it is a great experience for the staff to interact and to get to know the students," said Athletic Director Terry Peterson.

"I always look forward to seeing the kids. They are so proud of their jobs and their diner. What a wonderful program. I wouldn't want to miss the chance to see their happy, and sincere smiles," said Classroom Aide Sue Sponseller.

and take their responsibilities seriously. Most of all they just seem to really enjoy themselves, and that enjoyment, in turn, passes on to us," she said.

*"If you ever want to be greeted with a great big smile, you need to visit Durkin's Diner."*

*— Monica Myers, JHS Principal*



**Staff members Heather Antram, Sue Sponseller, Donna Ruwadi and Connie Prazer laugh with student Brittany Pancher.**



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Jeff Sponseller (standing left) chairman of the Levy Committee, takes suggestions from his team members.

## Levy Committee meets to continue the excellence

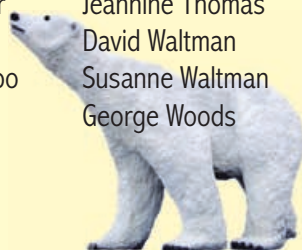
As chairman of the May 3 Levy Committee, Jeff Sponseller, executive vice president of Miller Weldmaster, has formed a committee of citizens to help him educate the community about the value of its school system in relation to the May 3

levy renewal. If you would like to become part of the team, or simply learn more about what they are doing, visit the Levy Committee's Web site at:

[www.jackson6.com](http://www.jackson6.com).

### Members of Mr. Sponseller's Levy Committee

Brian Bailey	Chris DiLoreto	Becky Gribble	Harley Neftzer	Jeannine Thomas
Meredith Bailey	Richard Dinko	Cheryl Haschak	Todd Nicolas	David Waltman
Paula Blangger	Kim Donley	William Hayden	Doogs Parbhoo	Susanne Waltman
Kathy Brand	Jeff Donley	Paul Heston	Linda Paris	George Woods
Cindy Brown	Ken Douglas	Anna Minor	Paul Salvino	
Dan Bryan	Jean Furbay	Jeff Moore	Lori Shaheen	
Donnie Childress	Jim Giulitto	Jennifer Morgan	Lou Shaheen	



## Ballot Language for the proposed levy Issue 6, on May 3

Below is the official question that voters will see at the polls or when voting by absentee ballot.

**OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT  
PRIMARY ELECTION – MAY 3, 2011**

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY (SUBSTITUTE)  
JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(STARK AND SUMMIT COUNTIES)**

**A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary of Passage**

Shall a levy substituting for an existing levy be imposed by the Jackson Local School District, for the purpose of providing for the necessary requirements for the school district in the initial sum of eight million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$8,350,000), and a levy of taxes be made outside the ten-mill limitation estimated by the county auditor to require six and four-tenths (6.4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to sixty-four cents (\$.64) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the initial year of the tax, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012, with the sum of such tax to increase only if and as new land or real property improvements not previously taxed by the school district are added to its tax list?

### State auditors say Jackson is low-spending, high performing

Jackson Local was selected, by the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State, as a peer in what is called a Ten-District Compilation. The state auditors have identified 10 low-spending, high achieving Ohio school districts with similar demographics. Jackson's financial and academic data was averaged with the other nine districts to create benchmarks of excellence. The data was used during audits of struggling Ohio districts.

The Auditor of State is responsible for auditing all public offices in Ohio including cities, villages, schools, universities, counties and townships. It's role is to ensure that public funds are spent appropriately, lawfully, and in accordance with state and local law.



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## All-District Arts Extravaganza raises funds for JSA programs

The Jackson School for the Arts presented its fifth annual Arts Extravaganza at JHS. The all-day event began with the Theatre Department's production of, *All My Son's* and continued with performances by the Jackson Elementary Choirs, the Jack's-N-Jill's Show Choir, the JHS Jazz Band, the JSA Dancers, and the Jackson Middle School choirs. There were also sample performances from the Theatre Department's fall play, *Steel Magnolias*, Jackson Middle School's production of *Annie*, and the JHS production of *Brigadoon*. On display was award winning student art work, and a silent auction was held to raise funds for some of the program's on and off-campus activities, at no cost to the Board of Education.

Susan Gardner, Director, Jackson School for the Arts. "The whole community can be very proud of what these young people are accomplishing."

Mrs. Gardner was honored with flowers from the seniors for her dedication to their successes. Also honored were Superintendent Cheryl Haschak and Mrs. Rita Haines "for their invaluable contributions to and belief in the Jackson School for the Arts."

"The Extravaganza comes about through the dedication of our students and countless community volunteers," said



## Jackson Mock Trial wins regional Championship

While schools from around the area enjoyed a snow day on Friday, February 25, the Jackson High School Mock Trial Team braved the elements and won the Summit County Regional Championship. They defeated Steubenville and Canton McKinley High Schools. Of the 11 teams that competed, only two made it to the state competition with Jackson placing first. "Jackson is the only Stark County school to make it to state competition this year. So we are not only representing Jackson, but Stark County, as well as the entire region in Columbus," said Mock Trial Coach Chris Amedeo.



**Team members are: Emalee Kauth-Best Lawyer Award, Nick Seifert-Best Lawyer Award, Kyler Sabo, Connor Reese, Allison Londeree, Ellora Sharma, and Brianne Campbell-Best Witness Award. Coach Amedeo (far left).**

The state finals are held in Columbus in March. Mock trial is a statewide competition organized by the Ohio Center For Law-Related Education, which involves more than 3,500 students from more than 350 teams and 150 schools.

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**OUR INPUT IS WELCOMED:** Send comments to Paula Blangger, [pblangger@neo.rr.com](mailto:pblangger@neo.rr.com).

# Speech & Debate finishes 4th at state, has one state champion, sends 13 to national qualifying tournament

The Jackson Speech and Debate Team placed 4th out of 86 schools at the Ohio High School Speech League's State Finals. Nearly 900 qualifiers competed. Jackson had 31 state qualifiers, one of the highest of any team in the state.

"We are so proud of each and every member of the team. Each student represented Jackson Local Schools honorably throughout this competition," said Head Debate Coach Kara Prentice.

### And the winners are:

**Alex Wasdahl** - State Champion in United States Extemporaneous Speaking

**Cody Oldham** - 4th Place in Impromptu Speaking

**Abhishek Bhargava** - 5th Place in International Extemporaneous Speaking

**Brandon Mader** - Top 8 in Lincoln-Douglas Debate

### Semi-Finalists

**Jesal Solanki** - Impromptu Speaking

**Micah Johnson** - International Extemporaneous Speaking

### Vandana Pawa

International Extemporaneous Speaking

### Emily Hatcher

Prose Poetry

### Lena Ta

Student Congress

### Quarter-Finalists

**Maddie Stoffer** and **Rachel Szeles** - Duo Interpretation

**Keith Sweitzer** - Humorous Interpretation

**Natasha El-Badawi** - Humorous Interpretation

**Joe Fahmy** - International Extemporaneous Speaking

**Taylor Humphrey** - Original Oratory

**Tala Nashawati** - Prose-Poetry

**Karissa Schroeter** - Prose-Poetry

**Monica Komer** - Prose-Poetry

### Octa-Finalists

**Nat Steiner** and **Karl Xia** - Public Forum



Alex Wasdahl



Cody Oldham



Abhishek Bhargava



Brandon Mader

Debate

**Cheyenne Fenstemaker** and **Bobby Vo** - Public Forum Debate

Jackson will send 13 students to the National Qualifying Tournament for Student Congress at Our Lady of the Elms High School on March 19.

### The Coaches

Leslie Muhlbach - Director of Forensics, Kara Prentice - Head Debate Coach, Carley Anne Barnes - Assistant Speech Coach, Karlyn Cunningham - Assistant Speech Coach, Olivia Johnson - Assistant Debate Coach, and Lauren Miller - Assistant Debate Coach.

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**Spring Break Activities:**  
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Middle School



JMMS Principal Paul Salvino and Rick Mirenzi, co-host of the Akron-Canton Connection on radio station 1480 WHBC, pose with a group of JMMS students who are excited about helping local homeless children.

## Hats for the Homeless raises funds to save shelter

JMMS students paid to wear silly hats to school in an effort to raise funds to help save Massillon's Family Living Center. As many Jacksonites know, the Family Living Center is one of the few shelters that allow homeless families to stay together

as they try to re-group, so there are many children housed there. Because the shelter is slated to be demolished, it was necessary for the shelter to raise a million dollars for its new location. Our students and staff contributed \$2,000 to the

successful multi-community campaign. JMMS is a longtime friend of the shelter. Last February, JMMS 8th graders made 80 blankets for the shelter's families, and in 2007, the students stocked a playroom at the shelter.

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## Middle School

## Business community shares career options with students

JMMS 8th graders had the opportunity to try on various careers as they visited with 45 members of the local business community during a career fair held in the school's gymnasium. Students were prepared with questions to ask the business leaders, such as, "Are there any part time jobs that I can take to prepare me for your career? What classes will I need to take? How do you balance career and family?" Students also took a career test that narrowed their field of interest.



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## Community Calendar

### Bear's Den, a great place for lunch

The public can enjoy lunch in the Bear's Den student-run restaurant on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Become a Friend of the Jackson Parks

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### Big Band Dinner Dance

Jackson High School Jazz Ensemble I will host its 31st Annual Big Band Dinner Dance, April 16 from 7-9:30 p.m. featuring ballroom dancing to the sounds of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and others of the big band era along with a wonderful catered dinner. The event will be held in the JHS Commons. Tickets go on sale in March and are available at the high school or middle school at \$12 each.

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Apr. 19	JHS	6:30 PM
May 17	JHS	6:30 PM
June 21	JHS	6:00 PM
July 19	JHS	6:00 PM
Aug. 16	JHS	6:00 PM
Sept. 20	JHS	6:30 PM
Oct. 18	Sauder	6:30 PM
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	22	No School (K-12)
<b>May</b>	13	No School (K-12)
	30	Memorial Day - No School (K-12)
<b>June</b>	8	Last Day for Students & Staff



# Citizens' group raising private funds to turf Fife Stadium

The Jackson Fife Stadium Improvement Project is a community effort to install a multi-use artificial turf at Fife Stadium to serve the football, lacrosse, soccer, band, baseball, and cheerleading programs as well as all of the related youth programs.

The project seeks to raise approximately \$800,000 in private funds to complete the project.

It is said that play on a state-of-the-art surface decreases the risk of injury to players. A National Collegiate Athletic Association study showed that the injury rate during practice was 4.4% on natural turf and 3.5% on synthetic turf. This is attributed to the resilient materials of synthetic turf that provide a level of impact attenuation that can't be matched on grass.

In addition to fewer injuries, over the long haul turf is said to be less expensive to maintain than natural grass, perhaps two to three times less than natural grass, eliminating the need for irrigation, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizer and mowing.



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There are many levels of giving. The Fife Stadium Improvement Project has 501c3 tax exempt status.

### Major Donor "Polar Bear 100 Club"

This level honors individuals or businesses who make a contribution of \$5,000 or more to the program. "We are looking for 100 major donors that will get special recognition at the new field," said co-chairman Jean Furbay.

### Individual Donation

This level allows individuals to donate \$100 to \$1,000 to the program with special recognition for the contribution.

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# Spring Break

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## A class for you at the Library

Here is a sampling of upcoming classes at the Jackson Branch Library.

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### Adult Book Discussion Group

Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm  
June 2, The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck, July 7 Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls, Aug 4 Time to Kill by John Grisham, Sept 1 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Adults: Join your neighbors for an afternoon of fellowship, sharing and knitting! All fiber artists welcome. Refreshments provided. See world wide details at [wwkpiday.com](http://wwkpiday.com)

### Summer Reading Club

Monday, June 13  
2:00-4:00

All Ages: Receive an ice cream snack (while supplies last), and make International Crafts with The Jackson Friends of the Library!

### Jackson's 'Close Knit' Group

Monday's, 6:30-8:00 pm, Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 8, 22

Adults: Join our knitting group and share your skills, learn new tips. Beginners and experts!

### Batik Fabric Art

Thursday, June 16 • 2:00-4:00 pm  
Grades 6-12: Take a trip to Indonesia without leaving the library! Create a unique design using the traditional method with wax-resist and dyes to create patterns on fabric. Materials to dye will be provided, but teens are welcome to bring their own.

### Pups and Pages

Saturday, June 18 • 10:30-noon  
Grades K-5 Licensed therapy dogs will listen to you read.

### Checkers Club

Mondays, 2:00-3:00  
June 20, 27; July 11, 18  
Grades K-5: We'll play traditional checkers and learn a new variation of the game. Boards and refreshments will be provided.

### T'ai Chi

Monday, Jun 20 • 6:00-7:30 pm  
Adults: Enjoy doing simple T'ai Chi and Chi Gong exercises. Learn the history behind these ancient practices and their health benefits.

### One World, Many Stories

### Photo Contest

June 6-July 22  
All Ages: Enter your original photo at one of our participating locations from June 6 to July 22. Entry forms available online, or at your neighborhood branch.

### World Wide Knitting Day!

Saturday, Jun 11 • 1:00-4:00 pm

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# Excellence

## Academic

- Consistently ranked in top 25 of Ohio's 612 districts
- Rated "Excellent" 10 consecutive years by OH Dept. Of Ed.
- 2010 nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools: Jackson High School and Lake Cable Elementary
- JHS ranked 1046 in *Newsweek's America's Best High Schools*.
- *US News and World Report* awarded JHS a Silver Medal, ranking it in the top 3% of US high schools.
- Graduation rate of 99.8% with over 87% of students seeking higher education
- The JHS senior class earns more than \$1 million in college scholarships annually.
- 2010 Speech & Debate Team - STATE CHAMPIONS



## Athletic

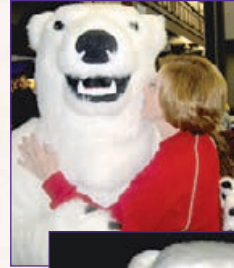
- 2010 Boys Basketball Team - Division I STATE CHAMPIONS
- JHS, as part of the Federal League, received OHSAA's Harold A. Meyer Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics, & Integrity in April 2010 by completing an 8-part program that promotes those virtues in school and community.
- 3 Federal League Coaches of the Year: Keith Kohman (Tennis), Teal Harvey (Girls Golf, Mike Fuline (Boys Basketball)
- 6 Federal League Teams of the Year: Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls Golf, Boys Basketball, Boys Tennis, Boys Baseball
- 6 Federal League players of the year: Louis Thomas (Tennis), Derek Zungia (Soccer), Jonathan Clark (Soccer), Brianna DeFelice (Soccer), Tricia Conlan (Tennis), Mark Henniger (Basketball)



- 21 varsity sports, 5 club sports, and cheerleading. The district is a perennial top contender for the Federal League All-Sports Trophy.

# Unity

- The district hosts an annual Pancake Breakfast and Health Fair attended by more than 2,400 community members.
- Jackson High School hosts the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life survivor celebration.
- A team of 34 community members, administrators, and students have recently developed a strategic plan for 2010-2015 to meet the district's current and anticipated challenges.



- The Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce holds its Business Breakfast Series in the Bear's Den at the high school. There, business leaders and JHS students gather together to hear a speaker.
- Consistent community participation in the District's Key Communicators program annually takes 30+ community leaders behind the scenes for an in-depth look at the Jackson Local Schools, from buses to balance sheets.



- Strausser students create monthly art projects for the 85 residents of Gaslite Villa Convalescent Center.
- Jackson Local students and staff adopted 62 families at holiday time, creating Christmas with food and gifts for all.
- The district enjoys consistent community participation through a wealth of support groups and classroom volunteers. Hundreds of parents and community friends volunteer thousands of hours reading with children, reviewing math, and raising funds for classroom extras.

- Jackson Memorial Middle School hosts an annual career day in which local business leaders attend to instruct and encourage students to learn about and consider a variety of careers.
- The Jackson Park System is a longtime collaboration between the school district and township government.

- By law, Jackson Local buses 641 non-public and special needs students to 26 locations beyond our six buildings.



- JMMS students raised \$2,000 to help save the Family Living Center for the homeless.

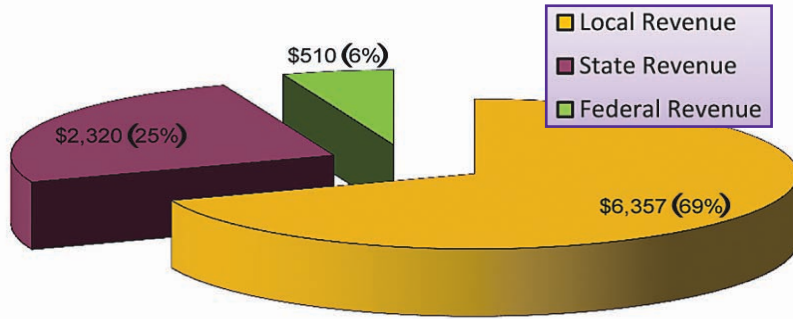
- Each month, the students surprise Jackson firefighters from Station #2 with gifts of good cheer and appreciation.





# Fiscal Responsibility

## JLSD REVENUES PER PUPIL 2009-2010

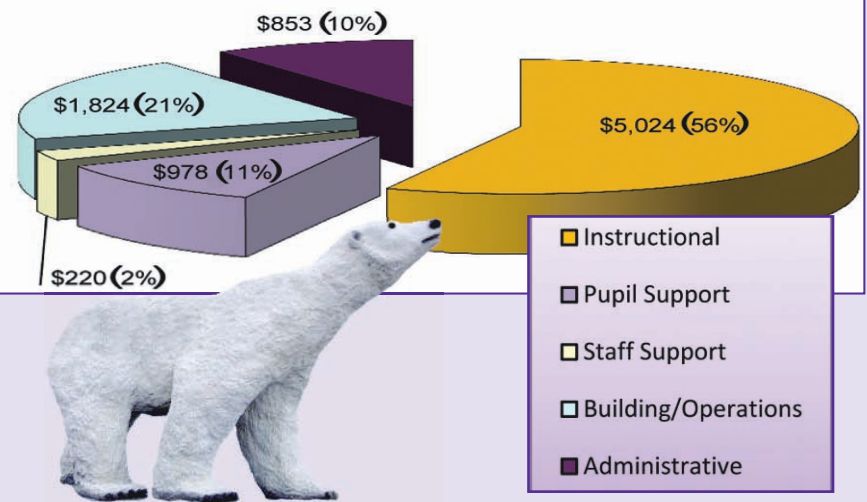


**Local Revenue** - Local property taxes, tuition payments, fees, sales, earnings on investments, etc.

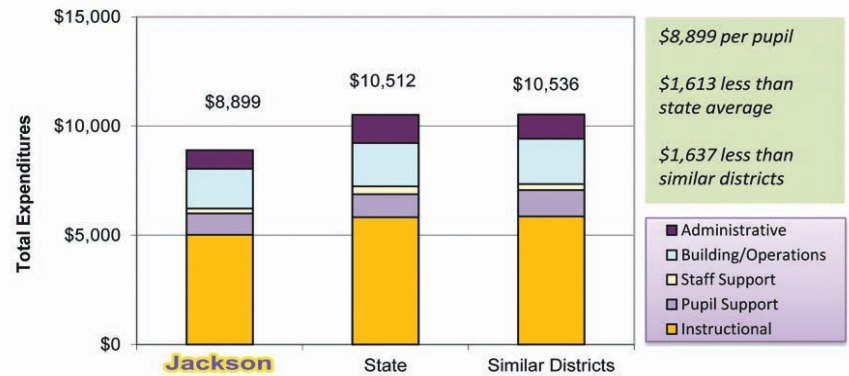
**State Revenue** - Examples include state foundation payments, state grants, tangible personal property reimbursement, and homestead and rollback reimbursements.

**Federal Revenue** - Examples include both restricted and unrestricted federal grants (i.e., Title I, Title VI B, Eisenhower Grant).

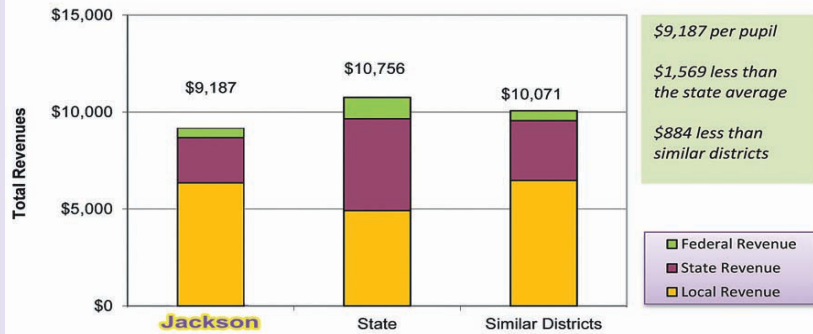
## JLSD EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL 2009-2010 \$8,899



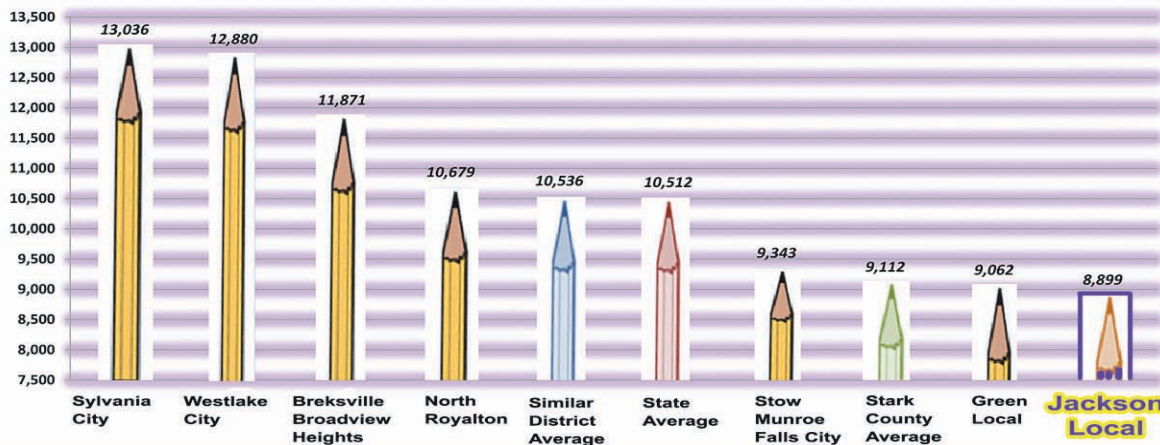
## COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL



## COMPARISON OF REVENUES PER PUPIL



## SIMILAR DISTRICTS - TOTAL EXPENDITURES



DISTRICT	ENROLLMENT	ADMIN EXPENSES	BUILDING OPERATIONS	STAFF SUPPORT	PUPIL SUPPORT	INSTR EXP	TOTAL EXPEND
Sylvania City	7,257	1,462	3,392	138	1,667	6,377	13,036
Westlake City	3,884	1,160	2,656	368	1,696	7,000	12,880
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City	4,351	1,201	2,447	492	1,116	6,615	11,871
North Royalton City	4,228	1,158	1,968	138	1,106	6,309	10,679
Similar District Average	7,485	1,113	2,074	284	1,197	5,868	10,536
State Average	3,740	1,287	1,980	363	1,051	5,831	10,512
Stow-Munroe Falls City	5,507	970	1,665	192	1,080	5,436	9,343
Stark County District Average	3,464	1,060	1,790	169	1,014	5,079	9,112
Green Local	4,175	1,010	1,527	248	1,232	5,045	9,062
<b>JACKSON LOCAL</b>	<b>5,480</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>5,024</b>	<b>8,899</b>

## Definitions:

**Instructional** - Teachers, teacher aides, or paraprofessionals, computers, books, and other consumables used in the classroom.

**Pupil Support** - Student support outside the classroom such as guidance counseling, help in the media center or library, college advising, field trips, and psychological testing.

**Staff Support** - Staff development, training, retraining, and advice.

**Building/Operations** - Capital goods such as buses, heating equipment. Resources necessary to operate, clean, repair, and improve the buildings. Purchasing for lunchroom operation.

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## Father-Son Game Night brings best buddies together

There were games galore at the Father-Son Game Night held recently at Amherst Elementary. The Amherst PTO sponsored the event to bring several hundred fathers and sons together for a night of friendly competition, food, music, and prizes.



*"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."*  
-George Herbert, 1640



## Presidents & First Ladies come to life at Amherst

After researching either a president or first lady, Amherst 3rd graders dressed the part and invited classmates and the public to visit the Amherst gymnasium where they had created a living museum.

"I was surprised that President Jackson was shot in a duel and that our township was named after him," said Aaron Essig.

"I didn't know that President John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator," said Tristan Sanderson.

"I learned that Dolly Madison saved the George Washington painting when the White House was on fire," said Jocelyn Arnold.

"I like changing my voice and acting like a president," said Avery Starcher in his best Chester A. Arthur voice.

"It's fun to pretend, but I like being myself better," said Gabriela Verginis.



**Peter Taylor and Areca Blaka as Zachary and Margaret Mackall Smith Taylor.**



**Gregory Baker and Courtney Wargo as Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.**



**Alex Oleson and Gabriela Verginis as James and Lucretia Garfield.**



**Billy Nelson and Jocelyn Arnold as James and Dolly Madison.**

**Ethan Seymour and Brianna Arnold as George and Martha Washington.**



**Carson Arnold as Thomas Jefferson.**



**Matthew Nedelk and Karli Walsh as Johna and Abigail Adams.**

# Lake Cable students fill up on fast food facts

Ask a child where he wants to eat dinner out, and he will often choose a fast food restaurant. Lake Cable teachers John Reindel and Jennifer Coddington used a fast food restaurant theme to keep students engaged as they learned about the business world and enhanced their math and language arts skills.

In addition to learning healthy ways of eating in any restaurant, the students met Doug Pugh, owner of the Dressler Road Chick-fil-A when he visited their classroom to help them understand the many facets of running a restaurant.

The students then worked in teams of 2-4 to design their

own fast food restaurants via a computer program. One group named their restaurant Vegas, *Where Everyone is a Winner*. Another group named their restaurant Crazy Cow and wrote a catchy jingle to aid their marketing efforts. One clever group designed a deep sea restaurant where patrons arrived by submarine.

"We also learned the top 10 healthy foods to eat," said Hannah Kilchenman.

"And we learned that people a long time ago grew their own food," added Alex Degenhard.

"We learned that fast food restaurants can help a community by donating a lot," said Joe Keller. (Like the Ronald McDonald House



**Chick-fil-A owner, Doug Pugh, inspects the table cleaning skills of Annie Winkhart, Jessie Kasper, and Joe Keller.**

The students also volunteered at the Lake Cable PTO Family Night at Chick-fil-A in February. There, they worked in shifts to clean tables and carry drink

refills to patrons who came to help their PTO raise funds for a SmartBoard.

"We got to feel like real employees," said Yianni Skeriotis.

## Scientists learn by doing

Every week, a new Lake Cable scientist puts his or her hypothesis to the test in front of classmates.

"We get to wear a lab coat, and it makes you feel in charge," said 4th grader Anna Summers.

The students research an experiment that they think will work, then practice it at home before demonstrating at school.

Sometimes the experiment fails. "Mine failed, but I learned a lot from my mistake," said Olivia Parcher.

"Mine exploded," said Michail Talevski, "but I was happy because it was supposed to explode.

"I want to be a science teacher just like Mrs. Gossett," said Kaytlyn Lyn.



**Alicia Yacono used electricity to "Light Up" Rudolph's nose.**



**Melissa Glantz shows the chemical reaction of acetone on styrofoam**



# Lake Cable and Strausser singers perform in the Ohio Music Education Association's honorary Festival Choir

On March 5, 140 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from 28 schools in 14 school districts (Canton, Carrollton Exempted, Carrollton, Claymont, Dover, Perry, Jackson, Lake, Louisville, Perry, Marlinton, Tuslaw, United and Youngstown Diocese) gathered at Timken Sr. High School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association's Festival Choir. The day began at 8 a.m. with the young singers rehearsing five pieces of music (*Welcome One and Welcome All; White Bird, Silver Bird; Harps and*



*Wheels; Muziki Vuma, and Dona Nobis Pacem*). As guest director, Suzanne Walters, Strausser Elementary School music teacher, worked with the students to prepare for a 3 p.m. concert. Jackson music teachers Mrs. Nathalina Schloneger (Lake Cable) and

Mrs. Walters were proud to have several of their fourth and fifth grade students represent Jackson Local Elementary Schools. The Lake Cable students were 5th graders: Chloe Downerd, Avery Savage, Alanna Self, and Justin Novak, and 4th graders

Hannah Kilchenman and Joe Wulff. Strausser students were: 5th graders Madison Moore, Sophie Craven, Hannah Burgess, and Kathleen McKee, and 4th graders: Ben Shreve, Tyler Hopfensperger, McKenna King, and Hannah Busson.

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## Sauder Elementary

# Cat in the Hat enlivens learning at Sauder

Sauder first graders spent a day with the Cat in the Hat. They visited various learning centers, each with a Dr. Seuss theme, to learn math, science, and language arts in ways not typical of that regular school day. Some of the activities also developed fine motor skills, listening skills, observation, and speaking. In addition, the students' homework for the week was to read a different Dr. Seuss book each night with their family. The students also brought in Dr. Seuss books from home to share with the class.

The event brought 43 parents and grandparents to school to help out at the learning centers.

Stacy Reott helps outfit Maggie Tsai with a thinking cap.



Max Listman gets a nose from Angie McMurry as Kevin James watches.



**First, you make a hat.**

**Then you get your face on.**



Kayla Kelley, Riley Floyd, and Ellie Schario learn the science of goo.



Colleen Kracker helps Mallory Worthington make art with food.



Jarod Matronia graphs goldfish.

**Then you get down to business with activities in science, math, and language.**

## 100th Day

Schools across the nation celebrate the 100th day of school, just for fun. At Sauder, first graders dressed and acted as if they were 100-years-old. Principal Cindy Brown allowed the students to parade through the halls so that the entire student body could witness their whimsical creativity. The day's learning activities centered around the 100th day theme.



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**Strausser second graders pose with a big chicken named Coop, from Quaker Steak & Lube.**

## **Strausser 2nd graders pilot reading program for local restaurant**

Strausser students were paid a visit by a big, charming chicken named Coop, from Quaker Steak and Lube (QSL). Coop and his friend, Danielle Walker asked the students to pilot a new reading program which the restaurant is hoping to launch. When students read five books at school, they earn a free kids meal at the restaurant.

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## **Sundaes at School**

Four friends joined Abbi Washburne at the ice cream sundae party that she won at the PTG sponsored Family Fun Fest. Abbi was joined by friends Grace Sykes, Lindsey Clendenin, Genevieve Smith, and Lauren Stayer at the party thrown by the school's lunchroom cooks. Head Cook Sheila Rohr, with Marlene Haddox, Renee Overholt, and Nancy Hope set the table with three flavors of ice cream, 21 toppings and huge stomach-ache-sized bowls for the girls to enjoy. The only rule was that the party took place after the girls ate their lunch.



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## **County superintendent lunches at Strausser**

Larry Morgan, Superintendent of the Stark County Educational Service Center, recently had some business to conduct in the Jackson School District, so while in the neighborhood, he took the time to have lunch with his granddaughter, Sarah Morgan, a Strausser 2nd grader. Many grandparents have thrilled their grandchildren by having lunch at school. The food is great, and the company is superb. Adults get a balanced, adult-size lunch for only \$3. Sarah said she really liked having lunch at school with her "Papaw."



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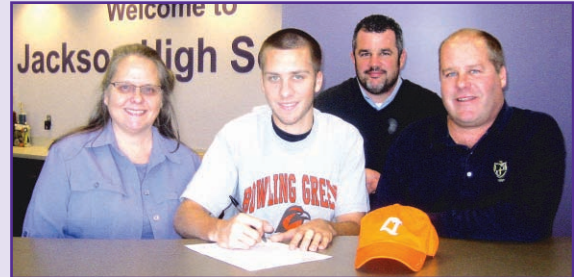
From left: Danielle Wiseman Coach Frank Gagliardi, Brianna DeFelice, and Abby Kenyon.

## Four JHS students earn athletic scholarships

Danielle Wiseman, Brianna DeFelice, Abby Kenyon, and Danny Baraldi signed letters of intent to play Div. I soccer next fall. Danielle will play at Miami of Ohio, Brianna will play at Arizona University, Abby will play at Valparaiso, and Danny will head to Bowling Green. All four students thanked family,

coaches, teammates, and friends for the support that got them there.

"Women's soccer is very difficult. We may not hit as hard, or be as popular as basketball, but we work so hard," said Abby who hopes the sport will soon "give women a chance to play for a living."



From left: Regina Baraldi (mom), Danny Baraldi, Coach Michael Biros, and Michael Baraldi (dad).

I love this sport even though it's a lot of hard work," said Danielle, adding that her parents and grandparents drove her numerous miles, including 4 trips to Cleveland each week to practice with her goalkeeper coach Denny Ciornei, former goalkeeper with the Cleveland Crunch and the Cleveland Force.

"My parents gave me the confidence to do this," said Brianna.

Danny said he will take Coach Biros's strong work ethic with him to Bowling Green.

Coach Biros said, "Danny is Jackson's most dynamic and decorated player. We will miss his leadership."



## Girls' Gymnastics sends one to state

Gymnast Anastasia Fries (grade12) has made her second trip to the state competition where she placed 10th for Vault and earning All-Ohio honors. Anastasia is the first Jackson High School gymnast to earn that honor. Last year, she tied for 13th place.

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### ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

- Girls' Golf: Angela Codian
- Boys' Soccer: Danny Baraldi
- Girls' Soccer: Brianna Defelice
- Girls' Tennis: Trisha Conlan
- Boys' Basketball: Michael Shull
- Girls' Bowling: Marisa Easterday
- Girls' Swimming: Chase Kinney

2010-2011 FEDERAL LEAGUE  
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### COACHES OF THE YEAR

- Girls' Golf: Teal Harvey
- Girls' Tennis: Keith Kohmann
- Boys' Basketball: Mike Fuline
- Girls' Swimming: Kelli Ohman



## Girl's Swimming/Diving Team competes at state

JHS Girls' Swim and Diving finished in 9th place as a team at the state swim meet. Chase Kinney tied for 2nd in the 50 freestyle and placed 4th in the 100 freestyle; Liz Graeff finished 13th in the 100 backstroke; the 200 freestyle relay team of Graeff, Kinney, Lindsay Ellis and Avery Tan finished 7th; the 400 freestyle relay of Graeff, Kinney, Tan, and Maegan Jones placed 8th; and diver Josie McKee finished in 12th place.



Go Bears

## Bowling Team takes trip to state

**Girls' Bowling:** Taylor Sturm (grade 9), Autumn Heaton (grade 9), Allison Lamm (grade 10), Marisa Easterday (grade 11), Jackie Howald (grade 11), Marla Loan (grade 11) and Melody Mulhair (grade 12).

**Boys' Bowling:** Nick Kelly (grade 11).



# Check out the district new and improved video site

Watching video clips of Jackson students on the district Web site just got better. The video section was recently redesigned to bring viewers a larger screen and an icon based list of videos, much like you would find on You Tube.

To visit the new site, go to the school Web site <http://jackson.stark.k12.oh.us>, then click on VIDEOS under QUICK LINKS. You will find a variety of videos from across the district. You won't want to miss the Lake Cable video that honors area veterans. Someone you know may be starring in it.

## I want your photos and videos

When you are at school events, on and off campus, think about shooting a photo or some video of your student and their classmates in action. Then send it for possible inclusion in Polar Bear Pride, on our new Facebook page, or on our new video Web site.

Send files to Paula Blangger:

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- Amherst
- Middle School

Jackson High School

Flash Mob Dance

Girls' Golf 2nd at State

Have you seen the flash mob video, or the one on community members being inducted into the JHS Wall of Fame?

## Students represent the schools at business Expo

Jackson Local Schools was one of the 77 businesses represented at the Jackson Belden Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, recently held at the Kent State Stark Conference Center. With approximately 600 employees, Jackson Local Schools is one of the community's largest employers. The students manned a booth and distributed literature about the district's value to the community.

Pictured are JHS students: Michael Shull, Stefan Stamboldziew, Alex Silvey, and Alex Szczech.



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## Academic Accomplishments

- Consistently ranked in top 25 of Ohio's 612 districts.
- Rated "Excellent" 10 consecutive years by OH Dept. Of Ed.
- 2010 nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools: Jackson High School and Lake Cable Elementary
- JHS ranked 1046 in *Newsweek's America's Best High Schools*
- *US News and World Report* awarded JHS a Silver Medal, ranking it in the top 3% of US high schools.
- Graduation rate of 99.8% with over 87% of students seeking higher education.
- Senior class earns more than \$1 million in college scholarships annually.
- 2010 Speech & Debate Team - STATE CHAMPIONS

## Athletic Accomplishments

- 2010 Boys Basketball Team - Division I STATE CHAMPIONS
- JHS, as part of the Federal League, received OHSAA's Harold A. Meyer Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics, & Integrity in April 2010 by completing an 8-part program that promotes the virtues in school and community.
- 3 Federal League Coaches of the Year: Keith Kohman (Tennis), Teal Harvey (Girls Golf, Mike Fuline (Boys Basketball)
- 6 Federal League Teams of the Year: Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls Golf, Boys Basketball, Boys Tennis, Boys Baseball
- 6 Federal League players of the year: Louis Thomas (Tennis), Derek Zungia (Soccer), Jonathan Clark (Soccer), Brianna DeFelice (Soccer), Tricia Conlan (Tennis), Mark Henniger (Basketball)
- 21 varsity sports, 5 club sports, and cheerleading. The district is a perennial top contender for the Federal League All-Sports Trophy

## A Sampling of Jackson's Academic Services

- Full-service special education program including an outstanding autistic unit
- Gifted program
- School for the Arts, a fine arts school within JHS
- 17 Advanced Placement classes in which 40% of high school students participate
- Collaborative partner with the North Canton and Perry districts to develop an International Baccalaureate program. JHS is one of 22 high schools in Ohio, 718 in the US, and 1,137 worldwide to have an IB program.
- Collaborative partner with North Canton, Canton, Lake, and Plain to provide Career & Technical course offerings
- Teaching Chinese to accommodate world demand
- Teacher from Spain providing native language and cultural instruction to middle school students
- Partner with Canton City, Canton Local, Jackson Local, Lake Local, North Canton City, and Plain Local in the Portage Collaborative Montessori School
- Partner with Canton City, Plain Local, Jackson Local, North Canton, and Lake Local in the Passages High School for alternative education
- Offering Dual Credit courses which allow JHS students to take college-level courses at JHS and simultaneously earn high school as well as college credit
- Offers Post-Secondary Options which allows JHS students to study at area colleges and earn college credits while still in high school
- 49 extracurricular clubs
- 4th graders participate in a swim program at the YMCA.
- 6th graders are offered an outdoor learning/camping experience at Camp Muskingam.
- 7th graders have the opportunity to visit to Washington D.C.
- 8th graders experience learning and fun at Cedar Point.
- High School students are offered learning expeditions to China, Paris, Spain, Costa Rica, and the Bahamas.

**NOTE: Most off campus opportunities are at students' expense.**

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