



# REPORT CARD

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A Lakewood City Schools Community Newsletter

## STUDENTS COLLECT 47 SCHOLASTIC ART CONTEST AWARDS, INCLUDING 6 GOLD KEYS

As it does every year, the District is celebrating the Lakewood High School and West Shore Career-Tech Media Art & Design students whose artwork has been honored in the Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition competition. This year, 30 artists earned 47 awards collectively, including six Gold Keys, the highest honor given. Gold Key winners move on to be judged at the national level of the 98-year-old competition.

Lakewood High and West Shore students were well-represented at the Silver Key and Honorable Mention levels as well. Our students won 22 Silver Keys and 19 Honorable

Mentions.

The Cleveland Institute of Art hosts the regional competition that recognizes creative achievement in grades 7-12 students in Northeast Ohio. The young artists compete for cash prizes, medals and scholarship awards. A panel of local professional artists, art educators, writers and writing educators jury the exhibit and select the awarded pieces from nearly 3,000 entries.

All gold and silver award-winning pieces will be on display at the Cleveland Institute of Art through Feb. 3.

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Gold Key-winning artwork "Dazed and Confused" by Elma Coralic (above) and Grace Hildebrandt's "School Hallways" (left).

## VISION OF A LAKEWOOD GRADUATE FOCUS: LHS WATERSHED PROJECT

A partnership with First Ring First Fellowship (FRFF) program and the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District has resulted in Lakewood High science teachers Rita Chahda and Ann Pesta and their AP Environmental Science and biology students removing a large amount of invasive vegetation last fall from the high school grounds.

The program provides first-ring

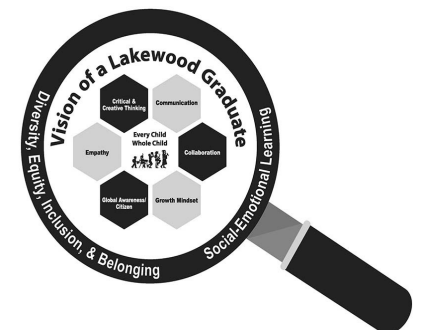
science teachers in Cuyahoga County with resources and professional development to create place-based watershed projects with our students. This partnership led to a survey of the grounds at LHS, where a hot spot of an invasive plant species was discovered in the stormwater basin at the back of the North Lot and then removed in November.

The students will return in May

to remove the rest of the vegetation. They will then reseed with a native wildflower mix and plant native plants decided upon through their own research.

The real-life hands-on project is a great example of our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate in action. Students acted as global citizens and were required to communicate and collaborate with project partners. The City of Lakewood,

which hauled the vegetation away, the LHS custodial staff, and the Cuyahoga Waste & Soil Conservation District all contributed.



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From the Treasurer:

We are pleased to present the Lakewood City School District's Financial Update for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. This report makes our District's finances easier to understand, and is intended to communicate our financial situation in an open and accountable manner.



The Financial Update summarizes the financial activities and operating results reported in the Lakewood City School District's audited Annual Financial Report. The Financial Update is unaudited and presented on a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principle) basis, which primarily deals with full disclosure and segregated funds.

The statement and the pie charts presented on these pages detail the General Fund of the District. The General Fund is the largest fund from which most day-to-day programs and services are provided. The influx of federal funding related to the multiple coronavirus relief programs had a positive impact to expenditures in FY 2022. These one-time dollars are being used to help offset additional expenditures associated with the District's response to the pandemic. For more detailed financial information, including a discussion of key changes in financial data from last fiscal year, our economic condition and outlook, initiatives and accomplishments, please refer to a copy of the Annual Financial Report. You can find the Annual Financial Report posted on the District website ([www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org)) upon completion of the audit process (generally in December).

The Lakewood City School District is proud of this report and the support offered by the Board of Education in its creation. Ultimately, we would like to thank our citizens for their encouragement in creating a report designed to more adequately address their needs as taxpayers, as well as for the opportunity to serve them. Questions, comments and feedback regarding this report are encouraged. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (216)529-4096 or [kent.zeman@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:kent.zeman@lakewoodcityschools.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Kent R. Zeman, CPA

Treasurer/CFO

RESOURCES TAKEN IN

	FY 2022
Local Taxes	63.74% \$ 50,986,757
State Revenue	28.94% \$ 23,146,620
Federal Revenue	0.58% \$ 465,304
Investment Income	0.15% \$ 120,417
Tuition & Fees	3.68% \$ 2,944,032
Recreation Fees & Tuition	1.10% \$ 881,913
Interfund Receipts	0.00% \$ -
Miscellaneous	1.80% \$ 1,441,683
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	<b>100.00% \$ 79,986,726</b>

SERVICES PROVIDED

	FY 2022
Instruction	62.76% \$ 45,109,252
Pupil Support	6.39% \$ 4,596,513
Instructional Support	4.38% \$ 3,146,949
Board & Administration	9.29% \$ 6,674,393
Business Support	1.10% \$ 790,649
Plant Operations	11.79% \$ 8,474,251
Transportation	0.50% \$ 362,084
Central Support	0.62% \$ 443,851
Civic Auditorium	0.23% \$ 166,474
Recreation	1.61% \$ 1,156,333
Extracurricular	1.35% \$ 956,716
Interfund Expenditures	0.00% \$ 0

<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Services</b>	<b>100.00% \$ 71,877,465</b>
<b>Revenue &amp; Resources Over Expenditures &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$ 8,109,261</b>

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2013, the Board of Education created a Financial Advisory Committee to work with the District treasurer, superintendent, and the Board of Education members assigned to the Finance Committee. The purpose of the committee is advisory in nature and to work in a cooperative and collaborative manner in the following areas: review the annual state audit and address any concerns; conduct a pre-audit and post-audit meeting; share business and financial "Best Practices;" review the Five-Year Forecast; and make an annual report to the Board.

The committee is comprised of three citizens who are Lakewood residents appointed by the Board. The Board seeks citizens with financial and/or audit experience, such as CPAs, CFOs, CEOs, or bankers. In order to establish a rotation of filling one position each year, the first set of appointments include one member serving three years in length with the other two appointments being one- and two-year terms each.

The committee meets four to five times a year. Meetings dates are posted on the District calendar at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org). Meetings are open to the public.

The following are the current committee members:

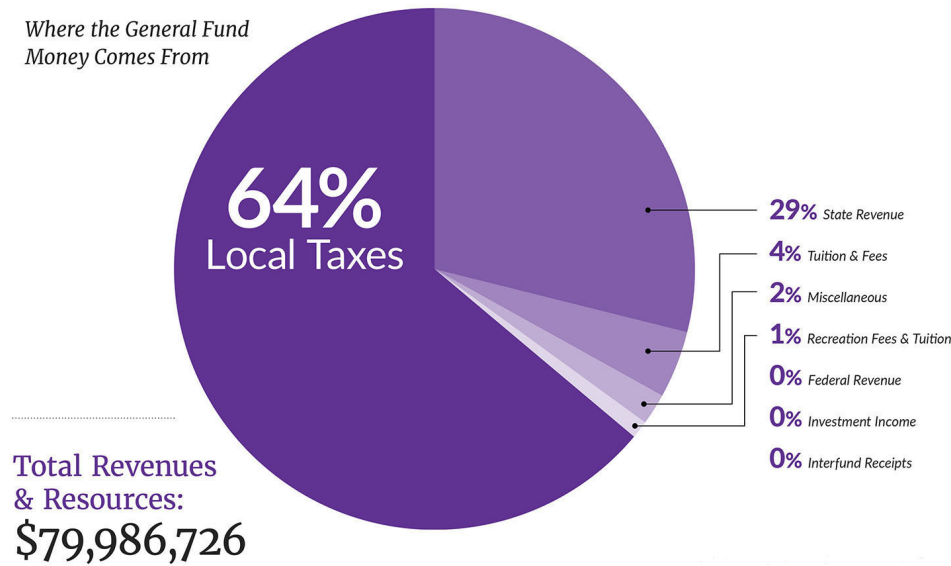
Ken Foley, Timothy Homan, Kathleen Neal

Board members: Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy and Nora Katzenberger



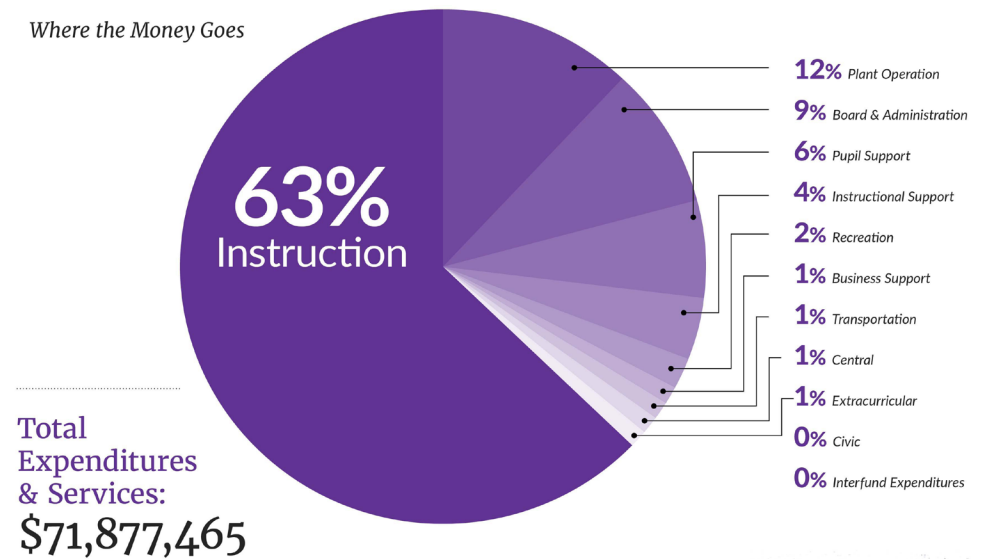
## Revenues & Resources Fiscal Year 2022

Where the General Fund  
Money Comes From



## Expenditures & Services Fiscal Year 2022

Where the Money Goes



## Definitions

### Revenue & Resources:

**Local Taxes** is the largest revenue source for the District and is comprised of residential, commercial (retail), industrial (manufacturing), and public utilities taxes paid by the property owners.

**State Revenue** is comprised of state per pupil aid (approximately \$3,541 per pupil) and property tax relief reimbursement (better known as Homestead and Rollback). The Rollback reimbursement was eliminated for any issues approved after September 2013.

**Federal Revenue** is comprised of funds received relating to technology reimbursements (E-Rate) and Medicaid reimbursements relating to Federal programs.

**Investment Income** funds are derived from the investment of available funds in excess of the monthly cash flow requirements.

**Tuition & Fees** relates to receipts generated by tuition received from other districts the Lakewood City Schools is required to educate (i.e., the West Shore Career-Technical District), student school fees and pay to participate fees.

**Recreation Fees & Tuition** relates to receipts generated by Lakewood Community Recreation and Education for the activities and programs

offered throughout the year.

**Interfund Receipts** are comprised of internal transactions within the District that are directly offset by Interfund Expenditures.

**Miscellaneous** funds are made up of service agreements, building rentals, lease agreements, etc. (e.g. naming rights for First Federal Lakewood Stadium and First Federal Community Fitness Center and Track).

### Expenditures & Services:

**Instruction** is the largest expenditure category and relates to the direct instruction of our students. Students are directly impacted by the expenditures in this category.

**Pupil Support** areas comprise all counseling services, health/safety monitors, health aides, nurses, speech, hearing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services and pupil accounting services.

**Instructional Support** costs include library services, curriculum development, staff training and licensed professional development committee.

**Board & Administration** costs represent those of the administration and Board of Education's operation of the District. Also included in this category is school building secretarial support

and financial services, such as payroll, accounts payable and receivable, auditing, budgeting and reporting and data processing.

**Business Support** costs include business services such as copier expenditures.

**Plant Operation** expenditures relate to the safe and efficient environment of the school including building maintenance, grounds and custodial services and utilities.

**Transportation** expenditures relate to providing transportation for students with disabilities who live in the Lakewood City School District.

**Central Support** expenditures include administrative technology services.

**Civic** expenditures include operation costs associated with the Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

**Recreation** expenditures account for the operations of the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department for the adult and youth programs provided to the residents of the City of Lakewood.

**Extracurricular** expenditures account for the salaries, benefits, and supplies for club and athletic related activities.

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Christine Gordillo

All courses and programs offered by the Lakewood City Schools and the West Shore Career-Technical District are without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, creed, gender, marital status, disability or age in its educational programs, activities, employment policies or admission policies as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The District provides equal access to Boy Scouts and other designated groups. Jeffrey Schlade serves as Title IX Coordinator and Lisa Bruening as 504 Officer.

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## SCHOLASTIC from PAGE 1

### Gold Key:

Sophia Boyer  
Elma Coralic  
Carolina DeJesus (West. Shore)  
Sadie Gregg  
Grace Hildebrandt  
Hadeal Mohesen (West Shore)

### Silver Key:

Muriel Bourn, 2 (West Shore)  
Reagan Bratko (West Shore)  
Rosemary Cronin  
Willow Detmar  
Turner Gilliland  
Lillian Kovach  
Maggie Lane  
Olivia Long (West Shore)  
Amalija Marich, 2  
Aaron Markham, 2 (W. Shore)  
Cecilia Miller  
Clare Morrissey  
Helen Roche  
Bee Rohrs, 2 (West Shore)

Benjamin Sorby (West  
Shore & FSO)  
Mia Szymczyk (West Shore)  
Lila Wright, 2

### Honorable Mention:

Muriel Bourn (West Shore)  
Sophia Boyer, 2  
Reagan Bratko (W. Shore)  
Elma Coralic  
Rosemary Cronin  
Carolina DeJesus  
Olivia Diemert  
Grace Hildebrandt  
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Scarlett Wankowski



Gold Key-winning artwork by Sadie Gregg.

## LISTEN & LEARN SET FOR JAN. 24

Superintendent Maggie Niedzwiecki's next Listen & Learn session on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. The session will be held at Cove Community Center, located at 12525 Lake Ave. There is a public parking lot off Clifton Boulevard. This is a great chance to check out the City of Lakewood's wonderful new community space. The session is a one-hour informal discussion. Superintendent Niedzwiecki welcomes your thoughts, ideas and concerns. Hope to see you there!

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMPARTMENT: IT'S YOUR PLAY

Happy New Year! Ready to kick off your fitness resolution this year? We have the place for you! Our Fitness Facility and Indoor Track, located on the Lakewood High campus, is the perfect place to start. We have NO membership fee and we don't automatically charge your credit card. It's clean, machines are serviced regularly and we have a low-key and relaxed atmosphere. Stop by and have

a look around. More information can be found at [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com).

The new winter booklet is out with copies being mailed to Lakewood residences. We have pick up spots at the libraries, City Hall, Board of Education and our offices. It also can be found on the front page of our website. It's never too early to plan for summer activities, athletics, education or camps.

Check it out today.

The Lakewood Recreation Department is grateful to receive a grant from the Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) to support our initiative to provide FREE swimming lessons to our English Learning (EL) population and refugees. We are working with the school district as well as the City of Lakewood to communicate to these families of this opportunity. If you know



of an individual or family who would benefit from this service, please reach out to us so we can get them involved in this program.