

## A Message from . . .

# The Superintendent



Dear Blue Jay Family

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and enjoying the summer.

As I write this letter, I am so excited about this coming school year and the opportunities for students.

The district is purchasing new state-of-the-art smart boards for each classroom. This will give the teachers and students touch screen educational features right at their fingertips. Federal grant money is also allowing the district to invest in several new chrome book carts that hold 30 laptops each. Also new for the 2019-2020 school year, sixth grade has moved to the middle school. Prior to the end of the 2018-2019 school year the fifth and sixth grade students toured the middle school and had an opportunity to meet the teachers and ask any questions.

Jackson-Milton Schools are also initiating a drug testing policy for students in grades 9-12. The random drug testing will be for students who drive to school, and participate in any school sponsored club or athletic sport. This includes marching band, quiz bowl, and non-academic school sponsored activities.

There is also a change in administration at Jackson-Milton Elementary School. Mrs. Fisk will now oversee Special Education and Curriculum for the entire district. The Board of Education approved the hiring of Mr. Tom Sullivan as the new JMES principal. Please give Mr. Sullivan a great Blue Jay welcome when you see him.

When it comes to finances, there are several pieces of information I would like you to know. First, the district refinanced the loan on the MS/HS building. With the refinancing the district is able to build another all-purpose gymnasium at NO additional cost to taxpayers. In recent years we have had some of the younger teams practicing late at night, and in some cases they would have to find other facilities for practice. The new facility will allow our students and student-athletes, along with our athletic teams, nicer facilities and easier access to practice schedules. It will also allow our MS/HS to schedule additional physical education electives.

Several of our buses also had almost 300,000 miles and would likely not pass inspection. The district has purchased three new buses for the upcoming school year. Providing our students with safe transportation to and from school and school events is a top priority.

We can call the 2019-2020 school year, "The year that Jackson-Milton takes yet another major step forward in doing what is best for students." This is echoed by the Board of Education, who is dedicated to being a good steward of taxpayer money along with providing a well-rounded education.

As always, I hope that you find a way to take the time to enjoy your time together as a family. Also, take the time to build fond memories that will last a lifetime in Blue Jay Country. Whether you are a student, parent, grandparent, or community member, we are all part of a wonderful community in which the Jackson-Milton School District is an integral part.

In closing, as I say all the time, I feel very blessed and fortunate to be your superintendent and I look forward to a wonderful 2019-2020 school year.

*Yours in Education,*  
**Kirk W. Baker**  
*Superintendent*  
**Jackson-Milton Local Schools**

**The Jackson-Milton Class of 2019 Scholarship and Grants Offered Totaled:**

# \$3,159,220

**Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2019!**



# Directory

## Central Office

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Mr. David Vega, Principal  
Mrs. Debra Hallas, Secretary  
Mrs. Kim Wiery, Guidance Counselor

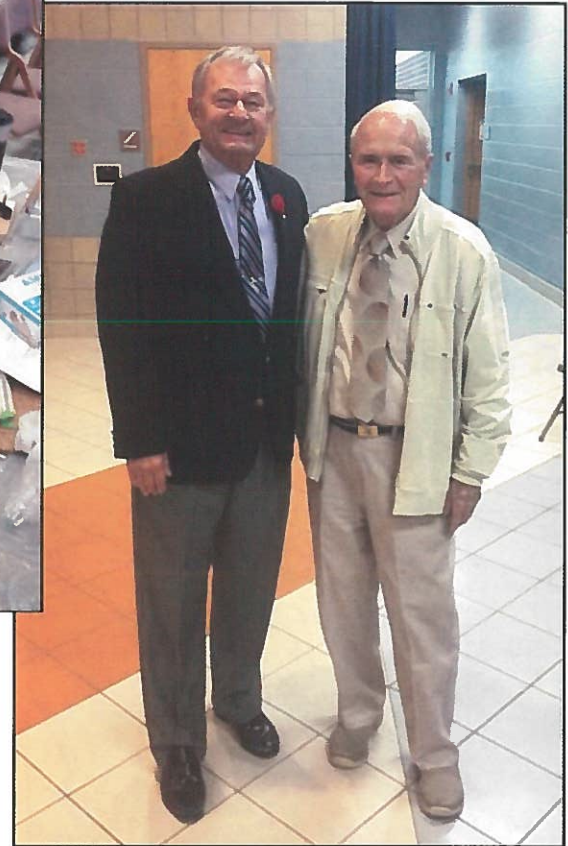
## Elementary School

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Mrs. Cyndi Smith, Secretary  
Mrs. Christine Ginnis, Guidance Counselor



◀ **YSU Bridge Building competition**



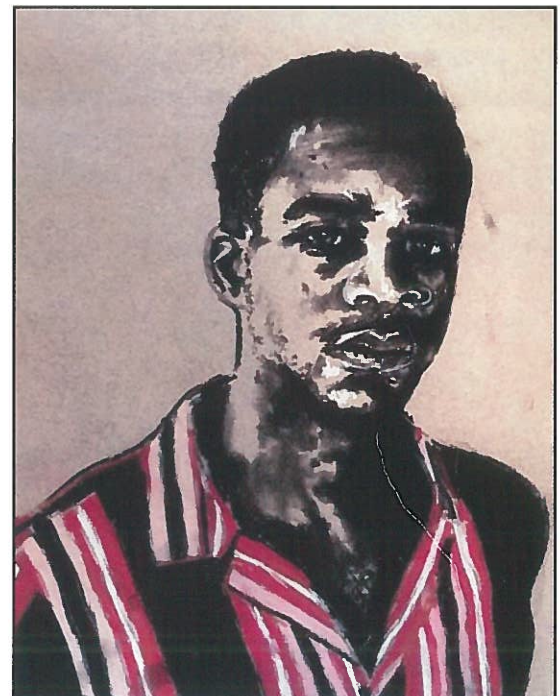
**Brad Smith, Vietnam War POW and Don Booth** ▶



▶ **Scholastic National Art Winner by David Vega**



◀ **Senior Walk Thru 2019**

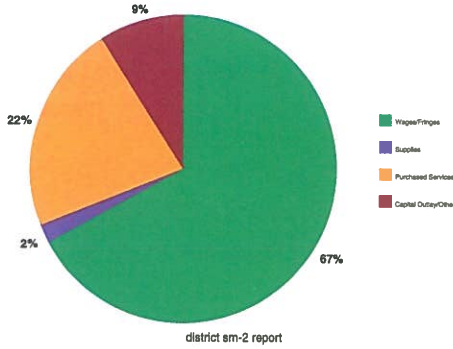




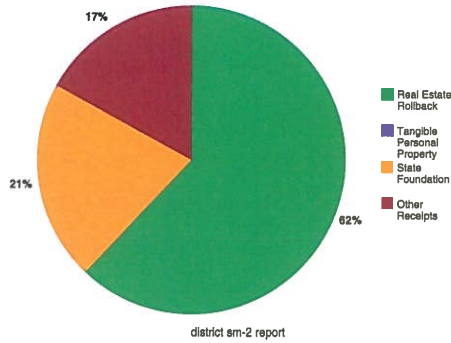
# Finances and Statistics

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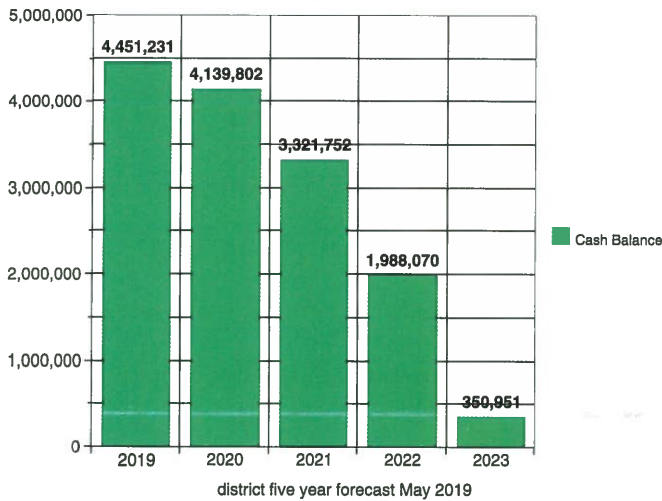
## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



## GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS



## YEAR END BALANCES 5-YEAR FORECAST



In addition to these exhibits, a detailed five-year financial forecast of the Jackson-Milton Local Schools is available at [www.jacksonmilton.k12.oh.us](http://www.jacksonmilton.k12.oh.us) under "Departments" and "Treasurer/Finance" links.

## JMES PTA, JM Band Boosters, & JM Sports Club

Special THANK YOU and a shout out to the Jackson-Milton PTA, the JM Band Boosters and the JM Sports Club. These organizations raise money to help support ALL elementary students and staff, ALL band members and ALL student/athletes.

The PTA, Band Boosters and the Sports Club have purchased I-pads, uniforms, clinic registrations, equipment and supplies along with many other items that enhance each child's experience at JM.

On behalf of the Board of Education, THANK YOU to all of the individuals involved with these groups. We encourage everyone to support these worthwhile and hard-working organizations.

## Jackson-Milton Board of Education Meetings

The Jackson-Milton Board of Education consists of five members, each elected to serve a four-year term of office. Unless publicly announced otherwise, the Board of Education meets the third Thursday of each month with executive sessions starting at 5:30 p.m. and public presentation starting at 6:30 p.m. in the High School/Middle School building.

Members of the Jackson-Milton Board of Education in 2019 are:

**Mr. Tom Huff – President**

**Mrs. Kim Pittman – Vice President**

**Mr. Todd Jones, Mr. Mitch Mascioli, and Mr. Nick Campbell**

## Notification to Parents Whose Children are in Title I

You have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Ohio Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches or is approved because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar para-professionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.

## Search for Children with Disabilities

The Jackson-Milton Local Schools are interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities and are participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children in the community from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities.

Disabilities may include such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, autism, and traumatic brain injuries. Many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability or that there are programs and services available.

If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, please contact a school principal. All information collected will be held in strict confidence and released to others only with parent permission or as allowed by the law. Policies and procedures for special education are also available for review by contacting the superintendent.

The district holds a public hearing at the August regular board meeting each year that provides an opportunity for comment to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities concerning the use of IDEA Part B funds.

