

To Fairfield Union Students, Families, Staff and Community:



The 2018-2019 school year was an extraordinary year for our school district. The Fairfield Union Local School District, arguably, earned the highest marks on the state report card in our history. As a result of our report card, Fairfield Union was awarded the Momentum Award by the State Board of Education and the Ohio Department of Education.

The Momentum Award is given to school districts for earning straight A's when measuring the educational growth of all students. Fairfield Union was one of seventy schools in Ohio to be designated as a Momentum Award winner. This is an outstanding achievement for our students, staff, and community. We are extremely proud of our report card, but we also realize the education of our students extends well beyond the classroom.

Our athletic teams experienced tremendous success throughout the year with multiple teams and athletes reaching the state tournament; the amount of community service performed by our students and staff were at record levels; and our FFA and FCS students also earned recognition at the state and national level. The list of accomplishments of our students is staggering, which shows excellence truly is a way of life at Fairfield Union. While there is much to celebrate from the past year, we are also excited for what is to come in the 2019-2020 school year.

We are proud to expand the arts on multiple levels at Fairfield Union in the coming year. Art class will now be taught in grades 1-12, and we are bringing back our band class to the 5th grade. Through the use of federal title funds and our Permanent Improvement Levy funds, the high school auditorium will be equipped with a new sound system for the coming year, which will be highlighted by the school production of *The Sound of Music* (coming in Spring 2020). However, the improvements in our district are not limited to the arts.

Utilizing the funds from our Permanent Improvement Levy, we have been able to make the following improvements in the district:

- Additional handicap parking around Falcon Stadium, John Nelson Field and the softball field.
- Increase security in all buildings by installing security film to all exterior entrances.
- Increase security in all buildings by installing Window Armor on all classroom doors.
- Continuation of our 1-to-1 technology program.

Our motto is very simple - Every day, in every way, excellence is a way of life. The Fairfield Union Local School District is different and excellent because of our community. As we tell our students, "You are different, and definitely better, because you were here." We are extremely blessed to have community support unlike any other district in the state! Our success is because of you, and we will continually work to make tomorrow better than today.

It truly is a great day to be a Falcon!

Chad Belville

Chad Belville
Superintendent
Fairfield Union Local School District



STUDENT TIME SCHEDULES

The time schedules for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

High School	7:20 A.M. - 2:39 P.M.
Rushville Middle School	7:25 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.
Bremen Elementary School	8:50 A.M. - 3:35 P.M.
Pleasantville Elementary School	8:50 A.M. - 3:35 P.M.



STAFF CHANGES

Retirements

The following employees have retired: **Scott Ball**, Rushville Grade 8; **Sue Fisher**, Rushville Grade 5; **Richard Fisher**, Bremen Custodian; **Cheryl Flowers**, Bremen Grade 4; **Tim Forgrave**, Rushville Grade 8; **Vikki James**, Rushville Tutor; **Kris Leach**, Pleasantville Grade 4; **Leland Lones**, Bus Driver; and **Sandy Seifert**, Bremen Grade 4.



Transfers

The following employees will be transferring within the school district as follows: **Casey Bischof** from Rushville Tutor to Wellness Grades 5-8; **Michelle Correll** from Bremen Kindergarten to Grade 4; **Patricia Denny** from Rushville Grade 7 to Bremen/Pleasantville Art; **Martha Eichhorn** from Pleasantville Tutor to Bremen Kindergarten; **Chris Hass** from High School/Rushville Math to Rushville Grade 8 Math; **Liz Henwood** from Rushville Assistant Principal to Rushville Grade 8 Writing; **James Miller** from Rushville Grade 7 to Grade 8 Social Studies; **Ryan Montgomery** from Athletic Director/High School Math to full time High School Math; **Molly Oliver** from Rushville Grade 5 Math to Grade 5 Social Studies; **Barbara Roberts** from Rushville/Bremen/Pleasantville Art to Rushville Art; **Jessica Schmitz** from Pleasantville Tutor to Grade 4; **Colten Schooley** from High School/Rushville Intervention Specialist to Rushville Intervention Specialist; **Nathan Stephenson** from Rushville Intervention Specialist to Grade 7 Social Studies; **Jessica Strittmatter** from Bremen Tutor to Bremen Intervention Specialist; and **Sarah Thompson** from Bremen Kindergarten to Grade 4.



New Employees

Andy Clark, Athletic Director; **Tricia Haughn**, Rushville Principal; **Ian Hartley**, High School ED Teacher; **Jeff Kovatch**, Technology Support Technician; **Hannah Landis**, Bremen Kindergarten; **Kelley Myers**, Speech Language Pathologist; **Jeff Rippl**, Rushville Assistant Principal; **Sierra Roberts**, Bremen/Pleasantville Intervention Specialist; **Mackenzie Smith**, Pleasantville Tutor; **Matthew Smith**, Maintenance and **Cindy Swinehart**, Bremen Aide.



STUDENT RECORDS AND THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

The Fairfield Union Board of Education supports the right of the people to know about programs and services of their schools and makes efforts to disseminate appropriate information. Records pertaining to individual students and other confidential materials are not released for inspection. Student records that consist of "personally identifiable information" generally are exempt from disclosure except in certain limited cases required by law. Only that information deemed "directory information" may be released from an individual student's file. Student Directory Information includes student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in school activities, achievements, awards, honors, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, major field of study, and dates of attendance and graduation. This information will be disclosed without prior written consent. If the parents, legal guardian, or adult student prefers that such information not be released, they must notify the Principal in writing.



Educational records are maintained in the administrative offices of the building a child attends. Records of students no longer attending a Fairfield Union School will be located in the building the student last attended. Parents or an eligible student may review the student's educational records.



NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX

The Fairfield Union School District has a policy of non-discrimination in admission services or employment with any program or activity sponsored by the school district. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to Chad Belville, who serves as the district's Title IX Coordinator.



DISCLOSURES AND NOTIFICATIONS

Identification of Gifted Students

All school districts are required to identify children who are gifted. Gifted students perform at remarkably high levels when compared to other students of their own age. The district accepts referrals, screens and identifies, or screens and reassesses students who perform or show potential for performing at high levels of accomplishment in the areas of superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability, and/or visual and/or performing arts. The district must follow policy and procedures established in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15. These rules specify that assessment instruments must come from the list approved by the Ohio Department of Education.



If you believe your child to be gifted in one or more of the areas listed above, please contact your child's principal.

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The IDEA requires school districts to locate, identify and evaluate all resident children and adults from age 3 through 21 who are suspected of needing special education services. This notice is a required step in this search, and the district is committed to fulfilling the intent of the IDEA. Therefore, any child who is suspected of having a disability and who is not currently identified should be referred to the Principal of the building of attendance. Also, Chad Belville, Superintendent, may be contacted at 740-536-7384.



FAIRFIELD UNION WEBSITE

The Fairfield Union web address is
www.fairfieldunion.org.
Please visit this site for school news and regular updates.

PAYMENT OF FEES/WORKBOOKS



All fees can be paid through the cashier's office at the high school or the secretary's office at the middle and elementary schools. Fees can also be paid online through the PaySchools Central system (lunch account) by visiting the school website (www.fairfieldunion.org) and clicking on the

PaySchools Central link. **All sports participation fees must be paid within ten days of the first official practice for your particular sport.**

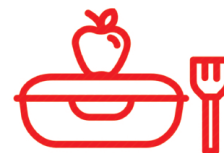
The high school cashier and middle school secretary will be available prior to school opening for payment of sport participation fees and class fees August 7-14 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fees will not be collected Tuesday, August 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; the offices will be closed.

Elementary secretaries will be available prior to school opening for payment of class fees August 7-14 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fees will not be collected Tuesday, August 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; the offices will be closed.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The school district participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, which provides free and reduced price meals for those who qualify. Free and reduced-price meal applications will be sent home with students after the opening of school. **PLEASE NOTE: If you have received a Direct Certification letter through the mail, a new form does not need to be completed for the 2019-20 school year; however, if you want to qualify for waiver of school instructional fees, you must return the Sharing Information Form that is included with your Direct Certification letter.** If you have questions regarding this program, please call Sally McCandlish, Food Service Director, at 740-536-7384. The price for breakfast for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$1.10. Students eligible for free or reduced cost meals will receive breakfast at no cost to the family. Lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year will be as follows:

Lunch for Students in Grades K-4	\$2.35
Lunch for Students in Grades 5-12	\$2.60
Reduced Price Lunch Grades K-12	\$.40
Lunch for Adults	\$3.00
Milk	\$.45



As always, residents are welcome to have lunch in any of our cafeterias. We simply ask that you call ahead so that there is plenty of food prepared.

OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION

As the school year begins, we extend an invitation to parents to attend Open House/Orientation. Dates are as follows:

- High School August 13 - Freshmen Orientation, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Open House, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Rushville Middle School August 13 - Grade 5 Orientation, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym;
5th Graders will then be able to meet teachers in classrooms afterwards
August 13 - Grades 6-8, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Bremen Elementary August 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grades KG and 1
August 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Grades 2, 3 and 4
- Pleasantville Elementary August 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Grades KG and 1 and
Fairfield County Pre-School (In child's classroom)
August 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Grade 2 (Meet in cafeteria and then will proceed to classrooms)
August 12, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. – Grade 3 (Meet in Cafeteria and then will proceed to classrooms)
August 12, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. – Grade 4 (In child's classroom)



THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth face in enrolling and attending school. Under this Federal law, school districts are required to designate a district liaison to help remove barriers that homeless children frequently face. If you are aware of any families in our school district who are facing this difficult problem and who have children who are not enrolled in school, please contact Eydie Schilling at 740-536-7384.

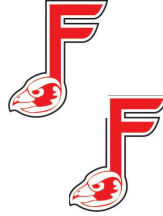


MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Marching Falcons kicked off their summer season on July 16. Band camp runs the two weeks prior to the start of school.

A full schedule of activities for the 2019-20 school year is posted on the Fairfield Union website. Some of the Fall/Winter highlights are as follows:

August 28 Millersport Sweet Corn Festival Parade
 September 7 Sheridan Marching Band Festival
 October 10 Fairfield County Fair Parade of Bands
 October 19 Circleville Pumpkin Show
 October 21 Assembly Singers First Arts Concert
 November 8 Marching Falcons In Concert



November 23 Lancaster Holiday Parade
 December 9 High School Choral Christmas Concert
 To Be Determined 5th and 6th Grade Christmas Concert
 December 18 7th and 8th Grade Christmas Concert
 December 19 Annual Choral Christmas Tour



2019-2020 BUS ROUTES

A transportation link will be available after August 1 on the Home Page of the Fairfield Union website at www.fairfieldunion.org. Please visit the website to review the routes. If you do not have internet access and would like information on bus routes that pertain to your student(s), please call the Fairfield Union Transportation Department at 740-536-7820 or the Fairfield Union District Office at 740-536-7384. Copies of bus routes will also be available in all school offices.

Barb Gaskins
 Transportation Coordinator



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fairfield Union Local School District is to provide a safe environment where purposeful and rigorous educational experiences develop lifelong learners and confident, productive citizens.



Fairfield Union Alma Mater
 Oh Hail to Thee Dear Fairfield
 Sing praises to Thy name
 Alma mater brave and fair
 Thee we'll always claim.
 We'll always sing of Fairfield
 And loyal we'll remain
 Sing of Fairfield Union
 Mighty Fairfield Union
 Oh Hail to Thee Dear Fairfield
 Sing praises to Thy name
 Fairfield.



Fight Song
 Fight on Fairfield, fight to the end
 Give our team some pep to defend us;
 Make that touchdown one that will send
 Fairfield on to victory
 Fighting always, wait and see,
 Fight on for Fairfield High.



Our Vision

Fairfield Union will serve as a collaborative learning community shaping the educational environment to prepare students for college and career readiness.



Beliefs

The Fairfield Union Schools believe it is our purpose. . .
 To promote lifelong learners
 To teach all students academic skills
 To promote good citizenship
 To develop self-confidence and a positive self-image in students
 To provide a safe, healthy environment
 To teach functional life skills
 To provide a challenging environment

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

MANDATORY SPORT MEETINGS

Players and parents of athletes in grades 7-12 are required to attend one OHSAA meeting each school year. Fall dates are as follows: August 5 for football, boys soccer, and golf athletes and August 6 for volleyball, cross country, cheerleading and girls soccer athletes. Both meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. (Middle school club soccer and club golf athletes are not required to attend.) If you have any questions regarding these OHSAA meetings, please call the high school office at 740-536-7306.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEE REMINDERS









Each athlete is required to complete training rules and a pre-participation physical (once per year), as well as pay their Sports Participation Fee of \$50.00 for each high school sport or \$25.00 for each middle school sport. We have and will continue to make every effort to keep our rates below those of similar sized school districts in the area.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Department would like to invite all parents to be active participants in the Athletic Booster program. Athletic Booster meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School library.

Fairfield Union Local School District would like to welcome Andy Clark into the role of Athletic Director for both the high school and middle school. Mr. Clark can be reached at the high school at 740-536-7306 or at andyclark@fairfieldunion.org.

BELOW IS A LIST OF HEAD COACHES FOR THE 2019-2020 FALL AND WINTER SEASONS:

		Bo Brandon—Football		
		Alex Eversole—Boys Basketball		
		Travis Shaeffer—Girls Basketball		
		Brian Oliver—Boys Golf		
		To Be Determined —Wrestling		
		Shea Schmelzer—Boys Soccer		
		Casey Bischof—Girls Soccer		
		Rob Myers—Cross Country		
		Mindy Miller-Volleyball		
		Shyna Gawell—Football Cheerleading		
		To Be Determined —Basketball Cheerleading		
		Alex Craine—Athletic Trainer		

- **Mid-State League Admission Prices (Subject to Change)**
- **All Varsity Contests and Triple Headers**
- Students - \$4.00 Adults - \$6.00
- No Advance Sale Tickets
- Infield Parking - \$3.00
- **Under the Varsity Level (Freshmen, Reserve & Middle School)**
- Students - \$3.00 Adults - \$5.00
- Senior Citizens who hold a Golden Buckeye Card will be admitted free of charge at home events. Discount cards are available at the high school office for all sporting events
- - contact Kathy Williams at 740-536-7306 for more information.



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2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

New Teacher Orientation	August 8 & 9, 2019 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY)
Teacher Work Day - Classroom Preparation	August 12 (MONDAY)
Teacher Professional Development Days.....	August 13 & 14 (TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY)
First Day for Students	August 15 (THURSDAY)
Labor Day.....	September 2 (NO SCHOOL)
Two Hour Late Arrival - Teacher Data Day.....	September 13 (FRIDAY)
County Professional Development Day	September 23 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Fairfield County Fair	October 7 - 11 (NO SCHOOL)
End of 1st Nine Weeks - Two Hour Late Arrival	October 18 (FRIDAY)
Comp. Day for Parent Teacher Conferences.....	November 27 (NO SCHOOL)
Thanksgiving Break	November 28 & 29 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day Before Christmas - 2 Hr. Early Dismissal	December 20 (FRIDAY)
Christmas Break.....	December 23 - January 3, 2020 (NO SCHOOL)
School Resumes	January 6, 2020 (MONDAY)
Martin Luther King Day.....	January 20 (NO SCHOOL)
Presidents Day.....	February 17 (NO SCHOOL)
End of 3rd Nine Weeks - Two Hour Late Arrival	March 13 (FRIDAY)
Teacher Work Day - PD/Conference Time.....	March 27 (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)
Good Friday	April 10 (NO SCHOOL)
Comp. Day for Parent Teacher Conferences.....	April 13 (NO SCHOOL)
Last Day for Students - 2 Hour Early Dismissal	May 21 (THURSDAY)
Teacher Work Day - Records.....	May 22 (FRIDAY)
Graduation Exercises.....	May 24 (SUNDAY)

NOTES

1. The first 36 hours (1 day = 6 hours) of missed school due to closure or delay will be forgiven. After 36 hours of missed school time, days will be made up in the following order: January 20, February 17, March 27, April 13, May 22
2. Should the district exhaust all make-up days, blizzard bags will be used to make up any additional days.
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during evening hours as follows:
 - Bremen and Pleasantville Elementary Schools**
November 19, November 25, March 24 and March 26
 - High School and Rushville Middle School**
November 21, November 25, March 24 and March 26
4. Open House and Orientation:
 - Bremen and Pleasantville Elementary Schools**
August 12, 2019
 - Fairfield Union High School and Rushville Middle School**
August 13, 2019

LATE ARRIVAL DATES

Friday, September 13, 2019 (Teacher Data Day)
Friday, October 18, 2019 (Grading K-12)
Friday, March 13, 2020 (Grading K-12)

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Friday, December 20, 2019
Thursday, May 21, 2020



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



RECEIPTS

Local Sources

Property Tax	\$ 5,169,428	22.4%
Income Tax	4,863,520	21.1%
Other*	2,582,940	11.2%
Total Local	12,615,888	54.7%
State & Federal Sources	10,457,162	45.3%
Total Receipts	\$23,073,050	



Expenditures

Employee Salaries/Wages	\$10,880,941	47.6%
Employee Benefits	5,239,935	22.9%
Purchased Services	3,967,515	17.3%
Supplies	568,199	2.5%
Capital	61,037	0.3%
Other/Transfers	2,155,509	9.4%
Total Expenditures	\$22,873,136	

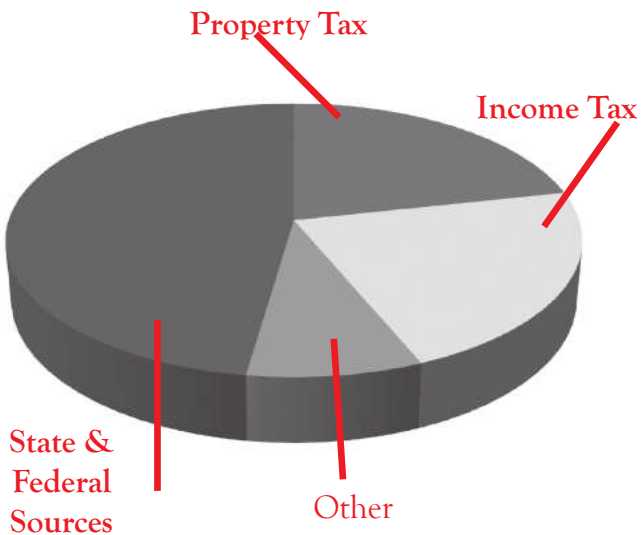


Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 10,459,670
Receipts	23,073,050
Expenditures	22,873,136
Ending Balance June 30, 2019	\$10,659,584

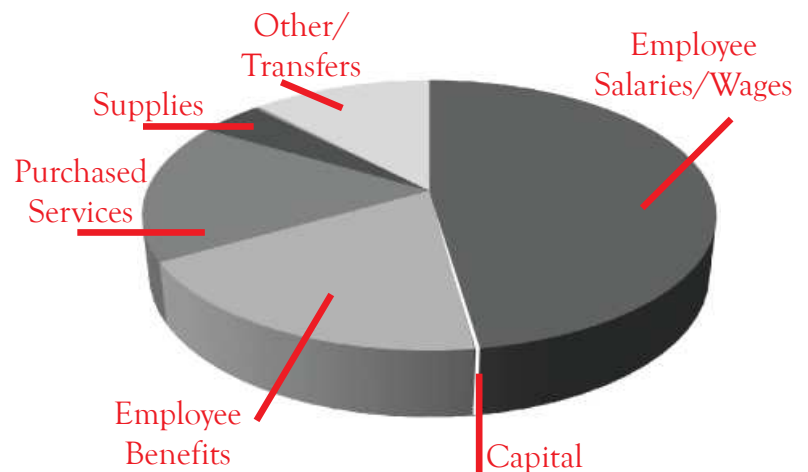


*Other receipts include revenue from open enrollment, interest income and fees.

Receipts



Expenditures



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Rushville Middle School



Fairfield Union High School

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