



# Blanchester Local Schools

957 Cherry Street, Blanchester, Ohio 45107  
937-783-3523 Fax 937-783-2990

Superintendent  
Randy Dunlap

Treasurer  
Tracy Parker

Director of  
Instruction  
Raechel Purdon

Director of Student  
Services  
Kristin  
Unversaw

## Board of Education

President  
*John Panetta*

Vice President  
*Jeremy Kachler*

Member  
*Kathy Gephart*

Member  
*Kyle Wilson*

Member  
*Mike Williams*

**Earned Income Tax for Operating Costs:** An operating levy is a levy for learning and supporting students. Operating levies provide school districts money to be used for day-to-day expenses such as staff salaries, contracted services, materials and supplies, utilities, transportation, activities, and programming. These are the funds necessary to run and operate schools. Operating dollars from this levy will go to cover the cost of maintaining, expanding, and enriching the curricular and co-curricular opportunities for our students, field trips, transportation, etc..

- Reinstatement normal transportation levels for all students
- Maintain current level of course offerings and strategically plan for additional offerings for students, including potential increase to high school and middle school electives
- Design and support more after school programs for students
- Maintain current investment levels in PE, Music and the Arts
- Maintain and expand contracted services including physical health, mental health and special education (Physical Therapy, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Psych Services)
- Retain and recruit high-quality teachers
- Retain and recruit support staff required for daily operations... bus drivers, custodians, cooks, secretaries, nurses, aides
- Add staff to provide lower class sizes in grades K-4.
- Potential expansion of early intervention services with an expansion of preschool as well as opportunities for K-4 students

\*\* Monies earmarked for permanent improvement cannot be used to offset operating costs. The 5.2mil property tax will be used for permanent (capital) improvements. The 1% earned income tax will be used for operating expenses.