



# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 ❖ 2022

MSD WAYNE  
TOWNSHIP





## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Thank you for  
being part of our  
great community  
that supports  
the 16,000-plus  
children in our  
school system.**

Like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, our students, staff and community slowly worked their way out of the two-year COVID pandemic and into the endemic stage this year. This is one of many reasons that the year 2022 is worth celebrating.

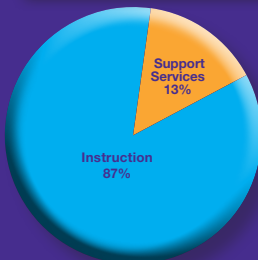
To say the least, the two-year journey through this pandemic has been a challenge for us all. Uncharted territory, to be sure; and yet we sailed through these choppy seas together, persevering through the storm. We are stronger for it, and hope the waters we find ourselves in moving forward continue to remain calm.

This is also a year in which we are celebrating a significant anniversary: 60 years as an incorporated school district. You'll learn more about this wonderful milestone on pages 4 and 5 of this annual report. I'm sure you'll find it fascinating to see how much Wayne has grown and evolved during the past six decades into the diverse and dynamic community it is today.

The year 2022 also brings good news for our taxpayers. After this year, we will no longer see the tax increase that was created by our 2015 referendum. We are able to let that tax referendum expire because of increased property values in the township, along with increased financial support from the state. We are extremely grateful to our community for the support that tax referendum has provided.

In so many ways, this year is one of celebration for us all. Thank you for being part of the great community that supports the 16,000-plus children in our great school system.

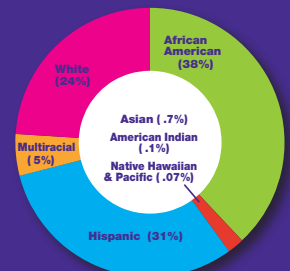
**Breakdown of MSD Wayne  
2021 General Fund Budget**



**WE ARE WAYNE!**

*Jeffrey K. Butts*  
Dr. Jeffrey K. Butts  
Superintendent

**TOP COVER PHOTO**  
District 7 Elementary  
Principal of the Year  
Aretha Britton



**2021 MSD Wayne  
Enrollment by Ethnicity**





## COMING OUT OF COVID HOW WE'RE MOVING FORWARD

The pandemic created learning challenges for many of our students. This year and next, we're using millions of federal COVID relief dollars to help those students catch up.



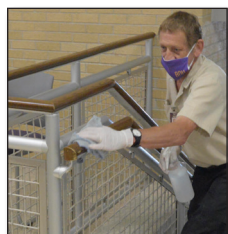
Additional staff called **reading interventionists** are making a huge difference for our younger students. A program known as Level Up at our secondary level is allowing high school students to make up lost ground. Our teachers and other staff are working harder than ever to create successful outcomes for our students.



**READING  
INTERVENTIONISTS**

While decreasing COVID cases allowed us to drop our mask mandate in February, we continue to ensure our buildings are thoroughly cleaned. Our **custodians** deserve recognition for the extra work they've put in to help create a healthy learning environment.

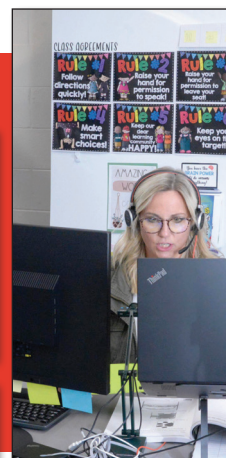
More than 700 students K-12 chose to attend school online this year through our expanded **Achieve Virtual schools**. We will continue to provide that option for our students.



**CUSTODIAL  
STAFF**



**ACHIEVE VIRTUAL  
K-6 AND 7-8**

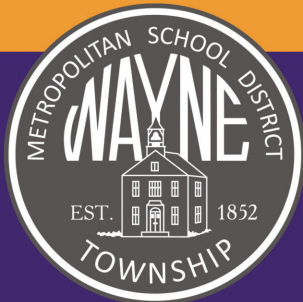


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# WAYNE REACHES

## CELEBRATING



# 60

## YEARS

### INCORPORATED

It's been 170 years since the first school was opened here in Wayne Township. But it wasn't until June 11, 1962, that a Marion County Circuit Court judge signed an order creating the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township.

What a rich 60-year history we are celebrating as a school district and community in 2022! MSD Wayne has grown dramatically over the years, from around 8,500 students in 1962 to more than 16,000 today. This growth has brought with it a wonderful diversity which defines us as a community that embraces all.

Some members of our community are from families that have lived in Wayne Township for generations. Others have just recently settled in Wayne as they start a new life in the United States. Many factors have led people to choose Wayne. All of us live in a place that uniquely blends deep roots and a strong vision for the future.

The QR code on the next page will take you to much more information about our 60th anniversary. We invite you to join us as we mark another milestone in this wonderful community!



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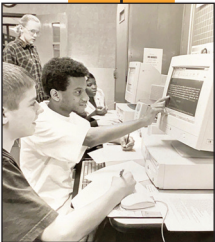
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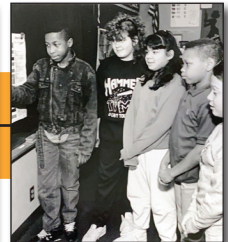
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# A Time for Thanks

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Our seven board members wanted to say “thank you” using the top seven languages spoken by our students. In English, Spanish, French, Creole, Tigrinya, Yoruba, and Arabic, the heart of the message is the same: gratitude.

What exactly are we grateful for? Well, our community has supported us through some difficult financial times by passing two property tax referendums (2015 and 2019). The additional property taxes have helped us overcome decreased state funding and other financial challenges.



CREOLE



FRENCH



YORUBA



ENGLISH



TIGRINYA



SPANISH



ARABIC



# A Time to Celebrate

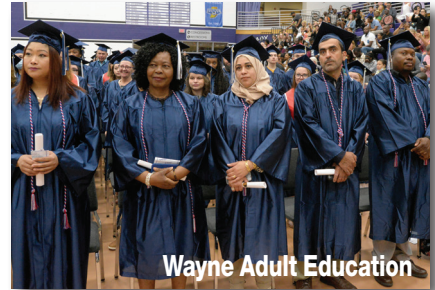
## CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

Joyfully, we've embraced that we can celebrate important milestones and achievements together in person again.

Students from Ben Davis High School, Ben Davis University High School, Achieve Virtual, and Adult Education each took part in commencement ceremonies in person, with all their classmates, for the first time since 2019.

We celebrated our straight-A students with ceremonies at each school. Our annual Dare to Dream Awards ceremony honored our exceptional learners and those who support them. We recognized our Top 30 students at Ben Davis High School and our Top 12 at Ben Davis University High School.

Our children have shown remarkable grit and determination as we've come through the last two years. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, and to all our hard-working Wayne students!



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## WAYNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

### OUR PRESCHOOL

Wayne Township Preschool

### OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Achieve Virtual Elementary  
Bridgeport Elementary  
Chapel Glen Elementary  
Chapelwood Elementary  
Garden City Elementary  
Maplewood Elementary  
McClelland Elementary  
North Wayne Elementary  
Rhoades Elementary  
Robey Elementary  
Stout Field Elementary  
Westlake Elementary

### OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS/ PROGRAMS

Achieve Virtual 7-8  
Chapel Hill 7th & 8th Grade Center  
Lynhurst 7th & 8th Grade Center  
Ben Davis 9th Grade Center  
Achieve Virtual 9-12  
Ben Davis High School  
Ben Davis University High School  
Wayne Township Adult Education

### OUR SPECIALTY SCHOOLS

Sanders School  
Wayne Preparatory Academy

## Mission Statement

Provide multiple opportunities for learning that meet or exceed the present and future goals and aspirations of our students, in partnership with our community.



## Vision Statement

We Are Wayne! Great Schools. Great Community.  
Inspiring excellence through great experiences.