

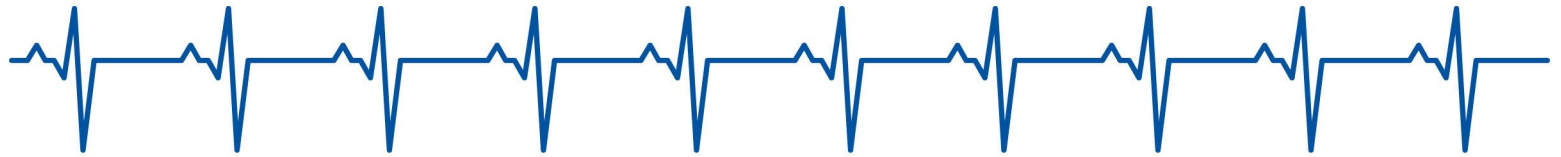


The Patriot Pulse

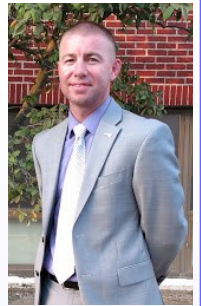


Tri-Village Local Schools

March 2019



Capital Improvement Planning *Potential Building Projects Being Explored*



Dear Patriots,

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education's vision is to continue to create a first class environment for our students and families while responding to our district's growth and community needs.

Our Board of Education is exploring two construction projects to meet a variety of needs, including additional classroom space, the growing demand for use of our facility by our community, in and off season athletics, youth athletic programs, and storage / maintenance of our bus fleet. If these potential projects move forward toward a construction phase, there will be no need or attempt to raise additional local tax revenue.

The main facility we are exploring, if built, would be branded "The Patriot Learning and Activity Center." A design has not been developed for such a facility but we envision that it would encompass at least several new classrooms for the district to relocate and expand our early learning program, a community board room, a community fitness room, a new competition gym and more office space. The potential building site for such a facility would be on the east side of campus connected to our 2003 addition. The kindergarten playground and football practice field would be relocated to allow for this addition.

Rationale for exploring this project:

- The additional classroom space will enable the district to increase enrollment in our 5 Star rated preschool program. The district strongly believes the earlier we get children on our campus, the more impact we can make, thus increasing the likelihood the child will remain with the district for their entire educational career.
- Our athletic facilities are in high demand from our community members for various practices, events and activities. We appreciate the public wanting to use our facilities and we make every effort to accommodate the requests that we receive; however, often our current gymnasiums are often booked until at least 9:00 p.m. on weekdays.
- We are one of the only schools in the Cross County Conference with only one "playable" gym. By playable, we mean the ability to host games due to enough seating for patrons. The addition of another competition gym will allow us to simultaneously host multiple events and provide greater flexibility with scheduling while marketing our facilities for larger tournaments and activities.
- We want to offer our community and children what many other communities possess. Our goal is to give people, especially young couples who are looking to start a family, a wonderful educational environment with first class facilities that offers their children the same opportunities other communities provide.
- We wish to retain and attract students while staying competitive with other county schools regarding facilities, programs and services. It is vital that our facilities set us apart and continue to move us forward.
- We wish to be good stewards of public funds entrusted to us while utilizing those funds responsibly to ensure continued growth and success of the district. Our current economic environment and financial position makes this a great time to explore new ways to invest in our children.

The second construction project the district is exploring is the addition of a Transportation Garage. The potential building site for such a facility would be to the east of campus on land the district recently purchased for future expansion projects.

Rationale for exploring a new Transportation Garage:

- Currently, our bus fleet is stored and maintained off campus and the district would like to move all operations onto one campus for safety, security and liability purposes.

We understand you may have questions and we welcome community input as we continue our exploratory process. As we continue to gather more information so educated decisions can be made, we will share our findings on our website and in future issues of the Patriot Pulse.

In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to contact Josh Sagester, Superintendent, Kim Chowning, Treasurer or a member of the Board of Education. Board meetings are typically held on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office and are open to the public.

Yours in Education,

Josh Sagester

Tri-Village Local Schools, Superintendent

Conference Affiliation Update

Dear Patriots,

As Superintendent, I wanted to provide some concrete information and clarity on our current athletic conference status. On Monday, February 25, the local Board of Education approved a resolution to pursue a new conference with the following school districts: Ansonia, Arcanum-Butler, Bradford, Franklin Monroe, National Trail, Mississinawa Valley, Newton, Tri-County North, Twin Valley South and two additional school districts to be released at later date.

The decision to pursue another conference was based on the following criteria: K-12 enrollment, proximity and competitive balance. All ten current C.C.C. schools mentioned above have formally requested that this change occur after the 2019-2020 school year. However, the current C.C.C. bylaws state that schools must abide by a two year exit plan unless schools in the league mutually agree to depart sooner, which means that 2020-2021 may be the earliest this change could take effect. However, discussion is ongoing and the exact timeframe for change has not been formally decided.

At this time, athletic directors, high school principals and district superintendents of the “new” conference are working together to brand our new league name and logo. I will continue to keep the community informed as more conference information becomes available.

Respectfully,

Josh Sagester

Tri-Village Local Schools, Superintendent

1:1 Chromebook Take Home Pilot

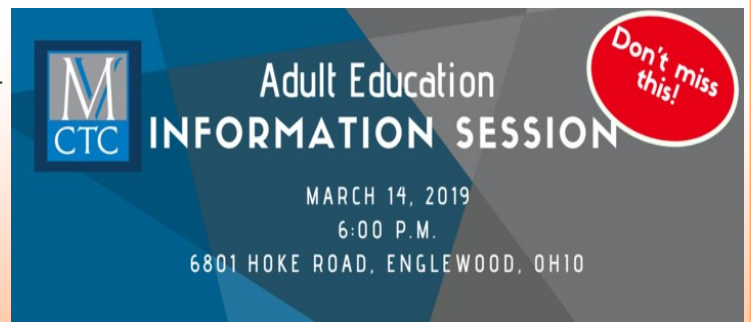
Tri-Village Local Schools will be conducting a chromebook “take home” pilot program for the remainder of the school year. This pilot will encompass juniors and seniors enrolled in a variety of courses taught by our High School ELA instructor, Johnna Raffel. During this second semester pilot, district personnel will be looking to gather various data points while closely monitoring student habits and effective student use to assist us in long term technology planning for students and staff.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for Career Programs for those who qualify. There are a number of potential sources including Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Boards, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Ohio Industrial Commission, Veterans Benefits, and possibly others. The school employs a financial aid counselor and an agency liaison to assist students who wish to apply for financial aid.

Prior to meeting with a financial aid counselor, students must visit www.studentloans.gov and complete the FAFSA application.

Additional MVCTC Adult Education Financial Aid information is available at www.mvctc.com/ae/financial-aid.



The poster features the MVCTC logo on the left. The main text reads 'Adult Education INFORMATION SESSION' in large, bold letters. Below this, it specifies the date and time: 'MARCH 14, 2019 6:00 P.M.' and the location: '6801 HOKE ROAD, ENGLEWOOD, OHIO'. A red circular badge in the top right corner says 'Don't miss this!'. At the bottom, it states 'Career Programs start April 1'.

The District Spelling Bee was held February 26, 2019 at Arcanum-Butler Local Schools at 12:30. p.m. Congratulations to Alyssa Begoon for placing 4th.



Elementary

Winner: Lydia Ayyette
Runner-Up: Grace Bergman



Junior High

Winner - Alyssa Begoon
Runner-Up - Jeff Ketring

Congratulations to our senior students who have already been accepted to a College or University!

Julia Mellott, Haven Buckley, Corbin Holzapfel, and Cameron Armstrong
(Indiana University East)

Mason Coby
(Purdue University Fort Wayne)

Noah Hill
(Bowling Green State University)

Edie Morris
(Eastern Kentucky University)

Kloe Murphey
(Miami University)

