QUALITY PROFILE
2020-2021

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE
TIPP CITY SCHOOLS

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90 S. Tippecanoe Dr.
Tipp City, OH 45371
When Tipp City Schools offered me the opportunity to serve as superintendent, I was thrilled to return home. It was exciting for my family and me to be closer to friends, extended family, and my alma mater, The Ohio State University.

Little did any of us know, a pandemic that forced the sudden closure of schools in March 2020 would continue to challenge us in almost every aspect of our lives. There were so many questions and so few answers as the unrelenting COVID-19 forced us to redesign education delivery. Yet, we did not let the uncertainty and obstacles hinder our mission to provide the exceptional learning opportunities synonymous with Tipp City Schools. Our teachers, staff, students, and parents all deserve congratulations for the 2020-2021 school year.

As you read through this publication, I hope you see what makes Tipp City Schools unique and a special place to call home. We are proud of our student achievements in academics, athletics, the arts, and service. Our students continue to excel because our teachers provide quality instruction, innovative lessons, and enrichment opportunities. They are passionate educators who inspire their students and harness their curiosity toward greater success, as evidenced by their many awards, honors, and recognitions.

It is a privilege to lead a highly regarded district that prides itself on its longstanding tradition of excellence. Though COVID-19 changed the way we interacted with each other for more than one year, I look forward to some sense of normalcy, the chance to meet many of you in person, and the opportunity to cheer on our students at their events!

#WEareTIPP and #TogetherweareExtraordinary!

Sincerely,

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Vision:

Tipp City Schools, in partnership with the community, fosters a culture of learning that values tradition and innovation, empowering all students to be respectful and responsible citizens with integrity.

Mission:

Tipp City Schools cultivates positive relationships, embraces diversity, provides opportunities, and supports high expectations for every student.

Board of Education

Front Row: Anne Zakkour; Vice President; Theresa Dunaway, President; Back Row: Corine Doll; Simon Patry; Joellen Heatherly
The Tippecanoe Educational Endowment honored Broadway Elementary Intervention Specialist Jodi Duncan as the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Duncan is described by the state as a Highly Qualified Teacher but to parents with children in her classroom she is so much more! One parent wrote, “Mrs. Duncan has a huge heart for the children she helps in her classroom. Her calm and caring personality is evident in setting the tone of her classroom.” Another nominator shared, “When the students enter the classroom with Mrs. Duncan, they enter a space where learning is celebrated as it happens—on their terms and in their time. Teaching children is not a job to her; it is a passion and calling.” Parents and colleagues agree Mrs. Duncan is a visionary with compassion and wisdom to provide children with the tools and confidence to achieve success. “For those students who have had the benefit of belonging to her classroom for any amount of time, Mrs. Duncan will remain a household name for years, making her impact a generational one.”

Retirees

At the annual End-of-the-Year Celebration, Tipp City Schools congratulated five employees on their much-deserved retirements. Staff gave them a thunderous applause and standing ovation to express their gratitude and admiration for their amazing contributions to our students, district, and community.

Greg Southers
Tippecanoe Middle School Principal
35 years in education

Sandy Beck
Broadway Elementary School Intervention Specialist
37 years in education

Tammy Green
LT Ball Intermediate School Cafeteria Manager
28 years in education

Lisa Colebaugh
Tippecanoe High School, Family and Consumer Science Teacher
34 years in education

Sally Beam
Nevin Coppock Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher
43 years in education

The district also congratulated two staff members who retired earlier in the year.

Dale Cress
Custodian
26 years in education

Greg Howard
District Maintenance
28 years in education
In March 2020, Tipp City Schools moved to remote learning for the remainder of the school year as ordered by the state of Ohio. With COVID restrictions still in place as we planned for a new school year, we provided families the option to enroll their children in an online education platform or have their children return to the classroom. In August, we welcomed the majority of our students back to school!

Our teachers, support staff, students, and parents all deserve congratulations for the 2020-2021 school year. It was a year unlike any we have experienced! And, Tipp City Schools dealt with it in a way few other school districts can match! Our students in kindergarten through 5th grade were in class in our buildings all year. Other than three weeks between Thanksgiving and winter breaks when staffing shortages in a few departments prompted us to go fully remote, students in the upper grades were also in-person. We know the value of in-person, in-class learning. In Tipp City Schools, we made that happen in the face of a pandemic by working together.

“One thing I love about working for this district is everyone's passion for education but also their grace during these unprecedented times. Relationships were before rigor in the classroom, grace was before grades, patience was before programs, and love was shown before lessons. The things that truly mattered during this hard time were shown by such amazing students, staff, and the community that always support the schools!”

Joel Derge, Tippecanoe High School Teacher
“I am most proud of our students and how they handled themselves. As we all know, different was the norm, and our students did not let it take away from their desire to succeed. It would have been easy to come up with many excuses, but instead, our students and teachers came up with solutions!!!!”

Matt Burgbacher, Tippecanoe High School Intervention Specialist and Coach

“When I reflect on this unique school year, I am most proud of the fact that we stayed in person 100%. The teachers, students, and support staff worked extra hard throughout the year to make sure this could continue to happen. We were able to learn and still have fun; we just had to be creative in how we did this.”

Jeannie Moore, LT Ball Intermediate School Teacher

School looked different, but we continued to provide our tradition of excellence. Staff gave creativity in education new meaning.

• Tipp City Schools initiated a 1:1 device program and provided a Chromebook to all students in grades 2 to 12. This creates more equitable access to technology, fosters student collaboration, and enhances interaction with students.

• While COVID forced the district to cancel field trips, in-person guest speakers, and some enrichment opportunities, our teachers got creative. Speakers Zoomed with students; students competed virtually; “field trips” arrived at our doorsteps!

• Tipp City Schools held choir concerts, band concerts, and theatrical productions, albeit without the traditional full house of families and invited guests!

• With the Seamless Summer Option program extended, Tipp City Schools in-person students could receive a free lunch on school days.

• Tippecanoe High School staff surprised students at their homes with National Honor Society induction invites.

• Several Tippecanoe Middle School Boy Scouts designed and constructed hands-free hand sanitizer stations for all our buildings!

“Every teacher took a tough situation and turned it into an amazing school year for our students. Our building had positive attitudes from day one, and we provided the kids with the best education and experiences possible. This year showed me just how much every teacher here loves their profession and making an impact on the children of Tipp City. I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else with anyone else!”

Grant Brown, Nevin Coppock Elementary School Teacher
Our Tradition of Excellence: Accomplishments, Awards, Recognitions!

Tipp City Schools provides its students with rigorous and relevant educational experiences that prepare them with 21st-century skills. Our students boast significant academic achievements on the local, state, and national stages from elementary school through graduation day. While the district places a strong emphasis on maximizing student achievement, it also promotes a culture of responsibility, respect, and integrity.

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Rankings:

**Niche** ranked Tipp City Schools as a top 100 district in Ohio and one of the best districts in Miami County. It also ranked Tippecanoe High School as a Best Public High School in the greater Dayton area, Ohio, and America, and it ranked LT Ball Intermediate School and Tippecanoe Middle Schools among the top in the greater Dayton area.

**GreatSchools.org** named Tippecanoe High School a College Success Award Winner for the 3rd consecutive year. The award honors schools that have been successful in preparing students for college and careers.

U.S. News and World Report recognized Tippecanoe High School as one of the best in the country. It ranked THS the 11th best amongst Dayton metro area high schools.

Newsweek ranked Tippecanoe High School as a top 3,000 STEM high school for having skilled teachers who keep up with developments in STEM fields and create dynamic learning environments.
School Honors:

The Tippecanoe Middle School Power of the Pen Team was crowned State Champions. The team won its first state title in school history, beating out 166 other teams for the honors.

Tippecanoe Middle School earned the coveted Harold C. Shaw Memorial Outstanding School award at this year’s Ohio Academy of State Science Day. This represents the highest achievement for schools competing at State Science Day.

Tippecanoe Middle School, LT Ball Intermediate School, and 14 teachers earned the Governor’s Thomas Edison Awards for STEM Education and Student Research.

LT Ball Intermediate School earned the Purple Star Award. This award for military-friendly schools honors learning communities that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our national’s military.

The National Council of Teachers of English awarded a “superior” recognition to Tippecanoe High School’s Inferno, the student literary magazine.

Nevin Coppock Elementary School, Broadway Elementary School, LT Ball Intermediate, and Tippecanoe Middle School earned the Ohio PBIS Bronze Recognition Award for their quality and fidelity of the PBIS implementation.

Student Recognitions:

Tippecanoe High School student Heidi Allan was named a national merit finalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. This represents less than one percent of eligible U.S. high school students!

Tippecanoe High School student Jianna Nichols earned 1st place at the 2021 Invention Convention U.S. Nationals and won the Health and Medical Award. At the Ohio competitions, she won the grand prize Edison Award and a $2,500 College Savings Award.

Tippecanoe Middle School student Sadhil Mehta (now a 9th grader) succeeded at the International Academic Competition Online Regional Qualifying Exams for History, Science, and Geography. With his top place finishes, he qualified for National History Bee, History Olympiad, National Science Bee, National Geography Bee, and International Geography Bee. The competitions take place after this publication’s printing.

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The 5th-grade Destination Imagination team placed 1st at regionals and 2nd at state! The success earned the team an invitation to compete in a Virtual Global Tournament.
Class of 2021 Snapshot

- 201 Graduates
- 56 Honor Graduates
- 42 Magna Cum Laude
- 44 Cum Laude

ACT Scores

[Bar chart showing ACT scores for Average THS ACT Scores, State Average ACT Scores, and National ACT Scores for Composite, English, Reading, Math, and Science.

Advanced Placement

- 22 AP Scholars
- 7 AP Scholars with Honors
- 14 AP Scholars with Distinctions
- 274 Number of AP Exams taken

Opportunities for Students!

Our students have the opportunity to pursue academic interests through the College Credit Plus Program or Miami Valley Career Technology Center. CCP allows middle school and high school students to earn college credit and apply that credit toward their high school graduation requirements. MVCTC offers 40 high-tech, in-demand career programs in nine career pathways.

Students enrolled in CCP
- Sinclair 153
- Edison 14

CCP credits earned
- Sinclair 1,348
- Edison 170

Students Attending MVCT
- Juniors 28
- Seniors 24
2020-2021 Tippecanoe Athletic Highlights

Team Success
- 1 State Runner-Up
- 1 State Semi-Finalist
- 2 Regional Championships
- 2 Regional Qualifiers
- 3 District Championships
- 4 District Runners-Up
- 10 MVL Championships
- 2 TMS MVL Championships

Other Success
- 6 MVL Athlete-of-the-Year Awards
- 15 Regional Qualifiers
- 13 District Qualifiers
- 42 3-Season Athletes

All-State Honors

Hannah Rittenhouse, Girls Soccer: All-American and 1st Team All-State
Ben Knostman, Boys Basketball: SW District Player-of-the-Year and 1st Team All-State
Corrin Siefring, Volleyball: 1st Team All-State and District Player-of-the-Year;
Softball: Honorable Mention All-State
Owen Hadden, Boys Soccer: 1st Team All-State
Matt Salmon, Baseball: 1st Team All-State
Jonny Bailey, Baseball: 1st Team All-State and Boys Soccer: 2nd Team All-State
Rachel Wildermuth, Volleyball: 2nd Team All-State
Kaitlyn Husic, Softball: 2nd Team All-State
Ashleigh Mader, Girls Basketball: 1st Team SW District and 2nd Team All-State

Coach Highlights

Christina Pentaudi, Girls Basketball: Coach of the Year, District 9 and SW Ohio DII
Adam Toohey, Boys Basketball: Coach of the Year, District 9 and SW Ohio DII
Karl Stanbery, Swim: Coach of the Year, District 9 and SW Ohio DII
Howard Garcia, Volleyball: Coach of the Year, District 9
Bruce Cahill, Baseball: 700th Career Win
Financial Stewardship

General Fund Expenses

Fiscal Year 2021 - $27,497,795

As with any service industry, wages and benefits make up the majority of expenditures

- Wages $15,785,419 57.41%
- Retirement & Insurance $6,009,792 21.86%
- Purchased Services $2,373,382 8.63%
- Supplies & Materials $1,030,760 3.75%
- Capital $150,330 0.55%
- Other $2,147,612 7.80%

General Fund Operating Revenue

Fiscal Year 2021 - $27,003,212

*PUPP Tax is public utility personal property taxes. These taxes are paid by several businesses in the district.

- Real Estate Taxes $15,068,620 55.80%
- State Foundation $8,050,325 29.81%
- Other State $1,922,131 7.12%
- Other Local $1,178,925 4.37%
- PUPP Tax* $596,127 2.21%
- Federal $187,084 0.69%

Allocation of Expenditures

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At this rate, we fall at a lower cost per student than Troy, Piqua, and Milton Union.
Per Cupp Report, FY20 data per pupil expenditures $10,967.06.
Tipp City Schools reconvened the District Facilities Committee consisting of a board member, the superintendent, the Business Operations Coordinator, and several administrators to assess the needs in our schools. While we have taken care of many needs within the district, we must develop a blueprint for contending with aging facilities. As an initial step, the committee agreed to hire a structural engineer to evaluate the integrity of our properties so we can consider needs and options going forward. No decisions have been made. The facilities committee will host community meetings to share information and get feedback so together we can collaborate for our future.

### Nevin Coppock Elementary School
- Constructed in 1958
- 40,632 square feet
- 43 acres*

### LT Ball Intermediate School
- Constructed in 1974
- 67,767 square feet
- 43 acres*

### Tippecanoe Middle School
- Constructed in 1964
- 82,109 square feet
- Addition constructed in 1972
- 17,410 square feet
- Elevator and Mechanical room added in 2004
- 620 square feet
- 43 acres*

### Tippecanoe High School
- Constructed in 2003
- 185,892 square feet
- 38 acres

### Broadway Elementary School
- Constructed in 1951
- 47,920 square feet
- Addition Constructed in 1967
- 24,119 square feet
- 5.5 acres**

### Michaels Road
- 66.25 acres

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*This acreage is shared with Nevin Coppock Elementary School, LT Ball Intermediate School, Tippecanoe Middle School, the bus garage, and the boiler area.

**This acreage is shared with Broadway Elementary School, Central, and the maintenance building.

### Each year
Tipp City Schools earmarks funds for building updates and maintenance while being cognizant of the unexpected needs. Some of this year’s projects included:

- Roof repairs at Tippecanoe High School;
- Parking lot asphalt paving and lining at Tippecanoe High School and Board of Education;
- Mold remediation and prevention in 10 classrooms at Broadway Elementary;
- Repairs to masonry and stone at Tipp Central above the Broadway Elementary cafeteria;
- New faucets in restrooms at Nevin Coppock Elementary, Broadway Elementary, and Tippecanoe Middle School;
- New flooring in LT Ball Intermediate classrooms and Broadway Elementary front office;
- Kitchen conversions at Broadway Elementary and Nevin Coppock Elementary to create storage space out of broken walk-in freezers and refrigerator to accommodate stand-alone freezers;
- Installation of a conversion compressor for Tippecanoe Middle School cafeteria freezer and construction of storage unit for outdoor compressor;
- Parking lot pothole repairs between LT Ball Intermediate and Tippecanoe Middle School;
- Signage repairs and replacement at Tippecanoe High School.
We realize people may have concerns about administrators and teachers who have chosen to leave our district. We do not like it when the staff who have helped us succeed decide to leave. But the fact is that national statistics show 16% of teachers leave the profession early or move to another district every year. From September 2020 through July 2021, we had nine teachers and counselors resign – out of 155. That is less than 6.5%. Just as important as people leaving is continually assessing whether teachers and administrators want to join us. Our recent third-grade teacher opening attracted 234 applicants; the Tippecanoe Middle School principal opening drew 56 applicants. Tipp City Schools is a destination for educators.

“What I love the most is our students. They are respectful, innovative, and kind. They are the reason I strive to improve my instruction and services in the library.”

Wendy Torrence, Tippecanoe Middle School Library Media Specialist

“Tipp City is special!!! I love this place and am honored to have the opportunity to live and work at Tippecanoe!! Making a positive impact in the lives of our students is the most rewarding incentive I have every day!!”

Matt Burgbacher, Tippecanoe High School Intervention Specialist and Coach

“I love working in Tipp City Schools because of my students, their families, and my colleagues. The majority of our students show up daily smiling and ready to learn. I feel this is a true reflection of their families and how they make education a priority. I feel very fortunate to have so much at-home support from families, especially during this most trying school year. Finally, my colleagues are like family, and I am lucky enough to work with one actual family member, my sister. Our staff supports each other in and out of school. Working with people you truly enjoy makes the job so much better than what it already is!!”

Jeannie Moore, LT Ball Intermediate School Teacher

“I appreciate the way our community really supports our schools, in academics, athletics, and extracurriculars. Parents truly value the high-quality education available here at Tipp City Schools, and it shows in their strong involvement.”

Joe Bellas, Tippecanoe High School, History Teacher

“I love most the joy of happy, active, and healthy kids!!”

Jeanne Koch, LT Ball Intermediate School, Physical Education Teacher

“This has been my only district teaching in. This makes 25 years for me all here at Broadway and all third grade. I love the teachers I work with at Broadway.”

Heather Bledsoe, Broadway Elementary School Teacher
In its efforts to improve services to students, better meet individual needs, and provide strategic human resources, the Board of Education approved three new positions to replace the position of assistant superintendent.

**Director of Human Resources**

Lisa-Lynn Tuttle-Huff, Ed.D joins us from Madison Local Schools. She will be responsible for all human resource management, including recruitment, hiring, professional development, and staff retention. She will also update job descriptions, revise the employee handbook, and coordinate staff evaluations.

**Director of Curriculum**

Dawn Scott joins us from New Albany-Plain Local School District. In this newly-created job, she will coordinate, develop, implement, and evaluate all educational programs for the district. She will provide support and make recommendations for the district’s instructional practices, and related curriculum as the district continues to increase student opportunities.

**Coordinator for Exceptional Children’s Program**

Sarah Ramsay, a Tipp City resident, joins us from Dayton Public Schools. In her new role, she is responsible for identifying, developing, and coordinating resources at each school in order to meet the needs of students who qualify for special education, 504 Plans, and gifted services. She will provide support and make recommendations for all aspects of district instructional practices and related curriculum for exceptional children.

Our goal is to remain in person during the 2021-2022 school year! The district will continue many of the same practices used last year.

- Effective mitigation measures will be in place to minimize the spread of COVID in our schools.
- The district will comply with state mandates and county health protocols to remain in-person while providing a safe environment for our students and staff.
- Maintenance and custodial crews will spray down rooms, disinfect frequently-touched surfaces throughout the day, and deep clean nightly.

While much remains unknown because of COVID and new variants, the Superintendent is committed to moving the district forward. He will:

- Initiate a District Improvement Process to identify how to increase student achievement and provide quality opportunities to achieve success. This involves teamwork, measurable goals, data collection, and data analysis.
- Enhance support systems for students through improved Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). Both efforts center on prevention, children’s social behavior, and encouragement to improve outcomes for all students.
- Research facility enhancement options and establish the direction for the community’s school improvement process. This could include renovations, new construction, or a combination.
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Grades 4 and 5
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Grades 6 to 8
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Assistant Principal – Angie Cooper
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