



October 2025

The Generals Post

Anthony Wayne Local Schools Stakeholder Newsletter

As we welcome October, we are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter of the year. This milestone provides us with an important opportunity to reflect on the progress our students have made and consider the work that lies ahead.

I am proud to share that Anthony Wayne Schools continue to excel, ranking in the top 5% of all districts across the state of Ohio on recent state testing. Even more importantly, we see evidence every day of our students' growth, perseverance, and commitment to being their best in all areas of life.

I'm sure you're familiar with the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child. We know that strong partnerships between families, schools, and the community are essential to ensuring that every student is supported, both academically and personally.

I encourage families to remain actively engaged with our schools by sharing the success and challenges they are seeing in their children. These conversations help us better serve each student's individual needs.

We are continuing our work to strengthen partnerships with individuals and businesses in our community. These relationships provide resources, opportunities, and experiences that enhance student learning and growth in ways that would not otherwise be possible. I firmly believe that these collaborations are vital to the success of our students and our schools.

The Anthony Wayne community is second to none. By working together, we are ensuring that our schools remain a place where students thrive, staff excel, and families are proud to call home. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Thank you for your investment in our students' education.

Kevin Herman, Superintendent



Board of Education Updates

The AWLS Board of Education invites all stakeholders to be an engaged member of our school community. Meetings are open to the public and are [live-streamed and recorded](#) for those who cannot attend in-person.

[Contact the Board](#)

September 9 Work Session:

- The Board met with Treasurer Kerri Johnson, Asst. Treasurer Ray Greene, Superintendent Kevin Herman and Asst. Superintendent Kevin Pfefferle to review the District's General Fund budget in preparation of the 2025 Financial Forecast.

Highlights from the September 15 Meeting:

- District Treasurer Kerri Johnson presented the 2025 Financial Forecast. More information about this General Fund reporting document is on the next page.
- Several federal grants and community donations were accepted.
- Superintendent Kevin Herman the 2025 Ohio School Report Card and shared his appreciation for the students, staff, families and community members who helped AWLS achieve top 5% the state status. [Full outcomes are on the District website.](#)
- The Calendar Committee presented options for the District calendar for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
- The Board approved several educational agreements in support of various student needs and three supplemental texts for 8th grade English language arts.
- Several personnel recommendations were approved, including accepting the retirement and resignation of four individuals, and hiring of four others. Several substitute employees and substitutes were also approved, along with the approval of six supplemental contracts.

[View the meeting recording](#)

September 18 Special Meeting:

- The Board accepted the resignation of member Shellie McKnight effective December 31, 2025. Interviews and replacement selection will occur in the coming months. More information will be shared as it is available.

[View the meeting recording](#)

OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING

Monday, Oct. 13

6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING

Monday, Nov. 3

6:00 p.m.

Financial Forecast Summary

Previously called the 5-Year Forecast, the Financial Forecast includes budget information about the General Fund from the previous three years, the current fiscal year, and projections for the next three years.

The District must submit this report to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce each fall and provide an update each spring. The [Fall 2025 Financial Forecast](#) is available on the website for your review, but a few highlights are shared below.



CONTACT:

[Kerri Johnson](#), Treasurer
[Ray Greene](#), Assistant Treasurer

FY 26 REVENUE OVERVIEW

- The NEXUS settlement is complete, with the District receiving \$2.3M in unpaid taxes. The value has been set and we will receive \$3.1M each year from the pipeline.
- Real estate taxes remain the largest funding source for the district. These revenues will increase during FY26 due to being at the 20-mill floor.
- The state foundation increased slightly due to our success on the 2025 state report cards. The District will receive an additional \$225,000 in FY26.

EXPENDITURES OVERVIEW

- The most significant change in costs for the District is in the Purchased Services budget. These include utilities; maintenance and repairs; property, fleet and liability insurance; and educational services provided to students with special needs.

EXPECTED CASH BALANCE

- The District is estimating a cash balance of \$5.7 million at the end of FY26.

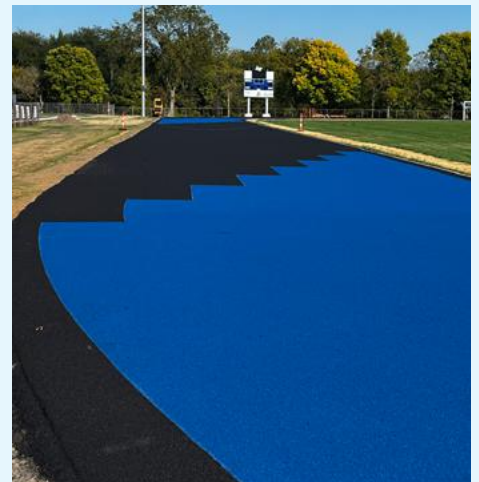
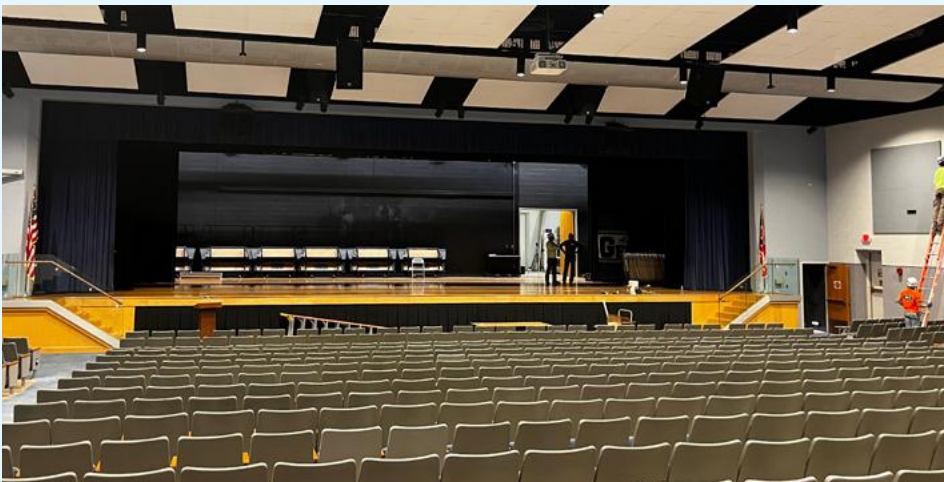
FACILITIES UPGRADES

We're excited to share several recently completed facilities projects that enhance the experience for our students, staff, and community. These upgrades were made possible through the Permanent Improvement (PI) Fund, as well as the generous support of our booster groups and community donors. Each project represents an investment in our schools today and for years to come.

[More information about our PI projects can be found on the District website.](#)



The roof replacement project at Monclova Primary School is complete. New freezers and coolers are in place at Fallen Timbers Middle School and are being installed at AW Junior High. The roof was paid for with Permanent Improvement funds, and the cost of the freezers/cooler projects came out of the Food Services budget.



New lighting has been installed in the AWHHS auditorium and the resurfacing of the track is complete. Both projects were made possible through the use of Permanent Improvement funds. New boilers and chillers will be installed at Waterville Primary over the next several months.



The tennis and soccer storage buildings were repainted and a new digital scoreboard was installed in the AWHs gymnasium thanks to support from the Athletic Boosters.



AW Junior High students are enjoying a new Gaga Ball pit--a gift from AWPTA, at recess and looking forward to their new native prairie learning space in partnership with the Toledo Zoo.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

The Technology Department has been working to [improve the district's data centers](#) by replacing obsolete equipment to improve efficiency and reliability.

More than 300 staff and faculty laptop computers were upgraded as part of the District's replacement cycle.

The District is expecting to receive over \$30,000 in rebates by returning outdated devices through a competitive recycling bid process.



Supporting Children Through Difficult News

When the world feels heavy with difficult headlines, it's natural for all of us to feel confused, anxious, or scared. Children and teens may have an especially hard time dealing with the news and images they see. Below are links to a few resources you may find helpful as you [talk with your child about traumatic events](#).

[Limit exposure](#): Children don't need to be immersed in constant updates.

[Assess and manage your feelings and reactions](#): Help yourself so you can help them.

[Create space for conversation](#): Let your child share what they've heard, and listen without judgment.

[Validate their feelings](#): Acknowledge their worries, even if they seem small, to help them feel seen and supported.

[Offer reassurance and stability](#): Remind them they are safe and outline the routines and supports they can rely on.

[Model healthy coping](#): Show how you manage stress through calm words, breathing, or taking breaks.

[Help them build resilience](#): Learn to thrive in the face of tragedy and adversity.

We hope these resources help you [comfort your child when the news is frightening](#). If you find you need extra support, please reach out to your school counselor or refer to the [AWLS Community Resource Guide](#) for outside assistance.



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Anthony Wayne Local Schools
Community Resource Guide



GENERALS FOR GENERATIONS

Early preparations are underway for establishing a philanthropic foundation in partnership with AWLS. Generals for Generations has filed for 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and will operate independently from the District and the Board of Education. [More information about this initiative is available on the District website.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: FREE Generals Tech Tips Managing Your Digital Photos

Learn how to take control over your collection of digital photos, eliminating the need to purchase cloud storage at Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Bring your lunch and join the AW Technology Department for an afternoon of learning. RSVP to Chris Hamady at chamady@anthonywayneschools.org.



VISIT FLYER CENTRAL FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES

We are fortunate to live in an active and vibrant community with many activities and events for children and adults. AWLS offers an online posting board called [Flyer Central](#) where you can find a listing of current opportunities.

Flyer Central is offered as a service to our community. Posting of event information on our website does not indicate endorsement or sponsorship by AWLS, unless indicated as a school-connected event or activity.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 1

Wellness Wednesday

OCTOBER 13 - 17

National School Lunch Week

OCTOBER 13

Board of Education Meeting

OCTOBER 14

End of the First Quarter

AW Junior High Choir
Concert

OCTOBER 16

AWHS Fall Choir Concert

OCTOBER 21 - 24

3rd Grade Ohio ELA Testing

OCTOBER 24

No School: Staff Professional
Development & Work Day

OCTOBER 27 - 31

Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 28

Marching Band Awards
Concert

OCTOBER 30

Symphonic Winds Concert

[Generals Athletics
Calendar](#)



MRS. CHRISTINE YOUNG

Social Studies Teacher and Military Families Liaison

Christine was instrumental in planning and executing last month's Military Appreciation Night, featuring an F-16 flyover, special recognitions, and community spirit. [Learn how the event advanced her mission to honor our veteran and active duty service members and support military-connected students and families.](#)



MRS. TANASA HOERTZ

Custodian, Anthony Wayne High School

Known for her ever-present smile and willingness to help wherever needed, Tanasa brings flexibility, empathy, and positivity to everything she does. Whether restocking supplies, helping in the lunchroom, or lending a hand with special projects, [her work ethic and attitude are getting noticed by students.](#)



MR. ANDREW WHITE

Substitute Teacher

After retiring from a successful career with UPS, Andrew has re-discovered his interest in teaching and become a passionate advocate for serving as a substitute teacher. He has become a proud Anthony Wayne General and is continually impressed by the staff, students and community members he meets. [Read more about Andrew.](#)



2025 COMMUNICATIONS INTERNS

AWHS students serve as student reporters

Giana Cortez, Maya Geiger, Grant Hubley and Viviana Torres will use their writing, photography and social media skills to share many stories happening across the district. Over the coming months, you'll see their work featured in this newsletter, on our website, and social media channels. [See what they are looking forward to learning during their volunteer experience.](#)

LEAH AND MALLORY PIKE

Sisters hit twin volleyball milestones

The 2025 Generals volleyball season is off to a strong start, and two sisters are leading the way with milestone accomplishments. Seniors Mallory and Leah have each surpassed the 1,000 career kills mark, cementing their place in program history while fueling the team's early success. [Find out what goal they are targeting next.](#)



ANA RODEBAUGH & CADI EMERSON

Students earn spots in summer art program

Turning their interest in art into professional experience, AWHHS students, Ana and Cadi and graduate Rachel Goyer ('25) were selected for the Young Artists at Work program this summer. [See what they learned about professional careers in art -- and the mural they created a mural for a Toledo medical facility.](#)



LILA HIPPERT

Scores first hole-in-one

The girls golf season couldn't have started with more excitement for the Generals. In the season opener, Lila sunk a hole-in-one. That ace set the tone for a remarkable season, as the team carried the momentum all the way to capturing the NLL Championship for the second year in a row. [Read her reaction to the shot.](#)



ABBY POLESOVSKY

Majorette leads Marching Generals

Taking center stage at the 50-yard line every Friday night, Abby's every toss, catch, and twirl has to land just right. As a majorette, performing alongside the Marching Generals, she brings crisp precision balanced with showmanship to the field. [Learn what she enjoys most about being in the spotlight.](#)





AWHS Marching Generals alums Max Crandell ('25), Ben Reinhard ('25) Greg Miller ('24), Josh Worland ('24) and Trent Meiring ('23) are performing together again at The Ohio State University.

RECONNECTING WITH OUR ALUMNI

Whether you walked our halls decades ago, or the ink is still fresh on your diploma, we invite you to reconnect with Anthony Wayne Local Schools and share your success story. [Visit our website to register and complete a brief survey.](#)

QUALITY PROFILE DEMONSTRATES SUCCESS

Released each September, the [District's Quality Profile](#) highlights the achievements of our students and staff, showcases their talents, and reflects the strong partnership between our schools and community. The images and stories in this digital publication demonstrates the educational value that AWLS delivers to our students, families and community.



Generals In the News

[Ranking all 607 Ohio public school districts by their 2025 report card scores](#)

[Monclova Primary School welcomes Dunkin, a facility dog](#)

[AW student-athletes gain winning insights from former WNBA strength coach](#)

[Artists leave mark at 2025 Black Swamp Arts Festival](#)

[Fallen Timbers Middle School house reveal party](#)

[Anthony Wayne girls soccer earns national academic award](#)

[Northwest Ohio schools unite for Military Appreciation flyovers](#)

[AWHS-Penta DECA chapter begins year with awards](#)

[Rising Talent: Hit & Run releases their latest album](#)

[Waterville kindergarten students learn about community helpers](#)

Have a story idea?

Send it to communications@anthonywayneschools.org.



ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS

AW 2025 OHIO REPORT CARDS



EMPOWERING STUDENTS
TO BE FUTURE READY!

We are achieving our vision to be among the best districts in the state!

Monclova Primary School



TOP 1%

Waterville Primary School



TOP 4%

Whitehouse Primary School



TOP 1%

Fallen Timbers Middle School



TOP 2%

Anthony Wayne Junior High



TOP 10%

Anthony Wayne High School



TOP 18%

ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOLS



TOP 5%



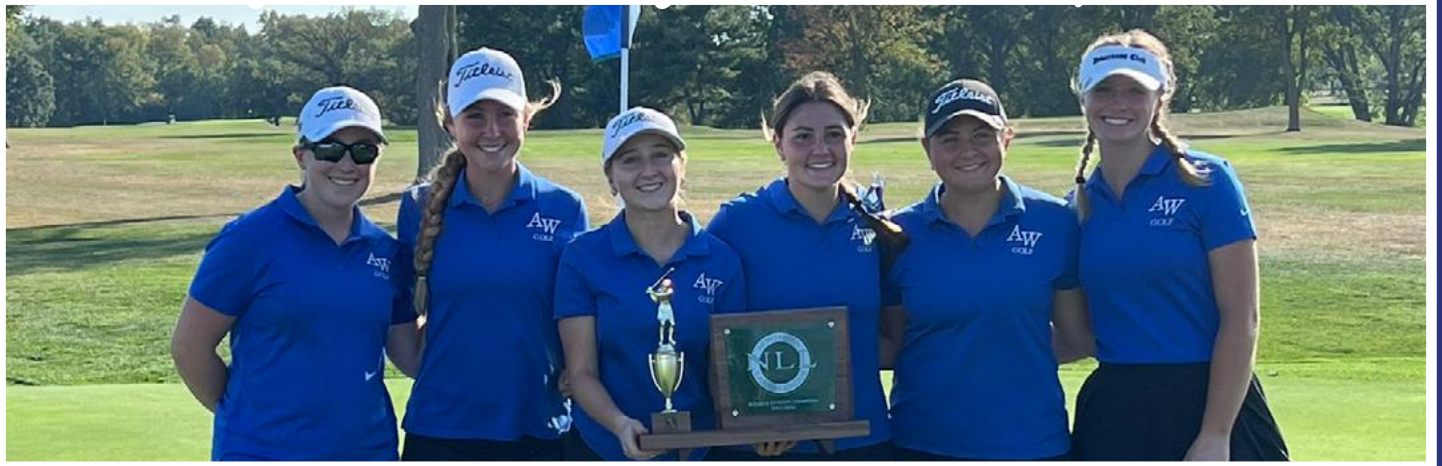
Military Appreciation Night



Homecoming 2025



Congrats, League Champions!



GIRLS GOLF



BOYS GOLF



GIRLS TENNIS