



# SUCCESS

Fall 2024



QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

# A Strong Start: Reflecting on the First Quarter



**Michael Browning**  
Superintendent

Dear Shelby Community,

Fall is here at last! This means we are wrapping up the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year, and as we do, I want to reflect on the great start we've had. From the first day of classes to the events and activities shaping our year, it has been inspiring to see our students, staff and families come together to advance our students' learning.

To kick off the year, we shared our first-ever Quality Profile. This annual publication is designed to share with

our community the achievements of our staff and students during the previous school year. I hope you enjoyed reading about all of our successes. We had a lot to celebrate!

This year, we are digging into the work of our latest strategic plan. This plan — which focuses on five goals around teaching and learning, culture, community and family engagement, leadership and operations, and effective stewardship of resources, was introduced in the spring and was developed in partnership with our key stakeholders. Our ultimate objective is to move us closer to our mission to maximize learning for each student and further build our Portrait of a Graduate characteristics in each student.

Throughout this newsletter, you will see the types of hands-on learning our students are engaged with, how they are excelling in the arts and athletics, and read about a grant we received that will help us expand our Career Technical Education programming. We just keep getting better and I'm so grateful to be part of this amazing community.

Michael Browning  
Superintendent  
Shelby City Schools

## District Awarded Grant for Cutting-Edge Career Education

Shelby Schools was recently awarded \$1.162 million through the Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant Program. This competitive grant is designed to establish or expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, with a focus on those supporting careers featured on Ohio's Top Jobs List.

The district is exploring the Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) Industry 4.0 credentials and the superintendent, assistant superintendent and high school principal plan to visit other schools that have implemented similar equipment labs.

The grant was presented during a ceremony at Apollo Career Center, where Lt. Governor Jon Husted emphasized the importance of skill development in today's job market.

Stay tuned for more information. This is one more way Shelby Schools will be able to prepare students with the essential skills they need to succeed.



From left to right: High School Principal John Gies, Lieutenant Governor John Husted, Superintendent Michael Browning, and Assistant Superintendent Paul Walker



# Update from The Treasurer



**Beth Lykins**  
Treasurer

Dear Shelby Community,

Shelby City Schools is ramping up for its November five-year forecast, but we are currently on track with our projected revenue and spending for the current fiscal year. To recap where our money comes from and how we spend our taxpayer dollars, see the charts to the right.

## Revenue

Our revenue comes primarily from local and state taxes.

- Local taxes consist of real estate, tangible personal property and property tax allocation.
- State funds are determined through the state budget process and are allocated based on how much a community can afford to contribute toward their local school system.

## Expenses

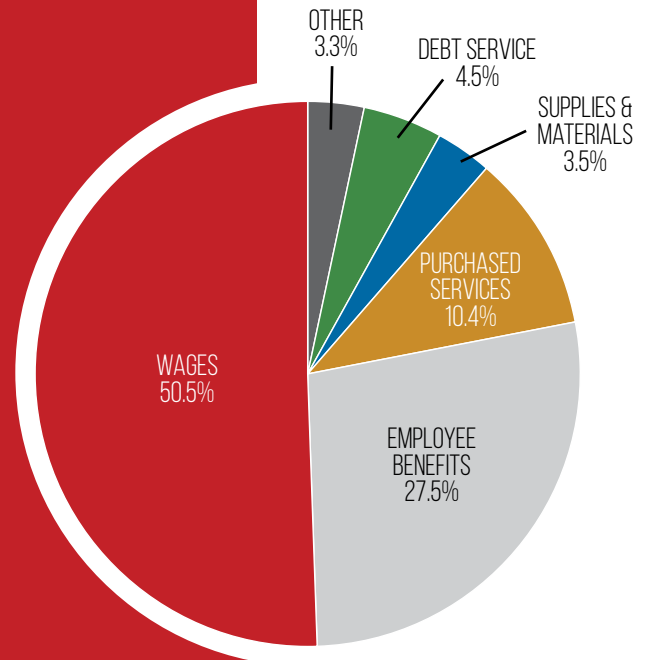
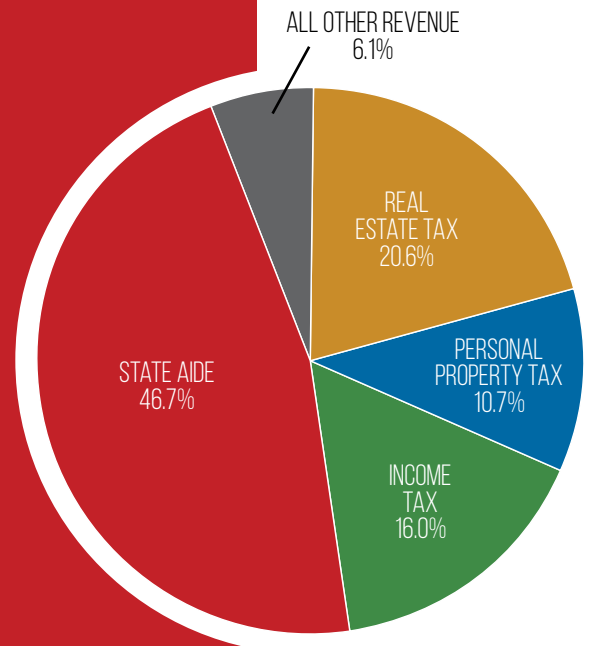
Salaries and benefits make up the majority of our expenses, however, what are schools without educators? Our salaries and benefits budget is in line with other similar districts.

Purchased services are our next highest expense. These include things such as:

- Special education services
- Curriculum supports for students
- Technology
- Building utilities
- Insurance
- Professional development for staff
- Transportation services

Many factors impact school budgets. While we've seen significant fluctuations in recent years, we remain committed to making the best use of our dollars to benefit our students.

Sincerely,  
Beth Lykins  
Treasurer



## Students Solving Mysteries

Third graders enjoyed looking for clues around the classroom to solve reading and math mysteries on a special, fun-filled Detective Day! Students earned their clues by completing different reading activities.





# Parent Teacher Conferences: Open House Style

The middle school fall parent-teacher conferences came with a twist this year! Students were encouraged to tag along giving teachers and families another chance to get to know one another early in the school year.

Students completed a scavenger hunt which took them around the building and into each of their classrooms. Those who participated were entered into a raffle for prizes.

Thank you to this year's donors, including COSI, Buckeye Imagination Museum, Marigold Bakery, The Well, Legends and Life is a Sweet Bakery.



# PBIS Efforts Kick Off

To help kick off the school year right, students in K-5 rotated through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) stations around the building to learn about the rules for arrival and dismissal, the playground, cafeteria, restroom and the hallways/pod area.



# High Schoolers Earn Art of Grid Drawings

In the Intro to Art class, high school students are working on grid drawings by transferring their images onto a grid to enlarge them.






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A Coffee Chat with the Superintendent

## Join the Conversation With Mornings with Michael

Mark your calendar for Mornings with Michael! Learn more about Shelby Schools, ask questions and engage in conversations about the future of education. Mornings with Michael will take place at 9 a.m. at Blackfork Commons/The Well Coffee Shop on the following dates:

**November 23**

**January 25, 2025**

**March 22, 2025**

**May 17, 2025**



## Shelby Community Breakfast Coming Up

Join us for our Shelby Community Breakfast on Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. at the Shelby PK-8 building!