



Superintendent's Message

A Look Inside Edison: Updates, Highlights, and Stories



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Superintendent, Edison Local Schools

Welcome to the first edition of the Edison Chargers District Newsletter! We are excited to launch this new seasonal publication to better connect with you and share the many great things happening across Edison Local Schools.

Each season, this newsletter will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the work that keeps our district moving forward inside our classrooms, across our campuses, and throughout our community. From daily learning experiences to long-term planning, you will get a sneak peek into the people, programs, and processes that support student success and help Edison continue to grow and thrive.

In that same spirit of transparency and connection, we have recently updated several important resources on our district website to better serve our families and community. You will find information such as our District Safety Guide and our Quality Profile, which serves as an annual snapshot of our schools, along with many other helpful tools designed to keep you informed. These resources reflect our commitment to clear communication and responsible stewardship and are always available at edisonchargers.org.

As you read on, you will also find stories that highlight what makes Edison so special. This includes the journey of 2022 Edison graduate Allyson Gardner, who is currently serving as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Germany, the many academic competition wins our middle school and high school students are achieving this year, and a look back at recent holiday celebrations across the district.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our families, community members, staff, and students. Edison is what it is because of who you are. Whether you are cheering from the sidelines, helping with homework, volunteering your time, or supporting our schools in ways big and small, please know that nothing goes unnoticed.

Thank you for all you do to support our schools and our students.

Dancing the Night Away

Edison Elementary families stepped onto the dance floor for a heartwarming Father-Daughter Dance in February. Laughter, music, and special moments filled the evening as memories were made that will last a lifetime. It was a beautiful celebration of connection and community.





Update From the Treasurer

Stephanie Hanna
Treasurer

Behind every classroom lesson, extracurricular opportunity, and student success at Edison Local Schools is careful financial planning. The Treasurer's Office plays a key role in ensuring the district's finances are managed wisely, openly, and responsibly.

Serving as the district's chief financial officer, the Treasurer reports directly to the Board of Education and is certified by the State of Ohio to oversee all financial operations. This includes developing the annual budget, monitoring revenue and expenditures, and preparing long-term financial forecasts to help guide responsible decision-making.

In addition to overseeing the district's finances, this office also serves as the Board of Education's secretary. Responsibilities include maintaining official meeting minutes, preserving public records, and ensuring transparency in district governance. These duties help keep our financial practices accountable and accessible to the community.

At Edison, our mission is simple: all children can learn, and we are committed to helping every student reach their highest potential. The Treasurer's Office supports that mission by directing resources where they make the greatest impact — in classrooms, student programs, technology, transportation, and safe, welcoming school buildings.

We also work hard to be responsible with taxpayer dollars. Since 2021, Edison Local Schools has reduced the percentage of our operating budget spent on salaries and benefits by 6.2%. For comparison, the state average reduction during that same time was 1.5%. This shows our commitment to regularly reviewing expenses and finding ways to operate efficiently while still supporting our staff and students.

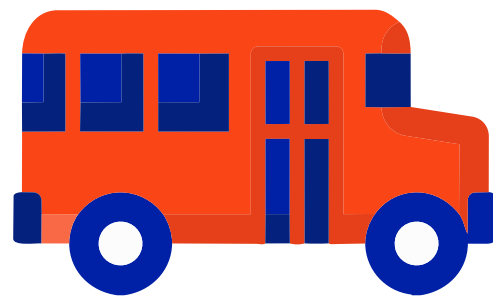
In addition, our total spending per student is about 13% lower than the state average. At the same time, our local tax burden is about 10% lower than that of similar school districts across Ohio. These numbers reflect our continued focus on maximizing every dollar and being mindful of the investment our community makes in our schools.

We understand that the funds entrusted to us come from our community. That is why we remain committed to careful planning, open communication, and financial responsibility. Our goal is to make sure every dollar supports student learning and long-term success.

If you have questions about our budget, audits, or five-year financial forecast, we welcome your inquiries. For more information, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 419-499-3000, ext. 1162 or email shanna@edisonchargers.org.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hanna
Treasurer



Rolling Into Safety

Edison Local Schools has secured a \$55,386 Bus Safety Grant to make every student ride safer. The funding will bring external bus cameras and upgraded LED lighting to our fleet, boosting visibility and protection on every route. By actively pursuing grants like this, we strengthen student safety while being responsible stewards of our community's investment in education.

Bonjour, Second Grade

Mrs. Schwinn's second graders stamped their imaginary passports and traveled to France without ever leaving the classroom. Through hands-on projects, lively discussions, and creative activities, students explored French culture in a way that brought learning to life. It was a global adventure filled with curiosity, connection, and plenty of smiles.



Popcorn, Positivity, and Charger Bucks

When Edison Elementary students work together to show positive behavior, great things pop up. Thanks to their hard-earned Charger Bucks in our Super Charger Program, students earned a popcorn-and-movie party celebration. It was a fun-filled reward that proved positive choices truly pay off.



Pen Power on Display

Our EMS Power of the Pen team put their creativity to the test at the District Competition and rose to the challenge in impressive fashion. The seventh-grade team earned third overall, the eighth-grade team claimed second overall, and several students captured individual honors after crafting powerful stories in just 40 minutes per round. Their focus, imagination, and determination showcased the strength of Edison writers.



From Edison to Germany

Our Publications and CBI Chargers are connecting across the globe through virtual conversations with Edison alum Allyson Gardner, now serving as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Germany. She is sharing firsthand stories about teaching abroad, exploring new cultures, and representing her community on an international stage. These inspiring exchanges are opening students' eyes to the world and showing them just how far a Charger education can take them.



Robotics Rising

Edison Middle School robotics teams delivered incredible performances at Port Clinton, with all five teams advancing to the finals. Team Circuit Destroyers captured first place in the teamwork challenge, and two additional teams powered their way to second place finishes. Their collaboration, problem-solving, and determination prove that when Chargers build, they build to win.

Challenge Accepted

Congratulations to our Firelands Challenge Team as they brought home their 14th consecutive championship! Their teamwork and determination are nothing short of inspiring.



Seniors Show the Way

Our Class of 2026 Seniors claimed victory in the second quarter Do RIGHT Challenge by mastering the art of time management. By showing up on time, improving grades, and staying on top of assignments, they proved that responsibility leads to results. Their well-earned pizza party was a celebration of leadership, commitment, and Charger excellence.



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Understanding Ohio School Funding & Its Impact on Edison

Ohio's school funding system has changed over time, increasing reliance on local property taxes while limiting how school revenue can grow. Our latest overview explains how state funding shifts, property values, tax laws, and inflation affect Edison Local Schools and how we continue to manage resources responsibly to support students.

Scan the QR code to read the full report on our website.



HOLIDAY LOOK-BACK

Season of Sparkle and Creativity

Our K-3 students turned December and January into a celebration of color, imagination, and holiday cheer. From festive designs to winter-inspired masterpieces, young artists poured their creativity into every project. The result was a joyful gallery of artwork that brightened our hallways and warmed our hearts.



A Spectacular Celebration

Our Christmas Spectacular lit up the stage with talent, energy, and unforgettable holiday spirit. From festive music to show-stopping performances, students dazzled the audience and created a night to remember. It was a celebration of artistry, dedication, and Charger pride.



Carols and Community

Our K-3 students filled Edison Elementary with the joyful sounds of holiday carols during this cherished annual tradition. Families and community members gathered to enjoy the music and celebrate the season together. It was a beautiful blend of talent, tradition, and togetherness.

Little Chargers, Big Holiday Fun

Our Little Chargers Preschool team welcomed families for a Holiday Engagement and Learning Event that was bursting with energy and excitement. Students and parents learned side by side through interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and connection. It was a heartwarming reminder that learning is even more powerful when families join the journey.

