Their Dream Our **Promise**



A Quality Profile for Indian Hill Schools 2022



My #IHPromise - to help unleash future genius through pairing student passion with purpose and opportunity. A message from CEO/Superintendent Kirk Koennecke

The story of the #IHPromise is one of determination and collaboration to be student-centered in every decision we make. Ranked consistently as one of the top-performing schools in Ohio and nationally, our singular focus is the nearly 2,200 young scholars we serve.

After the passage of the May 2021 bond/operating levy, we – as a District – were presented with a unique opportunity to shape the future for generations of Braves. We entrenched ourselves in Building a Brave Future, not only with our construction project, but also through our programming.

During the fall of 2021, as we made history by breaking ground on the new Indian Hill Middle School building, we started to author the future of what a Brave educational experience could look like. With the input of more than 2,200 stakeholders, we curated our district's new 5-year strategic plan. Learners as Doers; Learners as Individuals; Learners as the Whole Child became the center of our focus.

The result of our collaboration, our #IHPromise, is a K-12 masterpiece composed by students, alumni, parents, community members, teachers, staff, administrators, and with the full support of our Board of Education. With three focus areas and 10 initiatives over a five-year timeframe, it is a model of what K-12 education can look like when all stakeholders have a singular vision: students at the center.

Within these pages of our 10th publication of the Quality Profile, you will see our plan in action. Our #IHPromise to you is to continue to provide the excellent educational experience you expect and deserve.

It is an exciting time to be a BRAVE!

In service to our children,

Kirk Koennecke CEO/Superintendent Indian Hill School District Kirk.Koennecke@ihsd.us

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Excellence in the arts

Excellence in athletics

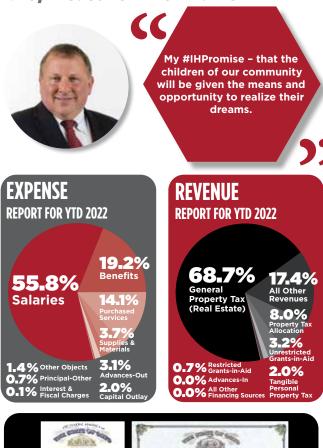


2021 - 2022

Indian Hill School District Financial Review

An update from

CFO/Treasurer Mick Davis





Indian Hill Schools demonstrates the excellence in fiscal operations that match our educational excellence. We regularly earn the recognition from the state auditor's office for excellence in fiscal reporting, and we've earned recognition from the Ohio Senate for exemplary achievement in financial reporting.

Indian Hill Elementary School awarded \$100,000 safety grant

The Indian Hill School District is pleased to announce Ohio's School Safety Grant Program awarded Indian Hill Elementary School a \$100,000 grant to enhance security at the building entrance.



The 2021-2022 school year was a positive one for the Indian Hill School District, and we appreciate the support of our stakeholders to make that possible.

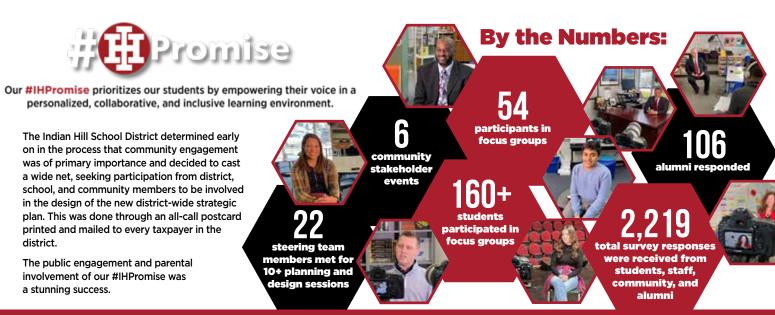
The Indian Hill School District has a history of looking for opportunities to provide cost savings to our stakeholders in all that we do as an organization, while ensuring we provide unparalleled experiences for our students. As we look toward the future using our five-year forecast, we know our budget is balanced; our financial outlook is stable; our focus is to continue to provide our stakeholders the excellence they expect and deserve, and doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.

Tax Reductions

Our taxpayers will see a second significant tax reduction as 1.18 mills from our 2001 bond expires in 2027. The first reduction happened after the District did an excellent job structuring the refinancing of bonds to achieve taxpayer savings of \$8.5 million. That savings for residents was in the form of reduced millage paid toward the bonds. Effective in 2019, a significant share of what residents paid on this bond expired - reducing the bond debt by 1.74 mills. That amounted to an annual reduction of approximately \$300 on a \$500,000 home, and an annual savings of approximately \$600 on a \$1 million home.

Bond/Operating Levy Investment

In 2022, we entered the first calendar year for collecting on the combined operating and bond issue passed by the community May 4, 2021. As a reminder, the bond issue is a 30-year financial commitment that generates an estimated \$77 million for our facilities. The operational levy is a 5-year commitment that generates an estimated \$3.3 million per year for five years in operating funds with an option to place a renewal on a future ballot.



Strategic Plan | Expected Outcomes by 2027



- o Student Agency
- o Create New Spaces
- o District STEM Advisory

We promise to ...

- create opportunities for student agency in voice, path, and place that empowers learners and values process as much as practice.
- develop a variety of different types of spaces which will encourage collaboration, autonomy, creativity, enjoyment, and self-care.
- build sustainable partnerships to address a variety of different types of STEM learning activities/spaces which will encourage collaboration, autonomy, creativity, enjoyment, and self-care.



- o Culminating Experiences
- o Practical Life Skill Development
- o Streamline Communications

We promise to ...

- support students in each building as they engage in developmentally appropriate research, writing, and presentation of a subject of personal interest or passion to be completed by the time the student transitions out of the highest grade in the building.
- create developmentally appropriate courses and programs in practical skills to prepare students for future success.
- develop/refine the communications strategy to include clear and consistent access to financial and district-wide information, embedded options to drill deeper for more detailed information, and a more surgical approach to specific topics and audiences.



- o School/Life Integration
- o Wellness Life Skill Development
- o Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- o Expand Career Pathways Mentorship

We promise to ...

- support students' learning how to maintain a healthy balance inside and outside of school through active engagement in BRAVE lessons and tools.
- teach developmentally appropriate, wellnessrelated, Life Skills through BRAVE Character Education to prepare students for future success.
- design environments and experiences that prioritize belonging, dignity, and love for each learner.
- create sustained mentorship program, utilizing Foundation board committee to ensure equitable access to mentorship for all IH students.

Sharing the Vision

February 2022 marked the release of our new 5-year strategic plan and our annual State of the Schools presentation. We utilized print, digital, and video communications to share this groundbreaking work with our entire community.





THREE TIMES & COUNTING! Indian Hill High School STEM program 'Distinguished' nationally

The Indian Hill School District is pleased to announce that for the third consecutive year Project Lead The Way (PLTW) has recognized Indian Hill High School

PLTW

as a "PLTW Distinguished School" for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning. Indian Hill High School is one of only 191 high school programs nationally to receive this distinction.



Indian Hill DECA students capture International Competition accolades

Five Indian Hill High School DECA students earned recognition at the DECA International Competition April 23-26 in Atlanta, competing



against more than 20,000 students. All students attending represented the best of the best in their category, winning a top five spot at DECA state competitions in March.

One student, William Dalton, made it onto the International Competition stage by earning fourth place overall out of 250 students who competed in Food Marketing, Four



other students each competed against 250 students from across the country in Finance, Hospitality Selling, Quick Serve Management, and Travel & Tourism and were medalists in their events. Those students included: Sanibel Betts (Travel and Tourism); Vinya Ivaturi (Hospitality Selling); Ryan Rammacher (Quick Serve Management); and Peter Sheakley (Business Finance). An outstanding total of 29 IHHS students earned the right to advance to the DECA International Competition following their performance during the DECA State Competition.





















Indian Hill High School Academic Team earns 11th in the nation!

The Indian Hill High School Academic Team earned 11th in the nation during the Small School National Championship Tournament. Students competing included: Connor Coffman, Gianni Espejel, Jakob Roehrig, Jacob Ruby, and Hannah Tran.

Indian Hill Latin Club dominates at 2022 OJCL Convention

The Indian Hill Latin Club earned 97 total awards, including 39 top five finishes, during the 2022 Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) convention. Twenty students from Indian Hill Middle School (IHMS) and Indian Hill High School (IHMS) participated in the event, earning fifth place overall.

Indian Hill earns 11 Blue Chip Awards

Indian Hill won 11 Blue Chip Awards during the annual awards ceremony honoring outstanding video storytelling and production!

Indian Hill High School Esports Team qualifies for STATE in debut year!

Indian Hill High School's Varsity Valorant Esports Team, supported by the IH Foundation, advanced to the state competition in the team's first year. Team members included students Daniel Chen, Mitch Ford, Anhad Gill, Ryan Hassett, Jack Moore, and Alex Pheng.

Nine Indian Hill High School students win Ohio TSA State Competition!

Nine Indian Hill High School students won their events at the Ohio Technical Student Association State Competition. (Pictured L to R) Nick Guinan, Kunal Ranjan, Conner Vanden Boom; (Back Right) Jack Gerber, Crisper Chabris, Arjun Verma; (Front Right) Sophia Liu, Sarah Grace Brown, Krish Ranjan, and Senuka Abeysinghe.

Indian Hill High School student earns fifth in the State 'JustWrite' Competition

Indian Hill High School student Lillie Waltz earned fifth in her division during the JustWrite Ohio State Competition. The State tournament featured a total of 200 student writers from 40 high schools in Ohio.

Indian Hill students advanced to Science Olympiad State Competition!

Both teams from Indian Hill Middle School and Indian Hill High School advanced to the Science Olympiad State Competition.

Indian Hill celebrates State Mock Trial Finalists!

The Indian Hill High School State Finalist Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) Mock Trial Team included Avery Valz, Gulirano Almuratova, Sarika Singh, Yamini Balaji, Sophie Chabris, Lily Andrews, William Dalton, and Ashwini Krishnan. The Indian Hill High School students competed in the 2022 OCLRE Mock Trial State Championships.

Indian Hill High School students earn recognition for service

Indian Hill High School students Eshaan Gandhi and Joseph Kayne earned Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. Students Ellie Jutze and Avery Valz earned Leadership Initiative Global Fundraising Awards from Leadership Initiatives, a non-profit organization.



Indian Hill Middle School student advances to State Power of the Pen Competition

Indian Hill Middle School student Mallory Hardek qualified for the Power of the Pen State Competition. Hardek scored in the top 20 percent in the regional competition to earn the opportunity to compete against the top writers in Ohio.

Indian Hill Middle School students earn second in Future City competition

Indian Hill Middle School students Vedant Buch, Luke Bergstrom, and Myles Paul earned second place overall in the Ohio Future City Regional Competition. Additionally, the Braves earned recognition for two special awards, Best Land Surveying Practices, and Outstanding Use of Circular Economy Principles.

Indian Hill Middle School educator earns Award of Excellence in Teaching by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation

Indian Hill Middle School teacher Sandy Gemmel was named a 2022 Master Teacher Finalist by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, and was one of eight educators in Ohio to earn a peer-voted Award of Excellence in Teaching through the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation

Indian Hill Elementary School 'Inspired Innovator' students recognized

Indian Hill Elementary School third-grade students Will Esselen, Andrew Shubert, and Nate Strickland earned the 2022 Inspired Innovator Award as part of the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati's Design LAB city-wide architecture competition. Design LAB is a project-based K-12 education program tailored to broaden and deepen student awareness, appreciation, and active participation in natural and built environments. More than 100 classrooms participate, which equates to over 2,000 students (K-8).

Indian Hill Elementary School students WIN The Stock Market Game Portfolio Challenge

They beat students grades 4-12 from across Ohio! The Indian Hill Elementary School student team of Carter Compton, Dylan Mikula, and George Herald, won The Stock Market Game Portfolio Challenge for grades 4-12, sponsored by the non-profit Alpaugh Family Economics Center, University of Cincinnati!

Indian Hill Elementary School students earn big in The Stock Market Game

The Indian Hill Elementary School first-place team of Jenny Willingham, Devyanshie Rautela, and Chloe Luther earned more than \$21,000 in 10 weeks during The Stock Market Game, sponsored by the non-profit Alpaugh Family Economics Center, part of the University of Cincinnati.



Indian Hill High School student presents research at national Biomedical Engineering Society conference

Congratulations to Elsa Zhou who completed an independent research project on cardiovascular medical devices under the mentorship of a professor at Harvard and the University of Delaware. Zhou presented her findings at the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) annual national conference held in Orlando!



Indian Hill Primary School Family Literacy Night

What an incredible event for our families – and 200 BOOKS were handed out!



A Special Presentation: Indian Hill High School Class of 2022 Graduation



Indian Hill Middle School Eighth Grade Graduation

Indian Hill High School educator earns Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Indian Hill High School congratulates Project Lead The Way (PLTW) educator Myrtis Smith for earning the national



recognition of PLTW Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2021-2022. Smith was one of only 79 PLTW teachers across the U.S. to be recognized. Smith leads Indian Hill High School's nationally recognized science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program, in partnership with Great Oaks.

Indian Hill Primary School earns \$5,000 OSLN Grant, funded by Battelle



IHPS was the only primary school and one of three schools in Hamilton County to receive the Ohio STEM Learning

Network (OSLN) \$5,000 grant, funded by Battelle.

"These are highly selective grants that speak to important cultural work in STEM," said Indian Hill Primary School Principal Dr. Erin Owens. "As one of the few primary schools in Ohio to receive this recognition, this grant is further evidence of the holistic approach to academics that begins with our youngest Braves."

Indian Hill educators achieve premiere certification to empower students through technology

Indian Hill Innovative Teaching and Learning Coaches Ashley Morrison and Lauren Richardson, in addition to Director of Technology Mark Richardson, are officially International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) certified!





Indian Hill School District named 'Best Communities for Music Education' award recipient

EIGHT consecutive years ... and counting! Once again, the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) designated the Indian



Hill School District as one of the best in the nation for music education. Indian Hill was one of 738 districts in the country to earn this recognition this year.



First in class! Best percussion! Best guard! Best music! Best general effect! Best visual!

Congratulations to our amazing students and their fantastic directors!



Our IHMS Singing-Braves performed the National Anthem at the Cincinnati Reds game!



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Indian Hill High School student-artists selected for 2022 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition

Three Indian Hill High School student-artists were state qualifiers for the 2022 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition following their regional performance. Students Michelle Fu, Vivian Xu, and Naomi Chandler advanced from more than 1,000 works of art submitted this year from the southwest region.

BRAVO! More than 40 Indian Hill students earn **OMEA** honors

An outstanding 43 Indian Hill High School and Indian Hill Middle School students received honors from the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) for District 14 for Band, Orchestra, and Choir for 2022. Students selected for honor ensembles performed at venues across southern Ohio during January and February.

The complete list of Indian Hill School District students who received OMEA honors includes:

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Indian Hill School District celebrates Scholastic Art Awards success

Eleven student-artists earned 17 awards at the annual Regional Scholastic Art Competition. Collectively, the students earned five Gold Key Awards, four Silver Key Awards, and eight Honorable Mentions. Students earning Gold Key awards advanced to New York City for judging in the Scholastic Art Awards National Competition, including: Sarah Bridge, Michelle Fu, Gavin Johnson, Harry Warfel, and Brandon Yang.

Indian Hill High School students earn OMEA All-State music accolades

The lucky number is 13 for Indian Hill students selected to perform with the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) All-State Band, Orchestra, and Choir for 2022! Students selected for the All-State ensembles will perform at the 2022 OMEA State Conference, which takes place the first weekend in February in Cleveland. The complete list of Indian Hill High School students performing included:

Band: Jessie Chan, Grace Zhou (alternate)

Orchestra: Kate McGrath, Elsa Zhou (alternate)

Choir: Connor Coffman, Joshua Knehans, Miles Taylor, Hayden Longbottom, Emma Stacey, Hrishi Rawat, Joseph Kayne, Claire Hardek, and Sarika Singh

Bravo to Indian Hill Middle School & Indian Hill **High School student-performers!**

Bravo to all Braves involved in the production of the IHHS fall musical "Little Women" and the IHMS production of "My Son Pinocchio" - both shows were simply outstanding!

Indian Hill High School student selected for Cincinnati Youth Jazz Orchestra

We congratulate student-musician George Zaring for his selection in the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music Cincinnati Youth Jazz Orchestra. Zaring is one of 15 musicians selected from across the region to participate!

Indian Hill High School student-musician selected for All-National Concert Band

Congratulations to student-musician Jessie Chan, who was selected as a member of the 2021 National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-National Concert Band!

Indian Hill Brave Marching Band earns first place!

Congratulations to the Brave Marching Band for a first-place finish at the Miamisburg Band Invitational! Our talented student-musicians also won awards for percussion, color guard, music, visual, and general effect, and they posted their highest score of the season!

Indian Hill Middle School student-artist selected by Cincinnati Art Museum

Indian Hill Middle School student-artist Ava Vance was selected to be a featured artist in the Cincinnati Art Museum's 2022 10x10 Teen Art Expo. Vance was selected by the museum education staff in addition to a committee consisting of teen art enthusiasts from around Cincinnati.



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We are and always will be BRAVES! Athletics: Learning outside the classroom. The Indian Hill School District believes in using athletics to encourage leadership; exhibit sportsmanship; set goals and objectives; understand teamwork; learn accountability and discipline, strengthen self-esteem; and become better prepared for life in general.

During the 2021-2022 school year, our student-athletes made incredible headlines:



2021 All American Girls Soccer Annie Isphording

2021 All Region Boys Soccer -Charlie Isphording

2021 OSSCA D2 State Coach of the Year - Bryan Daniel

2021 OSSCA Hall of Fame Inductee - Bill Mees

2022 USA Gymnastics Xcel - Diamond 2X State Champion - Raelyn Cowherd

2022

Indian Hill All-time Girls and Boys Points Record Holder - Ella Riggs

2022

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OHSAA D2 State Swimming Champion and State Record Holder in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly -Gibson Holmes

2022

Competitive Cheerleading participated at Disney for Nationals

2022 All Academic American Boys Lacrosse -Robbie Guttman

2022

OTCA Boys Tennis

Team State Champions



2022

All American GIrls Lacrosse - Lexi Larsen

2022

OHSAA D2 State Track Champion and State Record Holder in the 1600M State Runner-Up in the 800M - Elizabeth Whaley

2022

OHSAA doubles State champions, Tejas Pisati and RJ Poffenberger

2021-2022

Indian Hill Captured Seven CHL championships

2021-2022

Indian Hill Won the CHL All Sports Trophy





BRAVE ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

63% of our Indian Hill High School student body participated in athletics – and

50% of those student-athletes participated in multiple sports.

Our athletes also continue to excel within the classroom:

81% of our graduating studentathlete seniors earned a **GPA of 3.5**

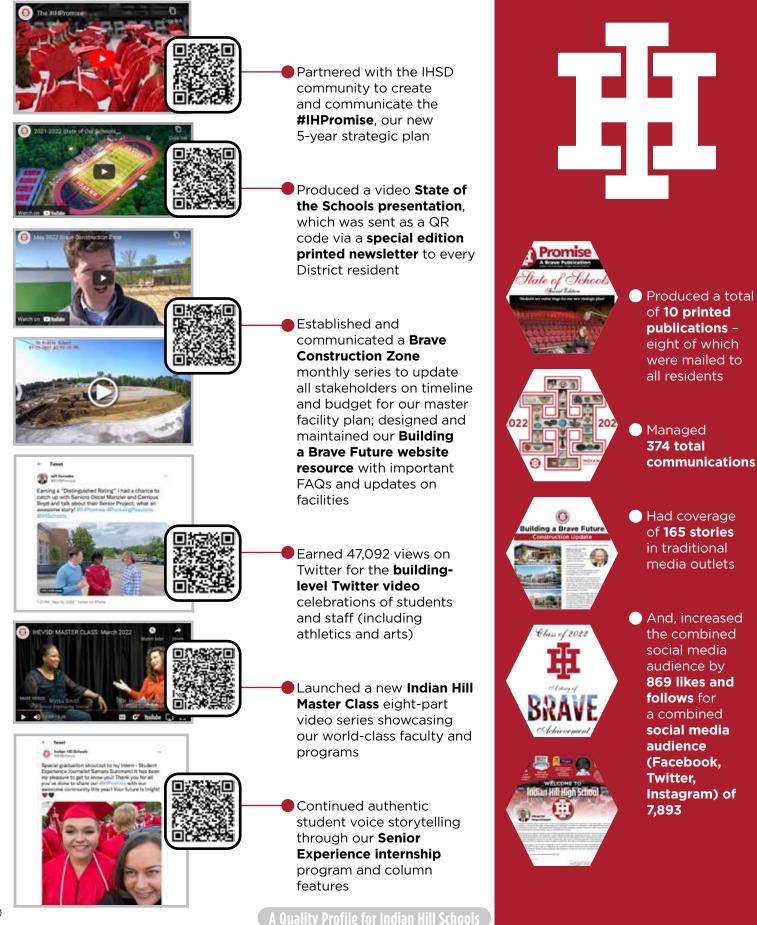
or higher.

2021-2022

11 senior student-athletes committed to play at the collegiate level

Sharing Our Brave Story

During the 2021-2022 school year the District:



Community **Partners**

We appreciate our partners in education

Indian Hill Foundation

Philanthropic partner to the District, the Indian Hill Foundation proudly supported K-12 educational excellence in partnership with the alumni, parents, teachers and students. The Foundation matched donor passion with school needs in academics, athletics and the arts, providing countless volunteer hours and \$800,000 invested by our community through the Foundation in what's next and what's possible.



Grants launched an ESports program that went on to win State, a ninth-grade Biology capstone project, & Elementary School Breakout Boxes.

The Brave Opportunity Scholarship

was established, providing an extraordinary senior the opportunity to pursue college without the burden of loans. Braves **Helping Braves**

increased support of school families experiencing

at the high school, expanding District wide career exploration and partnership.

designed and launched

Experienceships were 🦲 Alumni activities resumed, with 2022 Distinguished Alumnus Chris Kempczinski, CEO of McDonald's, spending quality time with current high school students.

> Conquer the Hill 5K, in partnership with the District Wellness Committee, brought teachers, families, and neighbors together.

crises.

Indian Hill Foundation \$800,000

Indian Hill Boosters

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Indian Hill Boosters organization donated \$98,500 to our District. The Boosters organization supports our students as they participate in academic clubs, sports

Indian Hill

Boosters

\$98,500

donated

competitions, and arts productions.

Organization (IH PTO) In 2021-2022, IH PTO supported all Indian Hill schools with financial

support totaling \$165,250 and contributed substantial donations in materials. Countless volunteer hours were

Indian Hill

Parent-Teacher

given, and the PTO sponsored and volunteered at over 80 events during the school year.

IH PTO \$165,250 in financial



Our Indian Hill Global Parents Group represents approximately 40 different nationalities within the District and assists the District in planning unique, age-appropriate learning activities for our students, including the annual Global **Cultural Week Celebration.**

support



Cincinnati Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA)

CAPA provides after-school programming in performing arts for students in grades K-12. CAPA sponsors scholarship programs that allow students to showcase their talents in the performing arts. Each summer, CAPA also offers intensive full production musical theatre camps.

Empower, Engage, & Effect

Indian Hill Parent Equity Group

Founded in 2016, the **Indian Hill Parent Equity** Group consists of parents from a multitude of racial, cultural and religious backgrounds who support the Indian Hill School District initiative to bring racial awareness and cultural competency into our District and community.



Indian Hill Exempted Village School District

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The Indian Hill Exempted Village School District serves students in the Village of Indian Hill, Kenwood, parts of Sycamore and Symmes Township, Camp Dennison and a small portion of Loveland.



Indian Hill Board of Education (L to R): Bear Tullis, Board President; Craig Sumerel, Board Member; Niki Singb, Board Member; Nancy Aichbolz, Board Vice President; Nolan Marx, Board Member

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Learners as DOERS | Learners as INDIVIDUALS | Learners as the WHOLE CHILD

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