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beBRAVE:
By ending policies that lock students into school pathways, by providing resources to learn, lead, and create, by being the most innovative and mind open District in Ohio, and by creating an environment that moves out of the way of learning. It’s a culture that is B.E.I.N.G. Flexible, Empowering, Innovative, Needs, Goals.
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Building a Brave Vision for our facilities

To find the best use of funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Facilities Planning and Design Committee has reviewed our current space and determined that Indian Hill District needs more space than it possesses. A new building will help our students. The new building will include a Performing Arts Center, core academic facilities, and science and technology classrooms.

The Indian Hill School District is one of 754 districts in the state of Ohio. We have 1,226 students and 122 staff. In addition to our core curriculum, our students have many extracurricular opportunities, including bands, choirs, clubs, and athletic teams.

Our Indian Hill Global Parent Partnership assists the District in providing educational opportunities for our students. Our partnership includes parents and community members who volunteer their time and expertise to support our schools.

For six consecutive years, the Indian Hill Schools has been recognized as a Distinction School, and our music education orchestra, band, and choir are proud to note our last year's recognition.

Last school year, a dedicated team of Indian Hill School District (IHSD) staff, including the Facilities Planning and Design Committee and the Facilities Steering Committee, reviewed our current space and determined that our core academic facilities, science and technology classrooms, and performing arts center need to be updated and expanded. The Facilities Planning and Design Committee, in collaboration with the Facilities Steering Committee and the School Board, will move forward with plans to build a new facility.

The District is pleased to announce that the new facility will include a Performing Arts Center, core academic facilities, and science and technology classrooms.

The new building will be built on the current school site and will be designed to meet the needs of our students for years to come. The building will be constructed using sustainable materials and will feature energy-efficient systems. The new building will also include state-of-the-art technology to support our students' learning.

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To build a list of housing values due to the 2019-10 property revaluation in Cincinnati, the District conducts thorough research to ensure that the revaluation is fair. Our fair valuation process includes a public input session, which allows us to gather feedback from our community and make necessary adjustments to the list of property values. The panel of experts involved in the process includes representatives from the real estate industry, appraisal professionals, and other members of the community.

Energy Savings Program

This past year, the Indian Hill School District partnered with Energy MRI and Tri-Ohio Electric, which provided the District with a thorough assessment of our energy usage. The analysis identified opportunities for energy savings, and the District took action to implement these recommendations. As a result, the District has reduced its energy consumption and is on track to achieve its goal of reducing energy usage by 20%.

Funding

The District has been named one of the top 100 districts in the state of Ohio for its financial performance. This recognition is based on a variety of factors, including the District’s ability to manage its budget effectively, its commitment to transparency, and its success in accessing state funding.

Reaching our full potential

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To build the base of learning that is the foundation of 21st-century skills and quality of life for our students, we are working with Design School, Inc. to develop a comprehensive Master Plan to define our District’s needs for the next 10 years. This plan will guide the District’s use of bonds, assess our needs for new buildings, and ensure our current buildings are equipped with all the technological advances needed to provide high-quality education.

The Indian Hill School District has been named the Music Merchant’s Best Communities for Music Education. Indian Hill was one of 754 districts in the United States and Canada that received this designation. “What makes us uniquely Indian Hill? Take a look! The District has been named the Ohio School Leaders’ Best Practices Network School, a National Association of School District has been named one of the Best School Districts in America for the last five years.

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The district currently provides students with three learning options: in-person instruction, flexible learning, and course-taking. These options are designed to meet the needs of students and families.

Reducing Expenditures

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