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FY14 Tuition Rates as prescribed by the State:

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| In State | \$5,171.76/year | \$574.64/month |
| Out of State | \$8,031.24/year | \$892.36/month |



Government Resolutions

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| IDEIA-B | Special Education |
| Title I | Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (IASA) |
| Title II A | Improving Teacher Quality |
| Title II D | Enhancing Education Through Technology |
| Title III | Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students |

Appointed:



David Hunter as Delegate and **Thomas Ilstrup** as Alternate for the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Introducing the New Whitmer High School / CTC Leadership Team



The Leadership Team for Whitmer High School and the Career & Technology Center includes (left to right): **Debra Heban**, CTC Director; **Rachael Novak**, Associate Principal in the Counseling Center; **Bert Bernhardt**, Principal of Curriculum & Instruction; Principal **Kristine Martin**; **Tom Snook**, Athletic Director / Associate Principal; and **Cassie Studnicha-Kusic**, Associate Principal in the Attendance and Resource Center.

Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Whitmer-Staff-Update.mp3>

PDF: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Whitmer-Staff-Assignments.pdf>

State Report Card Changes (Judy Williams & Brian Davis)

Report Card Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Report-Card.mp3>

Powerpoint PDF version: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Report-Card.pdf>

New Website Plans & Update on Wireless Project (Dr. Bob Gulick)

Website Plans Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Website-Update.mp3>

Powerpoint PDF version: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Web-Site.pdf>

Wireless Update Audio: <http://www.wls4kids.org/board/meetings/2013/upload/Wireless.mp3>

Superintendent's Report & Communications

Patrick Hickey, Superintendent



Top Workplaces Nominee -- Washington Local has been nominated as one of the best workplaces. Top Workplaces is an independent organization which lists the Top 150 companies to work for in the country. Over the last two years, only three K-12 schools have been nominated and accepted into Top Workplaces, and no Ohio school has ever been part of the Top 150. Each one of our staff members will be surveyed. Being nominated is a huge honor; to make the Top 150 would be ground-breaking.

Northwest Ohio Food Drive • September 16-20 -- Washington Local will be participating again with ProMedica, Anderson's, Buckeye Cable, and other big corporations in the Northwest Ohio Food Drive, September 16-20. Last year we donated more tons of food than any of these big corporations, which is pretty incredible when we have 57% of our families living in poverty.

WLS Receives "A" in Value Added -- As a District, Washington Local Schools earned an "A" in the category of Value Added. I think it's the most important metric -- moving kids more than a year of academic growth while they're here. I would also like to recognize the following schools who achieved an "A" in Value Added: Monac, McGregor, Wernert, Jefferson, and Washington. Washington Local Schools received our Highest Performance Index EVER and achieved the Most Indicators EVER.



Photo provided by Seth Ewearitt

42 Students with Perfect Attendance at Jefferson

Congratulations to the 42 students who had perfect attendance last year at Jefferson! The students earned a certificate and candy bar. Each honoree also placed a painted handprint on the school's Attendance Wall of Fame with his/her name and year.

Sulieman Abdel Karim
Alexis Begley
Jason Brauer
George Burkart
Saylor Caris
Vincent Casey
Nathan Cousino
Brian Davis
Kevin Dazell

Cole Edgar
Hailey Eley
Makayla Ford
Reyes Garcia
Jenna Garn
Camden Hayden
James Haywood
Hunter Helsel
Anthony Jeakle

Abbigail Kline
David Main
Alexa Marshall
Raven Mason
Brooklynn Mohn
Sarah Moszkowicz
Rawan Moussa
Kade Nichols
Nicholas Nopper

Alexis Nowak
Tyler Pace
Mirabella Parsons
Elijah Pratt
Justin Robinette
Sebastian Schwalbe
Dylan Shields
Justin Shine
Hunter Smith

Wyatt Staber
Kylee Stewart
Jalen Streeter
Courtney Tracey
Charity Wagner
Caleb Weber

Lifting Kids Up -- A Warm Washington Local Welcome

If you visit our buildings, you'll see examples of some of the things our staff are doing to lift kids up. I walked into Washington today, and every single kid's picture was on the wall -- EVERY SINGLE KID. I was blown away thinking about the amount of time taken to put up the photos of 500 students. Across our district, our buildings are beautiful (thanks to our maintenance staff and custodians), and what's being done to make them better learning environments is unbelievable.



Abby Stuck Makes Chemo Care Kits

Jefferson student **Abby Stuck** made care packages for chemotherapy patients in Toledo. The care kits for children were filled with coloring books and crayons, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and other small items. The adult version featured Sudoku puzzles instead of coloring books.

The kits cost approximately \$8.00 to assemble. Abby set a goal of making 200 kits and was seeking donations over the summer.

Abby said she was inspired by an idea on Pinterest and has family members who have fought cancer, including her grandmother.

TV News Stories:

<http://www.toledonewsnow.com/story/22525567/local-junior-high-student-helps-cancer-patients>

<http://www.13abc.com/story/22525050/local-teen-brings-smiles-to-children-with-cancer>



Photos by WTOL - Channel 11

Whitmer Pantherhead Logo Copied in Florida -- Turnabout is fair play... A school in Florida has been using our Pantherhead logo. We sent them a letter, and they sent us a letter back saying it's not the same thing because the head is pointed in a different direction. Our attorneys disagreed and sent them a letter to cease and desist, which they have now agreed to. Compliments to our Digital Graphic Design class for creating a logo that others want to copy.

P.E. Classes -- Big Weight Loss -- Students in Whitmer's physical education classes lost 531 pounds during the spring semester. One of the goals of our Health and P.E. Department is to encourage healthy lifestyles, and **Cindy Palmer**, the department chair, keeps track of the amount of pounds lost in the required P.E. classes.

Photo by 4th and Goal Training



Whitmer Athlete Marcus Elliott Demonstrates Leadership and Character

Whitmer defensive back **Marcus Elliott**, who has offers from D1 schools, made a lasting impression this summer on the director of a training camp with his leadership and character.

In an email, the camp director praised Marcus for helping the younger athletes stay on pace by offering assistance to help their progress. After the training session, he said, Marcus saw a kid at the park who was not a member of the camp, but who was holding a glove, a ball, and a bat. Marcus told his mother he wanted to stay and play with him for a little bit, because the boy had no one there to play with.

The email concluded, *"College coaches also notice his character when they first meet this well-spoken and educated young man. We salute Washington Local, for great young men like Marcus, and his mother for teaching him great values."*

Infinite Opportunity Olympics Featured On BCSN "Light Side"

Aishia Stanish assisted by cheerleader **Kalie Miller**; **Lauren Hale** and **Robert Garcia** assisted by girls track athletes **Kelly Knauss** and **Megan Buehler**.



Mr. Hickey shared an 8-minute video of BCSN's "The Light Side" which highlighted the 2013 Infinite Opportunity Olympics. The annual event provides a fun day of track-and-field events for WLS students with special needs. I.O.O. photos have been posted to the district's Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.406981006067368.1073741830.321346887964114&type=3>
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.447590375339764.1073741853.321346887964114&type=3>

I.O.O. Ripple Effects -- We received a call from a man named **David Jones** who graduated from Scott High School and John Carroll University. Mr. Jones played football and ran track at both schools and was inducted into John Carroll's Hall of Fame. A few years ago, he suffered a stroke, and currently he does not have the use of one side of his body. The reason Mr. Jones called us was that he saw the episode about the Infinite Opportunity Olympics on BCSN. He said the show brought tears to his eyes. Being a former athlete who is now disabled, he said he can relate to our I.O.O. athletes. Next year, David Jones will be helping us out. He's agreed to come and volunteer for I.O.O. 2014.

McGregor Staff Visit School Families -- Near the end of the summer, 28 McGregor staff members volunteered to visit every single McGregor family prior to the school year starting. I want to thank the McGregor staff and Principal **Steve Perry** for his leadership. Wernert Elementary visited families last year, and we would like to eventually be visiting the home of every student in the district. I want to thank Office Max for donating school supplies that the McGregor staff shared during their family visits.

Survival Run -- I want to compliment Greenwood Principal **Bill Colon** for organizing our district's involvement in the Survival Run and getting the cost of the registration reduced down to \$25.00 so students who otherwise couldn't afford to participate were able to do so. I competed in it last year, as did my daughter, Abby, and my son, Noah. I thought there was no way Noah would complete it. I had to help him come over the last obstacle, but to watch him, it was worth everything you did. It was his greatest accomplishment EVER. Thank you for organizing this for our kids last year and again this year. I will be back.

Jefferson Junior High Completes 18 Service Projects -- Jefferson Junior High shared a list of 18 different community projects that they completed last year. If you do the math, they did a service project once every two weeks at Jefferson.

(The Trilby Park project, below, is one example.)

**Monac's Ron Bushrow
Best Teacher Runner-Up
In Toledo Parent**



If you've ever encountered **Ron Bushrow**, you've probably heard him say, "Life is good." He's an exceptional teacher who always has a smile on his face. When our top academic students share about teachers who have made an impact on them, Ron's name comes up a lot.

I'd like to congratulate Ron, who was voted Runner-Up for the Best Teacher by readers of *Toledo Parent* magazine in their annual survey.



Photo provided by Thomas Ilstrup

WLS Honor Society Members Volunteer to Clean Up Trilby Park

The National Junior Honor Society joined with members of Whitmer's National Honor Society and the Career and Technology Center's National Technical Honor Society to clean up Trilby Park last spring.

Whitmer Alumnus Bob Oehlers • 2013 BBS Graduation Speaker



Bob Oehlers, a 1985 Whitmer alumnus and 1989 West Point graduate, was invited to be the 2013 Buckeye Boys State Graduation Speaker.

Mr. Oehlers attended Buckeye Boys State in 1984 and was one of only two boys chosen to represent Ohio at Boys Nation that year.

Conn-Weissenberger Post 587 sponsored seven Whitmer boys to attend Buckeye Boys State in June, 2013: **Michael Baldwin, Caleb Campbell, Gary DeHan, Casey Holsten, Jacob LaPoint, Patrick McCauley, and Chris Mock.**



Scavenger Hunt at Academic Lunch Introduces Younger WLS Students To Whitmer Campus and Programs

"All A" students (in grades 4-8) attending an academic luncheon event hosted by Superintendent Hickey enjoyed a Scavenger Hunt last spring that introduced them to programs offered by Whitmer High School and the Career and Technology Center, as they raced throughout both campus buildings and became better acquainted with the school's facilities.

Among the many items on the list were a kiln, a bookmark, a tongue depressor, a college application, a spring sports schedule, sheet music to the Whitmer Fight Song, an autograph from a student athlete, a skeleton, a metal Tin Man, a network rotor cart, a solar car, and a Coke can with white fingerprints.



ABOVE: Meadowvale students **Craig Nimigean** and **Mark Peters** pose with the "Tin Man" made by the Welding program at the CTC.



LEFT: The team comprised of Greenwood honorees won the Scavenger Hunt at the Superintendent's Academic Luncheon last spring for WLS students in grades 4-8 who earned "All As" for three quarters.

Front row: **Jessi Oberski.**

Middle row: Principal **Bill Colon, Hannah Zapiecki, Riley Pagona, Sarah Steele.**

Back row: **Spencer Wilson, Craig Frankowski, Justin Lee-Price, and Deante Dean.**