

2015 Scholarship Award Recipients Recognized at May Academic Awards Ceremonies



Annual Report – Summer 2015

Chance Alvarado JoAnn Grant Memorial Scholarship
Caleb Baker Christopher M. Potts Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Bush Sullivan University FCCLA Scholarship
Alicia Dawson Continental Community Scholarship
Derek Foy Sullivan University FCCLA Scholarship
Ian Jones Whirlpool Foundation Sons & Daughters Schol.
 IPFW Full Tuition Scholarship
Andrea Krendl CHS Blue & Gold Scholarship
 St. John's Lutheran Church Scholarship
 Harvey A. Wight Memorial Scholarship
 Kenneth McKibben Scholarship
 Ed Johnson Memorial Schol. (National FFA)
Madison Mansfield Taylor B. Tumblin Memorial Scholarship
 Dr. Michael Walls Scholarship
Jasmin Moats Kenneth McKibben Scholarship
 Richard Spuller Memorial Scholarship
Alysha Moran Rhodes St Tech Prep Scholarship
 American Red Cross Scholarship
 Robert C Stevens Memorial Scholarship

Katie Rankin American Legion Scholarship
 Sons of the American Legion Scholarship
Emma Recker Am. Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
Julie Rhees Continental Community Scholarship
Christina Sarka American Red Cross Scholarship
McKenna Scott NWSCC Changing Lives Scholarship
 Continental Lions Club Scholarship
 Medical Mutual Scholarship
 US Army Reserves Scholar-Athlete
Joey Swager CHS Blue & Gold Scholarship
 Continental Community Scholarship
 Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 US Army Reserves Scholar-Athlete
Brian Thacker Virgil H. Cooper Scholarship
Gabe Williams Am. Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

Congratulations to the class of 2015 – more than \$965,000 in scholarships!

Dear Continental School District Residents,

It is with great pleasure that the Continental Local School District provides this annual report for the 2014-2015 school year. It includes a variety of information with valuable insight into our district.

Again this year, I would like to commend our students, families, and the team of employees at our school for their continued efforts to improve our district's academic performance and financial standing. This past year was the first year for the new testing procedures that were implemented by the state legislature and the first year to follow the state's New Learning Standards, better known as Common Core.

This year also saw the final year of teaching for nine long-time Continental employees. Those retired teachers now include Lori Allen, Karla Altenburger, Cathy Berry, Kelly Brown, Melanie Dopp, Chris Heringhaus, Jill Krutsch, Sandy Spitnale, and Joni Swager. That is approximately 300 years of teaching experience that we needed to replace. Seven of those nine positions have been filled and we are excited to see what their replacements will bring to the table for the Continental Local School District. The other two positions were eliminated due to lower numbers and as a cost-savings measure. Tracy Potts has also moved to the elementary principal position. I hope everyone will be welcoming to our new staff members as we have hired some excellent teachers. This goes for staff members who have changed positions also.

Many of the test scores from this past year will be slow to come in – most are not expected until well into the school year, possibly around December. Of the scores we have received thus far our results have been very positive. Our OGT passage rates look like this: Writing – 87%, Reading – 87%, Math – 90%, Social Studies – 84%, and Science – 87%. Our 3rd Grade Reading scores went up quite a bit this year. Last year our students averaged a score of 416. This year the average score was a 431 – missing the Advanced range by a single point. These are the only scores that we have received to date. Academically, we are heading in the right direction.

School finances are an area that everyone is also always concerned about. This year, we saw our expenses rise by a 4.0%, which is right in line with the national rate of inflation. Over the last two years combined, it has been a total increase of 4.8% in expenses. Revenues have seen similar increases but continue to lag behind expenses, largely due to the 1.1% drop in revenues a year ago. On the positive side, our expenses are expected to see a 1.8% decrease this fiscal year – largely due the high number of retirements and the elimination of two teaching positions.

This past year, the school district featured some new programs. The first was an online education program. This program allowed us to offer remediation courses to 10 students. Students then were able to complete their necessary coursework online while at school in order to receive credit for classes. This year, we hope to expand upon that and add a few electives to our online program. The second new program that we were able to offer was a sign language course. This course was taught through distance learning equipment by the Ohio School for the Deaf. Six students were able to receive training on sign language. Another six students are enrolled in the coming year while other students remain on the waiting list. One student is hoping to take the second level of sign language. We are also going to be offering classes at the junior high and high school level for students interested in industrial arts. These classes include the use of computer-aided drafting software and drawing classes. Already, the interest in these classes seems to be high from students.

Our building and grounds continue to rate as some of the best in the area. We often receive compliments from visitors to our district about how nice everything looks. This is something we are proud of and I am sure the community is as well. Surely over the last couple of months, if you have been by the school, you have noticed our new bus garage going up. This is scheduled to be completed shortly after the school year has begun. Our new garage was necessary because new buses that are purchased will no longer fit in our current garage. Plans for the usage of our current garage will be discussed after the new garage has been moved in to. Money from our permanent improvement levy can be used for things such as our new bus garage, purchasing buses, paving parking lots, replacing lights, etc.

Everything that we are doing is for the long-term benefit of students. We want students who will be productive in their adult lives – whether that includes college or a job right out of school. With the offerings we have for students, I can assure you that we are doing just that.

Sincerely,
Joel Mengerink, Superintendent

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BOXHOLDER AND POSTAL PATRON

Welcome New Staff Members



Ms. Danielle LaBarbera
Kindergarten



Mrs. Taylor Geckle
Kindergarten



Mrs. Casey Homier
1st Grade



Ms. Amanda Jerwers
3rd Grade



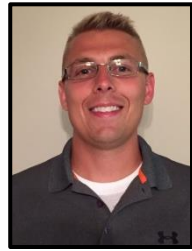
Mr. Damon Schmidt
Phys Ed/Health



Mr. Brian Badenhop
HS Math



Mrs. Nichole Schroeder
JH Intervention



Mr. Nathan Schmidt
HS Intervention



Mr. Daniel Swonger
Band/Choir



Ms. Emily Graf
HS English/Yearbook



Mr. Keith Schnipke
Technology Coordinator

District Financial Report

As you view the Income Statement that is below, there are a number of terms you may not be familiar with. Some definitions are provided in order to help you better understand where our revenues (money coming in) are coming from, as well as our expense categories.

Revenues:

Real Estate Taxes – These are the funds we receive from basic property taxes paid by homeowners, landowners, and commercial businesses within our district.

Tangible Personal Property Tax – This is money that used to be paid to our district from businesses for inventory and machinery values. We no longer receive this money. In the early 2000's this brought in more than \$50,000 per year.

Income Tax – Continental had a .5% school district income tax that was allowed to expire in 2012. This was a tax that was paid by district residents with income and amounted to more than \$250,000 per year when it was collected. The amount being collected now is from the original 1% income tax.

School Foundation – This is our revenue from the state of Ohio that is designated for operation of the district. It is sometimes referred to as State Aid. This does include funds that we receive as part of the states "Guarantee" for smaller districts. In 2013, this included a small amount from casino revenues.

Career Tech Funds – This is money we receive for operating vocational programs. These would be for Vo-Ag and Family/Consumer Science.

SFSF Funds/Education Jobs - In 2011-2012 this was money from the President's Education Jobs Fund and was part of the stimulus package. Now it is casino revenue.

Property Tax Allocation - The state reimburses districts for the Homestead and Rollback deductions for homeowners. Each taxpayer has a 12.5% reduction in their property taxes for their primary residence.

All Other Operating Revenue – This is a catch-all. Every other type of income we receive falls into these categories.

The line called Insurance Proceeds is payment from our insurance company for claims that have been made.

Expenses:

Salaries – This includes the salaries of not only all of our employees, but also includes substitutes, severance payments, and additional expenses such as tutoring. This is by far our biggest expense item and normally represents about 60-65% of our expenses.

Benefits – In addition to medical, dental, and vision insurance, this category includes costs for employee retirement programs, Medicare, Workers' Compensation, etc.

Purchased Services – This item covers a wide variety of different expenses. It includes all of our utilities. It also includes contracts we have with the NOACSC (internet provider among other things), NWOET (professional development provider), and other software contracts. Some of our maintenance and repair expenses are found here, along with our insurance premiums, phone services, and legal services.

Supplies – This line represents our expenses for fuel and other consumable items such as paper, envelopes, etc. It also represents our expenses for textbooks.

Capital Outlay – This fund has been used to purchase items such as computers, buses, mowers, boilers, chillers, and other large cap items. This line continues to grow as we continue to pay for iPads, new buses, bus garage, parking lots, etc.

Other Objects – Our biggest item in this category is for services provided by the Putnam County ESC. We contract with them to provide programming for preschool, special education, curriculum, and a number of other items. Many of these items are things that we simply could not justify assuming the positions on our own.

| Continental Local School | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 4 Year Income Statement Comparison | | | | |
| July 1 to June 30 | | | | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Real Estate Taxes | 1,363,119 | 1,045,153 | 1,038,884 | 964,192 |
| Tangible Personal Property | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Income Tax | 683,433 | 690,242 | 607,053 | 708,036 |
| School Foundation | 3,355,548 | 3,343,516 | 3,336,954 | 3,335,430 |
| Career Tech Funds | 36,376 | 29,726 | 35,208 | 35,208 |
| Economic Disadvantage | 33,960 | 37,429 | 0 | 0 |
| SFSF Funds/Education Job/Casino | 24,430 | 25,617 | 23,238 | 173,157 |
| Property Tax Allocation | 184,414 | 166,129 | 161,583 | 159,769 |
| Rollback Payments | 139,402 | 121,804 | 122,449 | 111,685 |
| Homestead Exemption | 45,012 | 44,325 | 43,656 | 43,562 |
| Electric Deregulation | 0 | 0 | (300) | 300 |
| Tangible Personal Property | 0 | 0 | (4,222) | 4,222 |
| All Other Operation Revenue | 357,571 | 400,972 | 593,888 | 301,882 |
| Tuition | 34,169 | 44,251 | 21,131 | 3,444 |
| Open Enrollment | 178,717 | 197,442 | 227,371 | 190,574 |
| Services Provided Other Schools | 35,853 | 52,350 | 35,192 | 48,885 |
| Bus Fees Other Sources | 5,598 | 6,573 | 10,607 | 9,018 |
| Earnings on Investments | 12,790 | 13,936 | 10,835 | 11,668 |
| Workbook Fees | 15,462 | 15,746 | 18,575 | 14,982 |
| Property Rental | 8,450 | 7,138 | 410 | 575 |
| Donations | 75 | 65 | 0 | 50 |
| Medicaid | 37,608 | 15,007 | 0 | 0 |
| iPad Premiums | 5,130 | 6,100 | 3,100 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 23,719 | 38,283 | 24,324 | 22,686 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 0 | 4,081 | 242,343 | 0 |
| Other Financing-Fixed Asset Sale/Prior Yr | 125 | 294 | 4,500 | 9,950 |
| Operating Transfers In | 77,618 | 76,482 | 93,189 | 176,631 |
| Advances In | 19,945 | 30,374 | 15,971 | 20,929 |
| Total Revenue | 6,136,539 | 5,845,934 | 5,910,468 | 5,885,184 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Salaries | 2,827,889 | 2,751,112 | 2,764,766 | 2,889,099 |
| Benefits | 1,031,226 | 1,055,569 | 1,074,754 | 1,050,694 |
| Purchased Services | 1,760,491 | 1,649,575 | 1,484,526 | 1,440,936 |
| Supplies | 159,208 | 162,627 | 188,336 | 173,564 |
| Capital Outlay | 159,661 | 179,402 | 250,630 | 31,221 |
| Intergovernmental | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Objects | 83,736 | 99,192 | 89,106 | 107,692 |
| Debt Service - Principal | 25,329 | 23,943 | 22,632 | 0 |
| Debt Service - Interest | 1,467 | 2,853 | 4,163 | 0 |
| Transfers Out | 249,160 | 120,954 | 132,230 | 237,641 |
| Advances Out | 14,853 | 21,510 | 9,460 | 14,841 |
| Total Expenditures | 6,313,020 | 6,066,737 | 6,020,603 | 5,945,688 |
| Revenue Less Expenditures | (176,481) | (220,803) | (110,135) | (60,504) |
| Ending Cash Balance | 3,451,644 | 3,628,125 | 3,848,928 | 3,959,063 |

Continental School By the Numbers...

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| Student Enrollment | 461 |
| Average Class Size | 18 |
| Racial Diversity | 6% |
| Students ID'd as Gifted | 22.0% |
| Students with a Disability | 101 |
| Free/Reduced Lunches | 39% |
| Graduation Rate | 100% |
| School Meals Served | 59,343 |
| Class of '15 Scholarships | \$965,000 |
| Teachers with Adv Degrees | 25/39 |
| Avg Years of Teaching Experience | 16.51 |
| Students Transported by Bus | 218 |
| Student Attendance Rate | 96.1% |
| Teacher Attendance Rate | 95% |
| Graduates Attending College | 70% |
| Seniors Receiving College Credit While Taking HS Courses | 18/39 |

Know Your Charter School

| Charter School | Grade for Indicators Met | State Funding Per Student | % Spent in Classroom | Average Teacher Experience | Amount of \$ Taken from Continental |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ohio Virtual Academy | C | \$6,580 | 91.2% | 10 yrs | \$30,027 |
| Summit Academy – Canton | D | \$15,892 | 96.8% | 2 yrs. | \$14,925 |
| ECOT | D | \$6,819 | 89.4% | 8 yrs. | \$9,686 |
| West Central Learning Academy II | B | \$5,828 | 82.4% | 25 yrs. | \$6,894 |
| Buckeye On-Line School for Success | C | \$6,772 | 89.4% | 9 yrs. | \$5,573 |

Source: KnowYourCharter.com

Continental Local Schools B \$5,955 93.4% 20 yrs Total Tax Money Lost to All Charter Schools \$82,226

Free & Reduced Lunches/Breakfast

Have you had an income or family change? Families are welcome to apply for free or reduced priced meals at school. The debit system that our cafeteria uses helps to prevent identification of what anyone pays for their meals. If you have questions, please call the elementary office at 419-596-3860.

Text Message Alerts

Continental Local School has a message alert system which is used to alert the public on school delays, cancellations, early dismissals, athletic events, and various other school-related announcements.

To [subscribe](#), [unsubscribe](#), or [change](#) your options, please access: ohioalerts.org/continental



Cafeteria Prices (unchanged from last year)

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|------------------------|--------|
| K-6 Lunch | \$2.35 |
| 7-12 Lunch | \$2.85 |
| K-12 Reduced Lunch | \$.40 |
| Extra Milk | \$.60 |
| K-12 Breakfast | \$1.50 |
| K-12 Reduced Breakfast | \$.30 |

2015-2016

WORKBOOK FEES:

| | |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| Grades K-6 | \$60.00 |
| Grade 7 | \$63.75 |
| Grade 8 | \$51.25 |
| Grades 9-12 | based upon classes taken |