Message from the Superintendent

Ohio will be implementing an educational initiative called the Ohio Plan (Every Student Succeed Act-ESSA). This plan will replace the No Child Left Behind initiative and can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website. This plan will drive the ever changing landscape in education in Ohio. Please check out the website for more information.

The current state budget that has been drafted is indicating that United Local Schools will take at least a $300,000 cut in state assistance. The Board and administration will be meeting to discuss how to manage the impact of the projected loss. Currently, the school receives funding by the state based on what is known as the “guarantee”. The “guarantee” is based on enrollment numbers from years ago when United had approximately 1400 students. Our current enrollment is around 1190 and that is inclusive of our record high of open enrollment students. If the state would fund United based on our current numbers, then the impact would be over a loss of $1 million dollars of state funding to United Local Schools.

On February 11, The United Board of Education met with administrators and supervisors in an all-day work session to determine the management goals and objectives meeting is held annually and serves as a budget guide for the school district with proposed projects. Once the Board confirms any projects in this meeting, then the projects are formally adopted at a Board meeting following the management goals and objectives meeting. This should occur in March this year.

Finally, United Local would like to “Welcome Back” DJ Ogilvie as the new Athletic Director. Mr. Ogilvie taught and was head football coach in 1998-2004. He currently resides in Florida and is the head football coach at Lemon Bay High School. He will be starting his position effective August 1, 2017 and will be working with Mr. Leone in a transition process.

Yours In Education

Steve Viscounte
Superintendent
The **United Wall of Fame** committee will review nominations for the 2017 induction in the coming months. Those selected for induction will be recognized at the September 8, varsity football game, with the induction ceremony and banquet slated for September 9. The deadline for 2017 nominations is April 15. For a history of all previous Wall of Fame inductees, information about the selection process, and the nomination form, go to the *United Local High School* website and select **Wall of Fame** under the **Community Organizations** tab near the top.

**Clark Claims School Record**

Jacob Clark (grade 12) surpassed the all-time career scoring record for United Local on February 3, when he led the Eagles in scoring 36 points in a 91-62 victory over East Palestine. The record was previously set at 1,284 points by Scott Gobely in 1989.

**United Spellers Advance to County**

Congratulations Joy Zarlinga (8th grade) for spelling the word “condolences” correctly to claim our school district spelling bee championship. Placing behind Joy and also qualifying for the county spelling bee are Wade Mitchell (7th), Emily McKarns (7th), and Christopher Combs (6th). Rowen Brinker (7th) will serve as an alternate. These United spellers will compete in the county spelling bee on March 8, at Lisbon High School.

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**High School News**

**Elementary News**

United will be well represented at the Columbiana County Art Show. Featured are Luke Gruber, Faith Walters, Sidney Casto, Ava Shepard, Kota Shasteen, and Tyler Mason.

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**Kindergarten Registration Begins**

Parents of children who will be 5 before August 1st are invited to attend a Parent Orientation Meeting at 7pm on Monday, March 13th in the elementary cafeteria. Registration packets will be handed and other information shared to help with enrolling new kindergartners and parents will be also be able to sign up for screening appointments. The following documents are needed to register: child’s birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, custody documents (if applicable), a photo I.D. and two proofs of residency. Please call the elementary office with any questions.
# District Calendar
## School Year 2017-2018

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- **Make-Up Days:** April 2, June 4
- **June 5,6, etc. If Needed**
UNITED LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

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Winter Homecoming Royalty

Colten Bowen and Mariah Eisenbraun (center) were named King and Queen for Winter Homecoming. Other attendants elected to the court include (left to right) Scott King, Kylie Youst, Yuyang (Simon) Lin, Cassie Yarwood, Jacob Blake, Madison Smith, Brynn Hofmeister, Jonathan Wilson, Lindsey Donato, Jacob Clark, Cassidy Varagliotti, Jared DelVichio, Emilee Graham, and Gabriel Snyder.