



# THE "ROCKET REPORT"

"LAUNCH INTO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!"

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## "WELCOME BACK" To The 2017-2018 School Year

The Lowellville Local School District welcomes back its students on AUGUST 28, 2017. We are excited to continue our pursuit of progress and excellence as we embark on yet another year with a new group of fabulous seniors.

This year we welcome several new staff members to Lowellville and celebrate the academic success of students that achieved all-year honor roll during the 2016-2017 school year. Within this issue you can read the biographies of the new members of the Lowellville family.

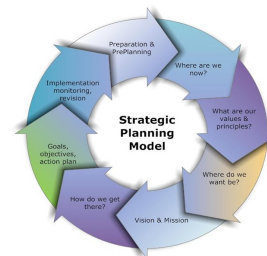
Also this year we plan to adopt and implement a new "Strategic Plan" that was developed over the past several months by a committee representative of the various factions that make up the great Village of Lowellville. A Strategic Plan can be described as a tool that allows organizations to take those

things within the district that are currently functioning well, and build upon them for a more successful future. This is accomplished by combining the best and most functional components of what is known in the private sector as strategic planning, and combining it with the process known in education and other sectors as continuous improvement planning. One of the unique features of the collaborative strategic planning initiative is the fact that the "process" assists decision makers to identify organizational strengths and weaknesses and develop a common vocabulary, which can be used to articulate a unique visionary plan unlike that of any other. The completed plan reflects the beliefs, values and traditions of the community and differentiates the Lowellville School District from all others.

Once this process is complete and the document is detailed in draft form, it will be presented to the Board of Education for review, edits, consideration and finally Board adoption. The plan will be revisited throughout each year and updated as time progresses.

Thanks to all that participated in this essential process for the schools and community of Lowellville!

**Dr. Eugene M. Thomas**  
Superintendent



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## OPEN HOUSES Scheduled For K-12

*The start of a new year leads us into exciting events. To help welcome back new and returning families, Lowellville Schools is hosting several events.*

### NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

GRADES 1-6

Monday, August 21st @ 5:30 p.m.

GRADES 7-12

Monday, August 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

### OPEN HOUSE

GRADES 1-12

Thursday, August 24th @ 4-6:00 p.m.



### 7TH GRADE

ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.

### KINDERGARTEN

ORIENTATION

Tuesday, August 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

GRADES K-12

AUGUST 28TH

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Eugene M. Thomas

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Maureen Lloyd

### PRINCIPAL (K-12)

Dennis Hynes

### A. PRINCIPAL (K-12)

Timothy Pancake

## Lowellville Schools Has A "NEW" Principal

Mr. Dennis Hynes is excited to return to Lowellville Local Schools as the K-12 Principal for the 2017-2018 school year. He is coming to us from the Struthers School District where he served as the Lead Elementary Principal for the past four years. Prior to his tenure at Struthers Schools, Mr. Hynes dedicated his career to Lowellville Schools serving as teacher, athletic director and coach for twenty years. Mr.

Hynes graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and from Westminster College with a Master's Degree in Education Administration. Mr. Hynes and his wife, Lori, are proud Lowellville Alumni who resides in Lowellville with their two children, Vincent and Matthew. Vincent is attending Westminster College where he is study-

ing Biology. Matthew is attending The Ohio State University where he is studying Engineering. Mr. Hynes is an avid runner who enjoys attending sporting events and staying active in the community.



## Meet the "NEW" Staff

### MRS. AVA BURGESS (C.O. SECRETARY)

Mrs. Burgess who is referred to as Chris comes to Lowellville from Mathews School District. She lives in Niles with her husband Jeff and are building a new house in New Castle next spring. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren combined. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors, camping and anything to do with water. Chris also has a crafty side and sells items at craft shows. She looks forward her first year at Lowellville Schools!

### MR. DAN DAUGHERTY (STEM TEACHER)

Mr. Daugherty who is a graduate of Cardinal Mooney and Youngstown State University joins the Lowellville staff. Prior to coming to Lowellville, Mr. Daugherty worked at Springfield Local as a student teacher and then a substitute teacher. In addition to teaching, Mr. Daugherty worked as an intern equipment manager with the San Francisco 49ers and the Cleveland Browns. He is excited about his first year at Lowellville Schools!

### MR. ROBERT LISKO (EDUCATIONAL AIDE, CAFETERIA)

Lowellville is happy to welcome Mr. Lisko who has been a bus driver for two years and will take an active role as a cafeteria aide. Mr. Lisko enjoys working with his hands and has three students in Lowellville. Welcome Mr. Lisko!

### MRS. ANGELA MCLAUGHLIN (ES/HS SECRETARY)

Mrs. McLaughlin will join the staff at Lowellville as a secretary in the main elementary and high school office. She is a proud Lowellville High School alumni with 15 years of

experience in preschool education and administrative assistance. She is excited to be part of the support team dedicated to our school's administration and student body. Mrs. McLaughlin lives in Lowellville with her husband Jim, her sons Drew and Dominic who both attend Youngstown State University. She is enthusiastic about my first year at Lowellville Schools!

### MR. JOHN "TODD" MCTIGUE (CUSTODIAL AIDE)

Lowellville is happy to welcome Mr. McTigue who worked as field maintenance for two years and will take an active role as a custodial aide. Mr. McTigue has a multitude of skills and always wears his welcoming smile with pride. Welcome Mr. McTigue!

### MR. FRANK OCASIO (SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE)

A YSU graduate, Mr. Ocasio will be a new member of the Lowellville School District staff this coming year. He has Lowellville ties as an assistant varsity football coach for and head coach for the junior high track. During his high school years, Mr. Ocasio held the 400-meter record for Boardman High School. He also was the MVP at the Mahoning County Track Meet in 2006. In his free time, Mr. Ocasio volunteers his time for the youth flag football teams. Mr. Ocasio is looking forward to being a part of the school district this year and years to come.

### MRS. ADRIENNE SEPESEY (EDUCATIONAL AIDE, CAFETERIA)

Lowellville is happy to welcome Mrs. Sepesy who is a Lowellville alumni and has two children attending the district. Mrs. Sepesy is a substitute secretary and will take an active role as a cafeteria aide. In her free time, Mrs. Sepesy is an active volunteer and part of the Athletic Boosters. Welcome Mrs. Sepesy!

### MRS. ANDREA WEAVER (LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER)

Mrs. Weaver arrives to the Lowellville community as the new teacher of English Language Arts for grades 7, 8, and 9. She is a graduate Youngstown State University with a degree in Political Science and Professional Writing and Editing, and obtained a teaching license in English Language Arts for grades 7-12 from Notre Dame College in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Weaver and her husband live in Canfield with their three children, Michael, Ben, and Lily. Mrs. Weaver expresses that she is proud to be joining the dedicated administration and teachers who are passionate about this excellent school district!

### MS. ANGELINA ANGELILLI (TITLE I TUTOR, SUBSTITUTE)

Ms. Angelilli joins us as a Youngstown State University graduate in early childhood education. A Poland, Ohio native, Ms. Angelilli is a proud graduate of Struthers High School. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking homemade Italian meals, nature walks and reading. She is determined to strive for excellence as an educator and plans to encourage our children to be successful readers and individuals. Ms. Angelilli expressed she is overjoyed to be a part of the Lowellville community as she starts her teaching career.



**2016-2017 ALL-YEAR HONOR ROLL Grades 3-12!****GRADE 3**

Cheyenne Bott  
Reeve Donatelli  
Brandon Harris  
Lia Pondillo  
Gabiella Tunison  
Benjamin Uehlinger  
Christopher Wyman  
Nathan Yon  
Reese Agee  
Giuliana Alfano  
Andrew Boehlke  
Kaylee Brenner  
Aubrey Copanic  
Tyler DeMain  
Samuel Dulovich  
Brylee Durfy  
Vance Esenwein  
Terrence Graves  
Ethan Harris  
Gabiella Hogue  
Nicolas Kumer  
Nicolas LaRosa  
Emmanuel Liodakis  
Natalee Macejko  
Carter Miller  
Jordan Nock  
Lia Pondillo  
Kaden Primous  
Sophia Rach  
Tyler Tuscano  
Collin Wyman

**GRADE 4**

Joslyn Delsignore  
Kyle England  
John Allaby Jr.  
Ethan Askew  
Destiny Balog  
Liam Bartlett  
Makenna Beeson  
Braylon Bolger  
Bruce Brenner  
Christian Coira  
Nicholas Donatelli  
Bailey Eliser  
Madison Esposito  
Alyssa Kuzan  
Morgan Lewis  
Alana Lopez  
Kenzie McCormick  
Hadassah Rivera  
Samantha Szenborn  
Alexi Vanca

**GRADE 5**

Michael Katula  
Sophia Yon  
Michael Ballone  
Dakota Bedenik  
Sophia Alfano  
Hunter Bott  
Casey Gordon  
Hannah Kauffman  
Oliva Lavernuick  
Kayla Lawson  
Mathew Lucido  
Ryan Neider  
Mia Mangine  
Dominick Schreckengost  
Rachel Speis  
Owen Watson

**GRADE 6**

Vincent Ballone  
Kevin Johnson  
Laila McCaughtry  
Sophia Melillo  
Savannah Procick  
Sophia Sdregas  
Nicolette TsiKouris  
Evan Alfano  
Devon Andrews  
Brady Bunofsky  
Philip Centofante  
Jayden Cuevas  
Brooklynn Dinnan  
Brooke Ginnis  
Ryan Hvisdak  
Francesca Lellio  
Anthony Lucente  
Lisa Nipper  
Ashley Noon  
Dylan Okular  
Richard Palumbo  
Devan Palomaki  
Sidney Price  
Mykenzie Rotunno  
Yalexia Santiago-Rivera  
Andrew Swanson  
Mackenzie Tunisn  
Luke Vanca  
Johnna Shaw  
Averi Shumaker  
Sylvia Tsarnas  
Lily Vari-Coppola

**GRADE 7**

Logan Agee  
Bella Eliser  
Livia Laudermilt  
Alexa McCaughtry  
Christopher Sanchez  
Justin Beeson  
Annika Grace  
Anna Lavernuick  
Julia Michaels  
Mia Santiago  
John Cheliras  
Jaxson Gruber  
Vincent Layko  
Kyle Miller  
Brandon Simmons  
Haley Cutter  
Maxximus Jones  
Olga Liodakis  
Samantha Moore  
Matthew Sotlar  
Zoie Czup  
Samantha Kelly  
Anthony Lucido  
Meralee Olson  
Rayna Susak  
Natalia DeFonde  
Emmarose Krusely  
Cadence Marsh  
Carli Osiniak  
Emily Wilaj  
Giovanni Docherty  
Mitchell Krotky  
Sophia Matic  
Chyanne Palmer  
Maliyah Hedrich

**GRADE 8**

Isaac Arnold

Derek Linden  
Kenton Peterson  
Jamie Shives  
Cole Bunofsky  
John Loshuk  
Gavin Procick  
Cassidy Smith  
Kate Coppola  
Angelina Marsh  
Jordan Ramun  
Alexander Watson  
Gianna Hogue  
William McCaughtry  
Marissa Rivera  
Jacob Wetherill  
Rylie Hrusovsky  
Ashlee McGarry  
Francisco Rivera-Ocasio  
Savana Worsencroft  
Kennedy Kelly  
Emmalee McGarry  
Landen Russell  
Cherish Little  
Alexis Mesaros  
Anthony Sanchez

**GRADE 9**

Samuel Arnold  
Kyleigh Huber  
Isabela Boyd  
Vincent Kacir  
Nicole Carney  
Eirini Liodakis  
Dylan David  
Ainsley McCaughtry  
Ashley DeCarlo  
Aubrianna McClellan  
Melina DeFonde  
Alessandra Montanez  
Christiana Donatelli  
Olivia Rivera  
Michael Donatelli  
Maria Santoro  
Michael Esposito  
Kira Sontag  
Marah Gandee Bellis  
Gianna Thomas  
Hunter Hornyak  
Caleb Wensel

**GRADE 10**

Matthew Hvisdak  
Denise Rivera  
Madelyn Ballone  
James Lanzo  
Haylie Rotz  
Alexis Biscella  
Sofia Lanzo  
Jacob Rotz  
Kaly Chavers  
Micah Mamula-Zarlingo  
Chloe Simmerman  
Brittany Chaibi  
Julia Mrakovich  
Brianna Simmons  
Richard Cutter  
Mary Novak  
Samantha Snyder  
Brittany Chaibi  
Julia Mrakovich  
Brianna Simmons  
Richard Cutter  
Mary Novak

Samantha Snyder  
John Fitch  
Olivia Perkins  
Angelina Zupko  
Bryan Harris  
Dylan Durkin  
Madison Kelly  
William Enyeart  
Andrew Krotky  
Benjamin Hogue  
Raegan Serrano  
Ashly Joy  
Joseph Ballone

**GRADE 11**

Mia Albaugh  
Michael Hedrich  
Noah Mamula  
Kenneth (Marty) Pavalko  
Tanner Stellmar  
Cora Clinton  
Jason Higgins  
Alexander Mamula-Zarlingo  
Selena Phillips  
Carrie Travis  
Adam Danzo  
Hannah Johnston  
Maria Mangine  
Alexis Ruess  
Madison Warren  
Samantha Davis  
Jessica Johnston  
Cassandra Marsicola  
Dylan Sallaz  
Nathanael Warren  
Larissa Diaz  
Nicholas Kacir  
Anthony Mesaros  
Zachary Schenk  
Taylor Wensel  
Perla Diaz  
Carl LaRosa  
Skyler Oliver  
Nathaniel Solak  
Rebecca Wetherill  
Aleia Gonzalez  
Marissa Lellio  
Mackenzie Opritza  
Isabella Sotlar  
Angelina Williams  
Jessica Grow  
Austin Malutic  
Alyssa Osman  
Olivia Sotlar  
Sabriena Torres

**GRADE 12**

Alyssa Anderson  
Morgan LaCamera  
Elia Basista  
Taylor Morales  
Joshua Bryan  
Michaela Mrakovich  
David Durbin  
Juliana Rotz  
Anna Grover  
Nathan Williams  
Matthew Hynes  
Evan Stevens  
Elainie Huncik  
Tyler Worsencroft  
Anthony D'Altorio  
Zackary Oliver  
Marc Olverson

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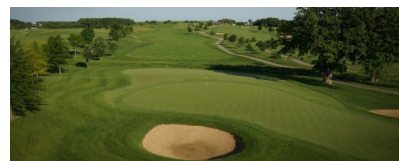
**THANK YOU STRATEGIC PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

Facilitator, Dr. Ronald Iarussi  
(Mahoning County Educational Service Center)  
Lowellville Teacher, Robert Antonucci  
Business Owner, Lori Carlson  
Business Owner, Ray Carlson  
Lowellville Guidance Counselor, Liz Calderon  
Lowellville Teacher, Mia DiRienzo  
Community Member and Village Councilman, Robert Coppola  
Board Member, Lisa Donofrio  
Parent, Jerry Dubos  
Business Owner, Andrew Grishow  
Lowellville Graduate, Joe Harris  
Lowellville Cafeteria Manager, Liz Hartman  
Lowellville Graduate, Taylor Hvisdak  
Lowellville Principal, Dennis Hynes  
Lowellville Mayor, James Iudiciani  
Parent, Jennifer Johnson  
Lowellville Treasurer, Maureen Lloyd  
Lowellville ES/HS Secretary, Jennifer Lucido  
Board Member, Michele McCaughtry  
Parent, Scott Ogle  
Lowellville Assistant Principal, Timothy Pancake  
Lowellville Superintendent, Eugene Thomas

**2017-2018 GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!**

The Lowellville Board of Education held its 27th annual golf outing on August 6th at Bedford Trails Golf Course. The outing hosted over 20 teams where each team enjoyed the pleasures of the course and a wonderful meal (steak dinner and Italian buffet) after their 18 hole rounds. The event provided over 57 major prizes including \$300 to Team Mediate for winning the outing and \$200 to Team Alfano for being the runner-up. Both teams will receive a discounted rate for the 2018-2019 golf outing! Team Pancake and Team Harklerode took the only two skins of the day for cash prizes! A host on individuals received gifts if they were lucky enough to have their raffle ticket pulled from the bucket which included: name brand hats, gift cards, clubs, shirts, and a whole lot more. Village Councilman and golfer Keith McCaughtry won the 50/50 drawing worth \$256 dollars and very generously donated it back to the school; THANKS KEITH! There were plenty of other winners, in fact, Zachary Harklerode won so many times he started donating gifts back! All in all the outing was a great success. The outing next year is scheduled for **August 5th at Bedford Trails**. We hope to see all of you there and again, thanks goes out to all for their donations, contributions, planning and participation!

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*On behalf of the Lowellville Board of Education,  
thank you for your contributions to this year's  
golf outing. Your support of the athletic programs  
and patronage is appreciated by all!*