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high school football season

# MAKING THE GRADE

## All 5 area schools improve on state report cards

### LE 'very excited' by marks

By DAVID AMEY  
EDITOR

Jumping a level to Effective on its local school report card was the Logan Elm Local School District.

"We are very excited, almost ecstatic," Jan Broughton, superintendent said. "Our overall results are very good."



BROUGHTON

The district met 21 of the 30 state indicators and scored its highest ever 95.2 on the Performance Index.

"And, we met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) analysis in all areas, which is huge for us," she said.

Within the district, Washington Elementary School achieved an excellent rating, meeting all 12 of the indicators, and Laurelville Elementary School retained its excellent rating by meeting 10 of 12 indicators, up from five last year.

"We are looking forward to and putting in place strategies to become an Excellent district," she said. "That is our goal."



NANCY RADCLIFF/Circleville Herald  
Some bets are worth losing. Kevin Fox, principal of Everts Middle School, made good on a bet he made last year with his students. Fox strutted back and forth at Court and Main streets on Tuesday evening dressed in a grass skirt and coconut top while proudly carrying a sign, "Everts Middle School We Improved!" Students improved their scores on the Ohio Achievement Test and Principal Fox was a good loser of the bet.

### Teays Valley earns highest rating ever

By DAVID AMEY  
EDITOR

Excellent with Distinction was the designation for the Teays Valley Local School District, the highest rating ever attained by a Pickaway County district.



SHEETS

Teays Valley met 29 of the 30 state indicators, and scored

a performance index of 99.0 out of 120 points, one of the highest in the Central Ohio area.

"There were only five districts who scored 30, and we were one of eight to get 29," Jeff Sheets said. "What pleases me is we worked hard to set our sights as being able to compete with elite schools, and we did. This makes me pleased for our community, staff, and students."

The district, in the midst of

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### Circleville's results 'collaborative effort'

By DAVID AMEY  
EDITOR

Superintendent Kirk McMahon knew from preliminary data available last month that the Circleville City School District was making



MCMAHON

progress based on the four measures of performance analyzed by the

state Board of Education. "I was very excited," he said, when he was advised the district advanced to Effective in the state school report card announced Tuesday. The district had been on Continuous Improvement.

"It's a collaborative effort on everybody's part," he said, noting that the school board and building administrators were responsible for developing plans and putting them in motion.

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## TRACKING THE AREA SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	DISTRICT DISTINCTION	STATE INDICATORS	PERFORMANCE INDEX	ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS	VALUE-ADDED MEASURE
Circleville	Effective	17	91.9	Met	Above
Logan Elm	Effective	21	95.2	Met	Above
Teays Valley	Excellent with distinction	29	99.0	Not Met	Above
Westfall	Excellent	23	95.5	Not Met	Above
Amanda-Clearcreek	Excellent	25	95.2	Not Met	Above

**State Indicators:** Proficiency of subjects by grade level. **Performance Index:** Average of all students' scores. **Adequate Yearly Progress:** Assessment of subgroups. **Value-Added Measure:** Assessment of students' growth.

## Area bands prep for marching seasons

By CRAIG ALLISON  
STAFF WRITER

As county football teams go through drills to hone their game, so also are county marching band members just finishing up preseason camps and preparing for their initial appearances in front of their fans.

This Friday football will be taking center stage, but along with the players there will be the bands who will have a chance to strut their stuff

### Three area bands to 'Battle'

The Circleville, Logan Elm, and Westfall high school bands will take part in the "Battle of the Bands," hosted by Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center at 8:45 p.m. on Sept. 11.

before their respective hometown faithful.

The musical "menu" from this year's county bands ranges from Western songs, rockets to the moon, then comes back to Earth to pay tribute to a rock opera and to The Beatles.

The Westfall Mustangs' marching band appeared on Friday evening as part of the annual "Westfall roundup," a back-to-school family event that has been a part of Westfall's back-to-school weekend for several years.

The Mustang band is approximately 72 members strong. Their theme this season is "Western Images" and will feature the songs "Magnificent Seven," "Home on the Range," and "Cowboy Medley."

Mark Schaffnit directs the band.

Although Logan Elm High School's band does not stage a band preview, director Jim Chickrell reported that the band came through camp in top shape and to celebrate the

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Westfall band members, from left, Paul Hammond, Ryan Koch and Elizabeth Gollihue take to the practice field this week.

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# A-C earns first 'excellent' grade

**Superintendent: 'I couldn't be happier'**

By DAVID AMEY  
 EDITOR

Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District received its first ever Excellent designation in the state report cards following three straight years of Effective ratings and five Continuous Improvements.

"It's a very difficult goal to achieve, and I never really thought we could get here," second-year Superintendent Michael Johnsen said. "But now that we are here, I believe we can not only stay, but continue to improve."

Amanda-Clearcreek met 25 of the 30 state indicators and scored 95.2 on the performance Index, a slide from the 96.6 scored last year that was boosted by the district's

strong Value-Added Measure performance.

"Amanda-Clearcreek has always been known as an athletic school," he said. "I couldn't be happier that we now have been recognized for our academics."

Johnsen, who has worked with the district for six years, said his staff was able to work with students to meet the Adequate Yearly Progress criteria in the sub sector, Economically Disadvantaged.

"We've been able to prove that a student's ability to learn has nothing to do with his social standing," he said. "All it takes is the diligence of the teaching staff."

Not met on the report card was the expected growth of the Students with Disabilities subgroup. "We actually had more of these students pass tests," he said. "However, they are not learning at the same speed as other students."



An open house quickly became a full house Tuesday as school administrators dedicated the new Teays Valley East Middle School on Lockbourne-Eastern Road. The open house for Teays Valley West in Commercial Point is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. A high school open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 10.

TRISH BENNETT  
 Circleville Herald

# Report Cards show progress

By DAVID AMEY  
 EDITOR

While schools and districts in Ohio don't really "perform," the Ohio Department of Education issues report cards that tell educators, parents, families and community members how well schools are doing.

These report cards are based on students' achievement in certain subjects and grade levels, based on state tests they take each year.

Also considered are how many students graduate from high school, how often they are absent from school, and how much improvement they make over time. Over the past 10 years, ODE has changed and refined these report cards to meet the changing needs of students, school districts, and state and federal standards.

The designations are:  
**Excellent with Distinction:** For at least two years, this district or school received "above" expected gains on its value-added scores.  
**Excellent:** The school or

district received high ratings on every measure.

**Effective:** This designation means there's some room for improvement, but this district or school still performs well on most measures.

**Continuous Improvement:** This designation tells you that some students are struggling, perhaps one or two groups, but that overall the district or school is meeting expected levels.

**Academic Watch:** This rating tells you that there is progress being made in some areas, but some definite areas of weakness must be strengthened.

**Academic Emergency:** This rating tells you the school or district is experiencing problems in many areas, and immediate changes must take place.

Schools and districts receive "designations" based on a scale that ranges from Excellent with Distinction to Academic Emergency. Four measures are used to determine this designation:

**State indicators:** Report cards show the percentage of students who passed each state test administered during the most recent school year. Listed are the number of indicators the school or district met for each grade level and subject as

well as the attendance and graduation rates. This year, there are 30 indicators.

**Special groups of kids:** The report card tells if certain groups of students are meeting state and federal standards in math and reading — students with disabilities, those from low-income families, students of different races, ethnic groups or native languages. This is called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

**Performance index score:** This index gives the average of all students' scores, measuring how much improvement occurred since the last report card. School leaders can track this from year to year. This measure takes into consideration the improvement and growth of all students, even those who are below proficient levels (Performance Index).

**Value-added growth:** Did a student learn what he or she should have over the past school year? This measure tells whether the district added value and growth to a child's education by comparing multiple years of data. School leaders can follow a group of students' growth over time (Value-Added Measure).

This is the third year for the

value-added measure, and it is the first year the measure can have a negative effect on a district or school's rating if students aren't showing the amount of growth that's expected. This measure includes students who are gifted and advanced as well as those who are struggling.

In addition, there's a link to national data — the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) — that shows how Ohio fares compared with other states. It won't tell about a school district, but it will tell about Ohio's ranking. This year's report card also will tell how students perform on the ACT or SAT college-entrance tests as well as those who take Advanced Placement classes.

While report cards don't measure all of the skills and knowledge parents and educators want children to possess — social and emotional abilities, creativity and innovation thinking, communication and problem-solving skills in a global marketplace, the influence and inspiration of caring adults — they give a quick picture of how schools and districts perform in areas that can be measured.

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>													
WCNH (7)	NBC 4 at Six (N)	NBC News	Extra (TVPG)	Access Hollywood	America's Got Talent (TVPG)	America's Got Talent (TVPG)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fredo" (N)	NBC 4 at 11 (N)	Tonight Show				
WSYX (9)	ABC 6 News at 6	ABC Wild News	Entertainment Be a Millionaire	Wipeout (N) (In Stereo)	Crash Course (Series Premiere) (In Stereo)	Primalims: Crime (In Stereo) (TVMA)	ABC 6 News at 11	Seinfeld					
WBNS (5)	10TV News HD at 6PM	Evening News	Jeopardy! (TVG)	Wheel of Fortune	Old Christine	Gary Unmarried	Criminal Minds "Memoriam" (N)	CSI: NY "Grounds for Deception" (In Stereo)	10TV News HD at 11PM	Late Show-Letterman			
WTTE (8)	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Bones "The Girl in the Mask" (In Stereo)	Bones "The Beaver in the Otter" (In Stereo)	FOX 28 News at 10 Harris, Spiegel, Martz.	Everybody-Raymond	Family Guy				
WOSU (11)	The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (N) (In Stereo)	Business Rpt.	Stevie Europe	Great Performances "Harlem in Montmartre" (N) (In Stereo)	Artzine (TVG)	Wide Angle "Once Upon a Coup" (In Stereo)	As Time Goes By	Tavis Smiley					
WSFJ (2)	(5:00) Praise the Lord	Billy Graham Crusades	Behind the Scenes	Grant Jeffrey	Secrets of Bible	Van Impe Pres	Praise the Lord						
WWHO (13)	The Wendy Williams Show (N) (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	The King of Queens	America's Next Top Model (In Stereo)	America's Next Top Model (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	TMZ (N) (TVPG)	Malcolm in the Middle	The Bernie Mac Show				
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>													
A&E (41)	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami "The Score" (In Stereo)	Dog the Bounty Hunter "Grit Trouble" (N)	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Criss Angel Mindfreak "Mass Levitation" (N)	Criss Angel Mindfreak "White Death" (N)						
AMC (54)	(5:00) **** GoodFellas (1993) Robert De Niro. An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia.	*** The Delta Force (1986) Chuck Norris, Lee Marvin. A hijacking leads to a band of commandos to the Middle East.											
ANIM (60)	Night "Buffalo: Red Wolves" (In Stereo)	Rogue Nature "Chimps" (In Stereo)	Untamed and Uncut "Beasty Headaches" (N)	I Was Bitten (In Stereo)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (In Stereo)	I Was Bitten (In Stereo)							
BRAVO (53)	Top Chef "High Steaks"	Top Chef "Puerto Rico"	Top Chef "Finale" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)	Top Chef: Las Vegas (N) (In Stereo)	Top Chef: Las Vegas (N) (In Stereo)	Top Chef: Las Vegas (N) (In Stereo)							
CMT (47)	Trading Spouses	Extreme-Home	Extreme-Home	*** Blazing Saddles (1974) Cleavon Little.	(15) Blazing Saddles								
CNBC (56)	Mad Money	Kudlow Report	Secrets of the Knight	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money							
CNN (28)	Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (TVPG)	Anderson Cooper 360 (TVPG)								
COM (51)	RENO 911! Com-Presents	Scrubs (In Stereo)	Scrubs "My Vasectomy" (In Stereo)	Daily Show "Colbert Report"	Futurama "The Sting"	South Park "Michael" (In Stereo)	Daily Show "Colbert Report"						
EI TV (43)	Kourtney & Khloe	Kourtney & Khloe	EI News (TVPG)	The Daily 10 (TVPG)	20 Most Horrifying Hollywood Murders Murders of celebrities. (TVG)	Billionaire Crime Scene: "Was It Murder?" (N)	Chelsea Lately (N)	EI News (TVPG)					
ESPN (31)	SportsCenter (Live)	NFL Live	Little League Baseball: World Series	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (Live)								
ESPN2 (32)	Yearbook	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA (Live) (TVPG)	World Series	World Series	World Series								
FAM (39)	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	The 700 Club (TVPG)					
FNC (63)	Special Report	FOX Report	The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity (N)	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor	Good Eats	Unwrapped					
FOOD (44)	Cooking	Minute Challenge	Munchies Unwrapped	Munchies Unwrapped	Bobby Flay Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible (N)							
FSPO (33)	Reloaded	Top 50	Best Damn-Pageant	World Poker	World Poker	Baseball	Final Score	Reloaded	Final Score				
FX (64)	(4:30) *** The Green Mile (1999) A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.	*** A Few Good Men (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.	*** A Few Good Men (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.										
GOLF (34)	GolfCentri	European	Golf Fix	Lessons	19th Hole	Top 10	Golf	Golf	The Barclays Highlights	19th Hole	GolfCentri		
HALL (23)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel	Touched by an Angel	Touched by an Angel	Touched by an Angel	Golden	Golden			
HGTV (58)	To Sell	Beyond	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income	House	Renovation	Amazing	First Place	
HIST (20)	Ice Road Truckers "Race for the Finish" (N)	Modern Marvels "Icebreakers" (N)	MonsterQuest "Boneless Horror" (N)	MonsterQuest "The Real Moby Dick" (TVPG)	Ice Road Truckers "Arctic Thaw" (N)	Modern Marvels "90s Tech" (N)	Project Runway (TVPG)						
LIFE (42)	Reba "As Reba" (In Stereo)	Reba "The Vasectomy" (In Stereo)	Reba "The Rings" (In Stereo)	Reba "Issues" (In Stereo)	Jazmin	Daddy	The Real World	The Real World (N)	The Real World				
MTV (49)	Made "Pageant Queen"	Made "Pageant Queen"	Lockdown (In Stereo)	Bloods & Crips	Locked Up Abroad	Lockdown (In Stereo)							
NGEO (68)	Locked Up Abroad	Locked Up Abroad	Lockdown (In Stereo)	Bloods & Crips	Locked Up Abroad	Lockdown (In Stereo)							
NICK (37)	iCarly (TVY7)	iCarly (TVY7)	iCarly (TVY7)	iCarly (TVY7)	Malcolm in the Middle "The Middle" (In Stereo)	George Lopez "George Lopez" (In Stereo)	George Lopez "George Lopez" (In Stereo)	George Lopez "George Lopez" (In Stereo)	The Nanny "The Nanny" (In Stereo)	The Nanny "The Nanny" (In Stereo)			
SCI FI (52)	Stargate SG-1 "Windows of Opportunity" (In Stereo)	Ghost Hunters "Ghostly Conversation" (In Stereo)	House of Payne	House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne			
TBS (17)	Everybody: Friends (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	House of Payne	House of Payne	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne			
TCM (55)	* Adios Sabata (1971, Drama) Yul Brynner. A tough character seeks out an Austrian colonel.	*** The King and I (1956, Musical) Deborah Kerr. A young Victorian widow teaches the King of Siam's children.	*** The Magnificent Seven (1960, Western) Yul Brynner, Eli Wallach.										
TDC (40)	Cash Cab: After Dark	Cash Cab: After Dark	MythBusters "Coffin Punch" (In Stereo)	MythBusters "Exploding Bumper" (In Stereo)	Man vs. Wild "Vietnam" (In Stereo)	Man vs. Wild "Alabama" (In Stereo)	MythBusters "Exploding Bumper" (In Stereo)						
TLC (12)	What Not to Wear "Mail Call" (In Stereo)	Restorer Invasion	Stager Invasion	Lottery Changed My Life (In Stereo)	Truth Be Told (N) (In Stereo)	Toddler & Tiaras "Beautiful Dolls" (N)	Lottery Changed My Life (In Stereo)						
TNN (46)	(09) *** Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005) Ewan McGregor.	(18) Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005)											
TNT (30)	Bones "A Boy in a Bush" (In Stereo)	Bones "The Man in the Wall" (In Stereo)	Leverage "The Top Hat Job" (N) (TVPG)	Leverage "The Two Live Crew Job" (N) (TVPG)	Dark Blue "O.I.S." (N)	Leverage "The Two Live Crew Job" (TVPG)							
TOON (58)	Flapjack	Flapjack	Stoked	Total	Bobbe	Dude	OtherSide	Survive	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRAV (36)	Bar Food Paradise	Extreme Collections	Extreme Mega Factories	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	Man/Food	
TVLD (38)	Little House on the Prairie	Beverly Hillsbillies	Beverly Hillsbillies	Beverly Hillsbillies	Married... With	Married... With	Married... With	Married... With	You Get, Rich	You Get, Rich	Roseanne	Roseanne	
USA (29)	NCIS "The Bone Yard" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Caught on Tape" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Red Cell" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Dead and Unburied" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Family Secret" (In Stereo)	NCIS "Terminal Leave" (In Stereo)	My Antonio (In Stereo)						
VH1 (48)	One-Hit Wndrs	Golden	Golden	Golden	20/20	20/20	20/20	20/20	20/20	20/20	20/20	20/20	
WE (66)	Becker (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos	Coach (In Stereo)	Coach (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	WGN News at Nine (N) (In Stereo)	Scrubs "My Day Off" (N)	Scrubs "My Nickname"			
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>													
DISN (35)	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004)	Hard Knocks: Training Camp, Cincinnati	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven				
HBO (70)	REAL Sports	*** The Express (2008, Biography) Dennis Quaid, Rob Gronkowski. A young man becomes a star football player. PG-13	True Blood "New World in My View" (N)										
MAX (75)	(5:00) Meet Spar	*** Vampire in Brooklyn (1995, Comedy) Eddie Murphy. "R"	(15) *** Back to School (1986) Campus life is turned upside down by an obnoxious tycoon. PG-13	*** RocknRolla (2008) London's crime lords scramble to cash in on a crooked deal. "R"									
SHOW (73)	(5:15) *** Music Within (2007, Drama) "R"	(6:50) *** Stardust (2007) A young man ventures into a fairy realm to retrieve a fallen star. PG-13	Nurse Jackie (TVMA)	Weeds (TVMA)	*** The Kite Runner (2007) A man returns to Afghanistan to find an old friend's son. PG-13								

# Westfall 'excellent' again

By DAVID AMEY  
 EDITOR

Westfall Local School District, which opens Wednesday for the year, also scored an Excellent rating on the school year report card, the second year straight after four years of Effective.

The district met 20 of the 30 indicators and showed a Performance Index of 95.5, second highest in Pickaway County. Adequate Yearly Progress was not met by the sub group,

Students with Disabilities, but the district's Value-Added Measure exceeded expected growth.

The district has 1,666 students, and its superintendent is Jim Brady, who could not be reached for comment.

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a massive building campaign, has been rated Excellent since 2007.

"Our 'Excellent' performance last year was a tough act to follow," Sheets said. "But the results show the improvements we have made and will continue to make are achievable. To go from Excellent to Excellent with Distinction, we had to show improvement. That's what

"I do believe our success is a reflection of the community."

— Jeff Sheets, TV superintendent

enabled us to move upward." While the Teays Valley High School remains in Continuous Improvement, it met all 12 of the State Indicators but was held back

because of the need to improve in Adequate Yearly Progress. Walnut Elementary School also is in Continuous Improvement.

This was based on the assessment of two of the sub groups — economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities. "We are continuing to strive to make progress in improving the educational experience for students in these two groups," he said.

"I do believe our success is a reflection of the community," he said.

## Circleville

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"But overall, the teachers as the front-line people have the most effect on the students, and we also have great parental support," he said. "We have the kids for 7 1/2 hours per day, but when they go home they need a support system in place. It is a collaborative effort."

The district had two schools — the Circleville High School and Nicholas Drive

Elementary School — with Excellent ratings.

"We want the entire district to be Excellent, but we're still not where we need to be," McMahon said.

Working toward that goal, the District is working under a co-teaching model which assigns intervention specialists to work with regular classroom teachers to help with students with disabilities.

"We've been doing this at the middle school for three years, started this year at the high school, and are growing it

downwards to grades 3-5," he said.

In fact, majority of stimulus dollars available to the district have gone for the hiring of classroom aides. "We now have one teacher and one aide in every classroom pre-K through second grade, and we feel we have spent the money wisely to achieve our goal of having every child at or above reading and math levels by the third grade," he said.

Testing will begin this year for third graders in October.