



## From the Superintendent



### To the Little Miami Learning Community:

For many years now the Ohio Department of Education has released report cards for Ohio's school districts. The report card is based, in large part, on a series of single-day assessments of students.

As a community of educators, we at Little Miami believe in accountability and assessments that help inform instruction. But we also know that excellence in education must go beyond a data point and a letter grade on a state report card. One single measure cannot accurately capture and report all that is done in Little Miami Local Schools.

This Quality Profile is our way to paint a more comprehensive picture of our district's strengths, areas for improvement, and challenges that we will be facing in the coming years. We hope you will take some time to read and reflect on what it contains.

We will also continue to urge our governmental leaders to refine the current state testing framework to enhance learning and to allow for more local control of assessments.

Should you have questions on anything contained here, please give me a call at (513) 899-2264 or send me an email at [gpower@littlemiamischools.com](mailto:gpower@littlemiamischools.com).

Sincerely,

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## Measuring What Matters

### 2015-2016 QUALITY PROFILE

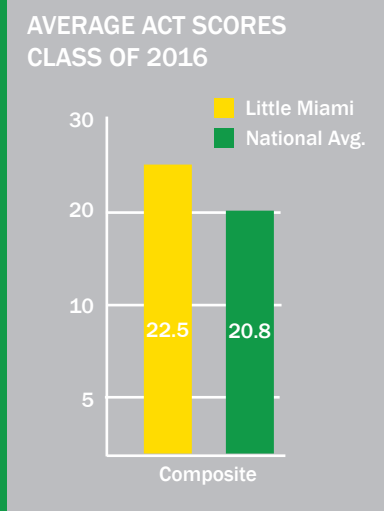
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## Academics

Rigorous academic standards and highly qualified educators are all critical to the success of Little Miami students.

- The 278 members of the Class of 2016 received more than **\$6 million** in scholarship offers. More than half of the class received the Lamp of Knowledge, awarded to students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average for the whole of their high school careers.
- More than 150 students took 275 Advanced Placement exams in AP courses such as U.S. History, U.S. Government, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, European History, and Art. Students received a score of 3, 4 or 5 on **more than**



**200** of those exams, meaning they could earn college credit for those courses.

- Little Miami's four-year graduation rate of **97.7%** continues to rank LMHS among the top high schools in the Greater Cincinnati area.
- More than three-fourths of Little Miami teachers hold a master's degree or higher. **All** LM teachers are designated "Highly Qualified" according to Ohio Department of Education criteria.

## The Learning Community

While Little Miami strives to instill a passion for learning, there are also many other factors we consider when supporting our students.

**Safety:** Little Miami is continually assessing and making safety improvements at our six buildings. We also have partnered with NaviGate, a service that helps us in this mission, including creating reunification plans in case of an emergency and in writing our annual state-mandated emergency plan.

**Whole Child:** Students come to us with a variety of needs, including some with significant health issues and mental health needs. To better support all students, Little Miami this year staffed each building with a full-time nurse and added additional counselors to the high school, junior high and elementary levels.



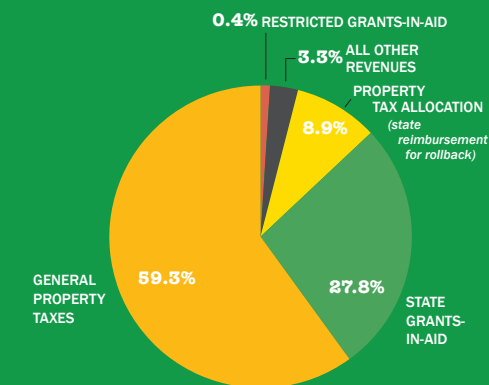
### Families in Need:

Little Miami gratefully partners with the Panther Backpack program, which provides weekend meals to more than 190 students who may not have access to food once they leave our doors on Friday afternoon.

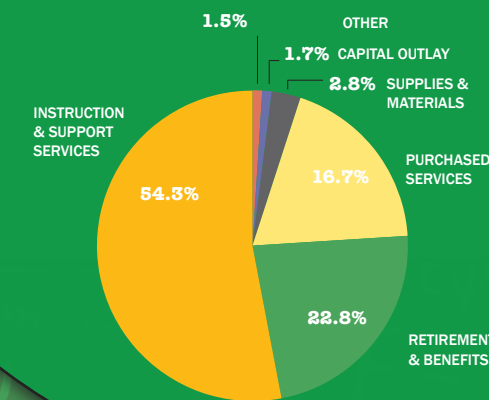
**Global Awareness:** Little Miami is becoming a more diverse learning community each year. In response, the district began a Parent Ambassador program to help those families who come to us from outside of the United States feel more welcome in our schools.

## Finance

REVENUE FY16: \$43,415,368



EXPENDITURES FY16: \$37,951,302



A key element of district operations is to ensure efficient and effective use of financial resources while maintaining high-quality educational experiences for all students. During the 2015-16 school year, Little Miami Treasurer Terry Gonda and his department received multiple state recognitions:

- Ohio Auditor of State's award for exemplary financial reporting, recognizing Little Miami's fourth "clean" annual audit in a row.
- Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) and Association of School Business Officials' (ASBO) awards of achievement for the Little Miami's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

## Focus on Technology

Little Miami is striving to bring appropriate levels of technology into the classroom by taking a measured approach to curriculum and devices.

- In moving toward our stated goal of a **one-to-one** technology ratio in our secondary grades, we completed small pilots of digital curriculum in four classrooms at Little Miami High School. These pilots put new technology into the hands of both teachers and students. Information gathered from this pilot will be used to drive classroom instruction in the coming years.
- The Board of Education approved the purchase of the **Schoology** learning management system for implementation in 2017. Schoology is an online system that allows teachers to create courses, engage with students and parents, share content and connect with other educators.



## Distinguished Awards & Accolades

- The Little Miami Tour Chorale earned three gold ratings, two championships and a grand prix competition appearance in the Meeting Music International Choir Festival in Rome, and were invited to perform at St. Peter's Basilica at the **Vatican**. Due to the chorale's international reputation, vocalists from Little Miami have been invited to perform in Austria, Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic in 2018.
- Little Miami High School senior Lien Nguyen earned a **perfect score** of 36 on the ACT. Out of more than 1.8 million students who take the test annually, only about 1,000 earn a perfect score.
- The Team Players — a Little Miami Destination Imagination team — won **first place** out of the top 17 teams in Ohio at state level competition and went on to represent Little Miami at the global DI finals.
- A team of four LM 6th graders traveled to New York on an all-expenses paid trip after winning **first place** among all elementary schools in Ohio in the Stock Market Game Portfolio Challenge.



## Future Challenge: Growth

Little Miami opened its doors to nearly **4,700 students** this fall, the most in the district's history. Since the 2013-2014 school year, we have enrolled more than 700 new students. This growth is impacting all of our operations, most significantly our facilities and transportation.

With enrollment growing by 150+ students per year and just **4,950 classroom seats** currently available in the district, it is clear Little Miami has reached a crossroads.

In August, the Board of Education approved a contract with Emersion DESIGN/Fanning Howey to help us create a master plan for the future. This plan most likely will call for renovations to existing buildings and new construction. Community input will be key during this process.

