



Hancock County Educational Service Center



"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

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Hancock County ESC Designated as "High Performing"

Once again, an Educational Service Center could apply to the Ohio Department of Education to be designated as a **High Performing ESC**, which in turn enables an ESC to continue to receive the high-performing-funding-rate of \$26.00/student. In the case of the Hancock County ESC, this designation maintains approximately **\$23,000** in state-funding.

To qualify for this special recognition and financial assistance, an ESC was required to complete an application process that included (1) a brief description of five primary services that are provided to the schools, (2) a list of the actual amount of money each school saved in FY20 by electing to receive these primary services from the ESC instead of providing these services itself or through another vendor, and (3) supporting evidence, assumptions, and documentation to exhibit the amount of cost-saving for FY20 as previously provided. *(The five service areas that were highlighted were treasurer search services, speech and language pathology services, psychology services, occupational therapy services, and physical therapy services.)*

In order to qualify as a High Performing ESC, the total percentage of cost savings across all schools for these five primary services had to be at least 5%. Significantly, when these required calculations for the Hancock County ESC were completed, the cost savings totaled **\$367,389.70**, which equated to **19.23%**.

On September 25, the Hancock County ESC was informed by the Office of Budget and School Funding that it once again qualified to receive the designation as a **High Performing Educational Service Center**. The Hancock County ESC is pleased to have been recognized for its diligent efforts to control costs and to provide value to the schools it serves.

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Congratulations to the Golden Apple Semi-Finalists

On the evening of October 21 at a special dinner at Winebrenner Seminary, three Hancock County educators were honored by the Findlay Rotary Club through its annual "Golden Apple" recognition program. In the Middle School category, **David Sorensen**, Instrumental Music Instructor for the Arlington Local Schools, as well as, **Raymond Wolfe**, Director of Choirs/Musical Director/Assistant Band Director for the Liberty-Benton Local Schools were honored. In the High School division, **Stacy Palmer**, Government/History Instructor at the McComb Local Schools was honored. Clearly, these three educators are fine representatives of the outstanding professionals assisting the students attending the Hancock County Schools and sincere congratulations are extended to each individual for receiving this well-deserved special recognition.



Hancock County Schools Enrollment Decreases

Using the first week of October as a "snapshot" of the student enrollment in the Hancock County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year, a total of **5,976** students were enrolled compared to *6,200* students enrolled in 2019-2020. The following list provides the total number of students attending each of the individual school districts, with student enrollment from the previous school year in parentheses: Arcadia – **544** (*582*); Arlington – **539** (*569*); Cory-Rawson – **529** (*536*); Liberty-Benton – **1,521** (*1,506*); McComb – **635** (*673*); Riverdale – **1,024** (*1,071*); Van Buren – **1,032** (*1,082*); and Vanlue **152** (*181*).



Merry Christmas