



Kenton County School District

Annual report 2017-18

Mission

The mission of the Kenton County School District is to provide a world class education ensuring ALL students are college and/or career ready and prepared for the 21st Century Economy.

Core Beliefs

- It's About All KIDS
- It is our responsibility to ensure every child reaches their maximum learning potential
- All students deserve a safe, positive and supportive environment
- Every student should have an adult advocate in the school setting
- Students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process
- Maintaining high expectations leads to higher levels of student achievement
- All students are inspired to learn when provided rigorous, relevant, innovative and creative learning opportunities in a positive environment
- Recognition and acceptance of cultural, social, physical, and economic differences creates a healthy learning community
- Sharing and using results to inform our decisions about instruction, resources, and curriculum leads to higher levels of student achievement
- Students, educators, staff, families, business, and the community share in the responsibility for creating an environment in which all students can learn and succeed at high levels
- High Quality Public education is essential to our democracy and economic growth

Goals

- 5 Star School District
- Every School 5 Star
- Transition Readiness Rate (CCR) 95%
- ACT 22
- Graduation Rate 95%
- Attendance 96.25%
- Students Reading on Grade Level Exiting 3rd-95%
- Beginning in 4th grade, ALL students will participate in at least one activity providing a meaningful connection to school beyond the regular classroom
- Remain fiscally solvent/efficient



Board Members: Carl Wicklund, Chairman; Carla Egan; Karen Collins, Vice-Chairman; Jesica Jehn, Joshua Crabtree

Message from the Superintendent



Dr. Henry Webb, far right, pictured with students.

As the superintendent of the Kenton County School System, I am honored to be part of this great community and to be able to serve our amazing kids. We are a “System of Excellence” that is committed to continual growth to ensure that Every Child is college and/or career ready and prepared for the 21st Century Economy. We believe in the incredible potential of our students and embrace them as individual learners. Working as a team with our parents, our community and “Team Kenton” we are confident that we will reach all identified goals for kids while becoming a national leader in education. We encourage everyone to spend time on our district web site as it’s designed to be the clearinghouse for information for all stakeholders. We hope you find it informative and that while browsing you learn more about the educational opportunities and extra-curricular activities our kids are doing in our schools and our mission to serve our students and communities. It’s About ALL Kids.



With more than 14,000 students, the Kenton County School District is the 6th largest district in Kentucky. We have three high schools, three middle schools, ten elementary schools, one P-8 STEAM Academy and the Kenton County Academies of Innovation and Technology. We have 1,700 outstanding members of 'Team Kenton' who serve our kids daily.

Our Schools

School	Enrollment	School	Enrollment
Dixie Heights^	1,380	Ft. Wright*	450
Scott^	943	Hinsdale*	626
Simon Kenton*	1,748	Kenton+*	607
Summit View^	1,414	Piner+*	351
Turkey Foot*	1,096	River Ridge^	936
Twenhofel+*	824	Ryland ^	543
Woodland	767	Taylor Mill*	595
Beechgrove*	704	White's Tower+*	535
Caywood*	604	Total enrollment	14,510

+School of Distinction *Distinguished ^Proficient

The Kenton County School District is rated as Distinguished in the 2017 School Report Card. The Kentucky Department of Education did not label schools based on the 2017 data as the state accountability model is transitioning to a new model. However, to honor the work and maintain continuity in the interim, the district utilized the same formula to assign designations to schools and the district.

2017-18 Highlights



In May, the Kenton County School District Board of Education approved full-day kindergarten beginning in the 2018-19 school year.



In April, the Kenton County School District Board of Education approved School Resource Officers in ALL schools.



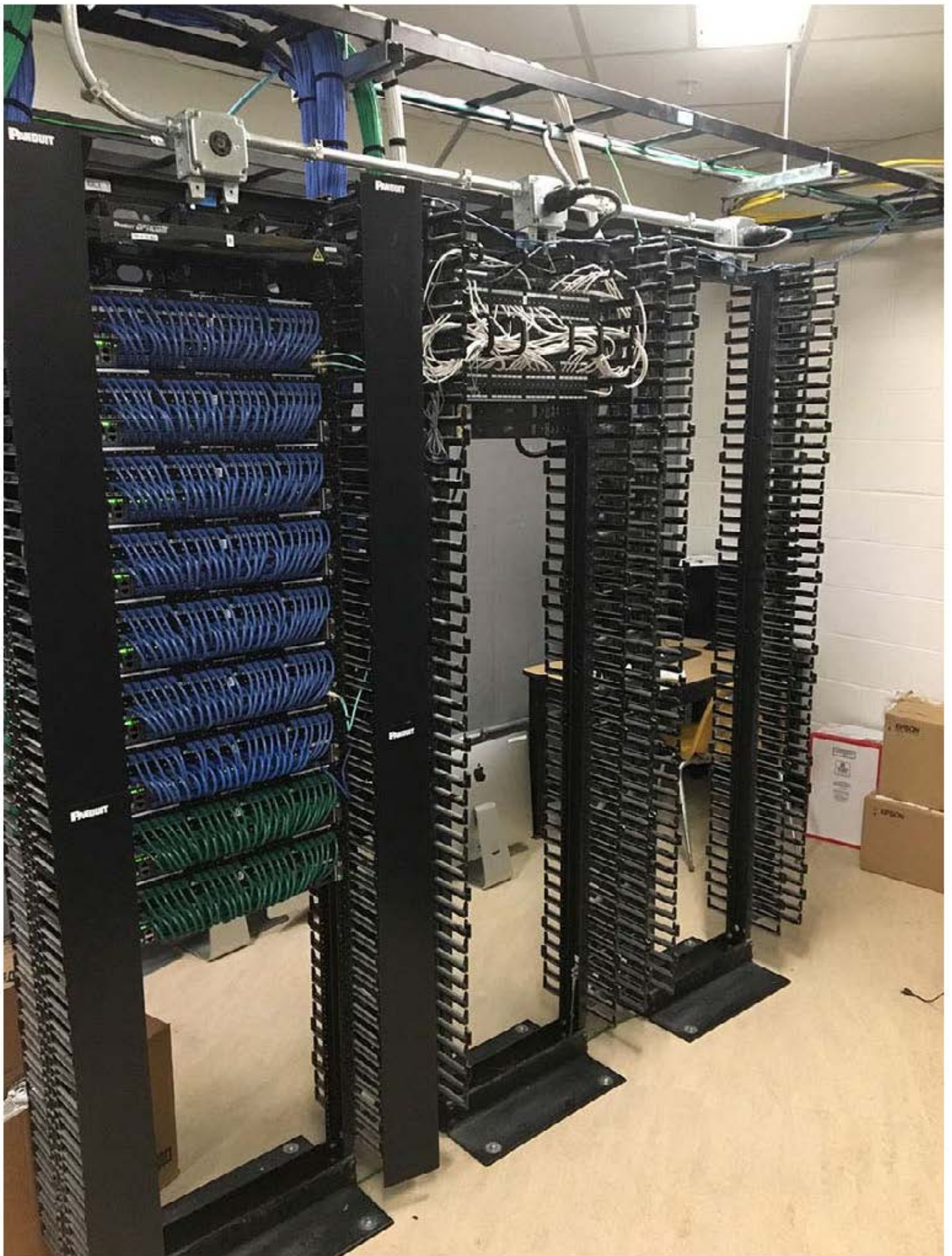
Construction continues at Fort Wright Elementary School and is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.



Construction 101 Club at Ft. Wright Elementary



Construction is underway at Hinsdale Elementary on a new front office vestibule.



This year, we increased our bandwidth from 1GB to 10GB between buildings, and installed WiFi access points to every classroom.



We purchased 3,000 Chromebooks for students this year as we work toward a 1:1 ratio between students and a technology device.



All of our preschools were rated 5 stars in the All-Star rating system by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services, Division of Child Care and the Kentucky Department of Education. Preschool programs are offered in nine of our 11 elementary schools.

College/Career Readiness



We have over 7,800 students in grades 4-12 participating in at least one of our 150 extra-curricular activities. That's about 81 percent!



The Kenton County School District's Class of 2018 has earned \$19.9 million in scholarships....and counting!



We had over 900 students taking at least one of the 36 AP classes we offered during this school year.



We have 575 students enrolled in at least one dual credit course. Students have earned over 4,000 college credits this year.



We offer around 60 internships with numerous business partners.



Our district-wide 2017 Graduation Rate was 91.7%. Preliminary transition-ready data for 2018 is: Dixie Heights 56.5%; Scott 45.7% and Simon Kenton 56%



We offer a number of Career Pathways in our high schools including: Biomedical Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, Teaching & Learning and Automotive Technology at the Kenton County Academies of Innovation and Technology; Army JROTC, Cinematography & Video Production, Pre-Engineering, Homeland Security and Pre-Law at Scott High School; Marketing, Interactive Media, Animal Science and Horticulture & Plant Science at Simon Kenton High School; Management & Entrepreneurship, Graphic Design, Financial Services and Administrative Support at Dixie Heights High School



The Kenton County Academies of Innovation and Technology had four students selected as KYFAME apprentices as a result of academic internships



The Kenton County Academies of Innovation and Technology work with 66 industry partners for academic internships, and over 360 advisory board members

OECD Data



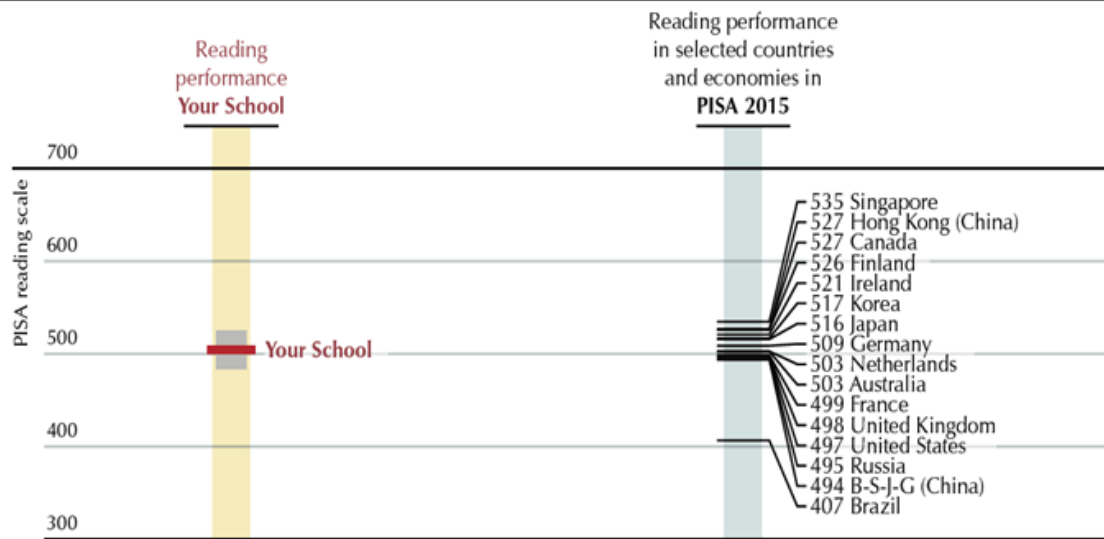
Over the past 15 years, the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) has evaluated the quality, equity and efficiency of school systems in over 80 countries and economies that, together, comprise nine-tenths of the world economy. Through PISA, schools and countries can learn from each other. Those education systems that have been able to secure strong and equitable learning outcomes and mobilize rapid improvements show others what is possible. Similar to the international PISA assessment, the OECD Test for Schools measures 15-year-old students' knowledge and competencies in reading, mathematics and science. PISA results reveal what is possible in education by showing what students in the highest-performing and most rapidly improving education systems can do. The findings allow policy makers around the world to gauge the knowledge and skills of students in their own countries and in their schools in comparison with those in other countries. Using this information, they can set policy targets against measurable goals achieved by other education systems and learn from policies and practices applied elsewhere.

Figure A ■ Your school's mean performance in reading, mathematics, and science

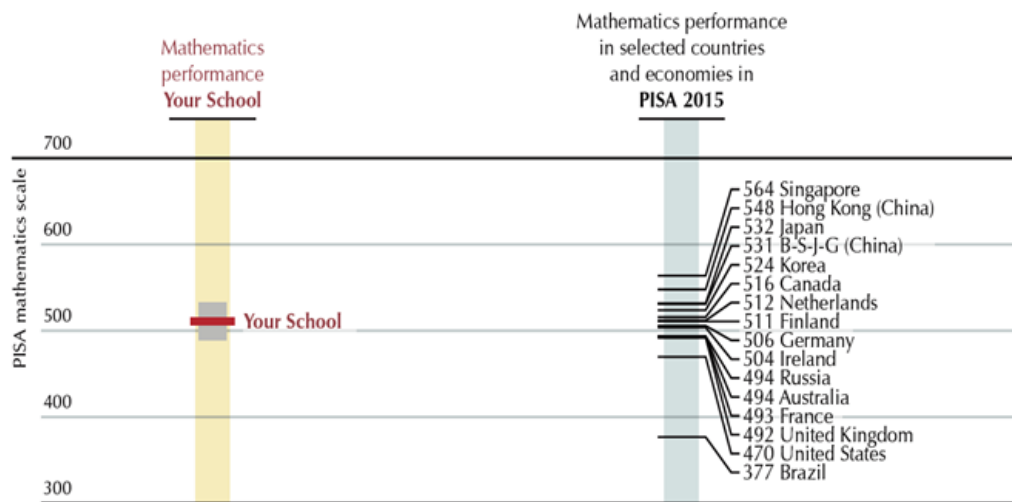
READING		MATHEMATICS		SCIENCE	
Mean performance score	S.E.	Mean performance score	S.E.	Mean performance score	S.E.
505	10.4	511	10.9	491	10.1

S.E.: Standard error.

Figure E ■ **How students at your school compare with students from other countries and economies in reading, mathematics and science in PISA 2015**



Dixie Heights High School Reading



Dixie Heights High School Math

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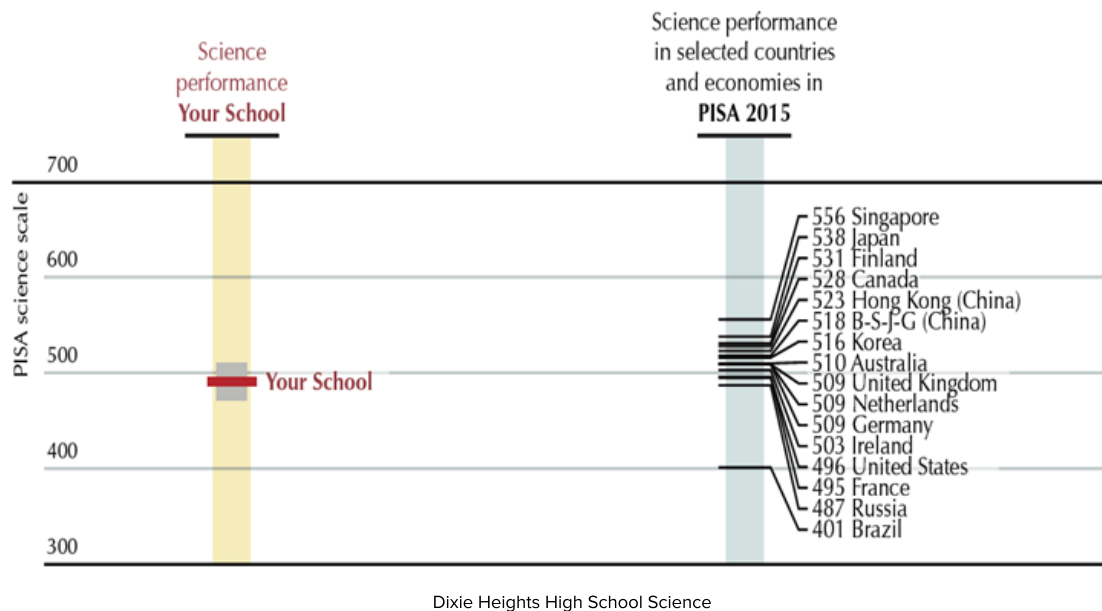


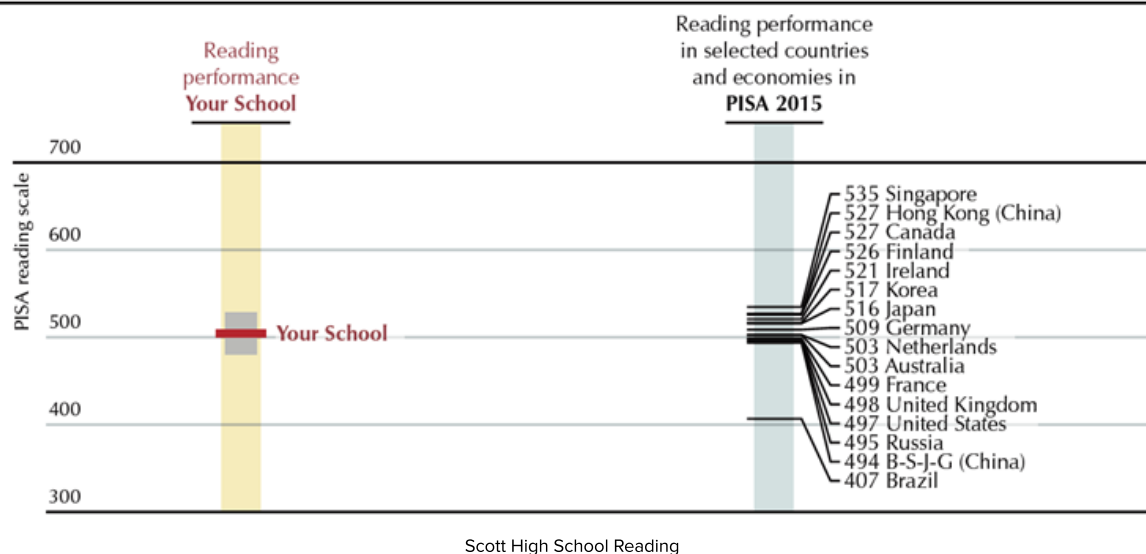
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504	12.1	517	13.5	497	9.2

S.E.: Standard error.

Scott High School

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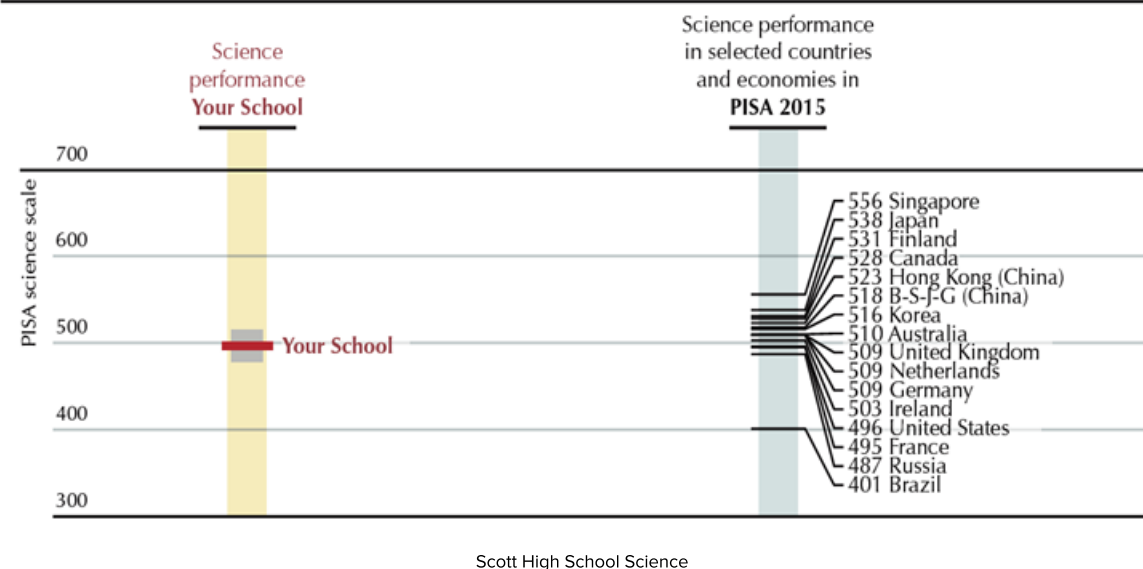
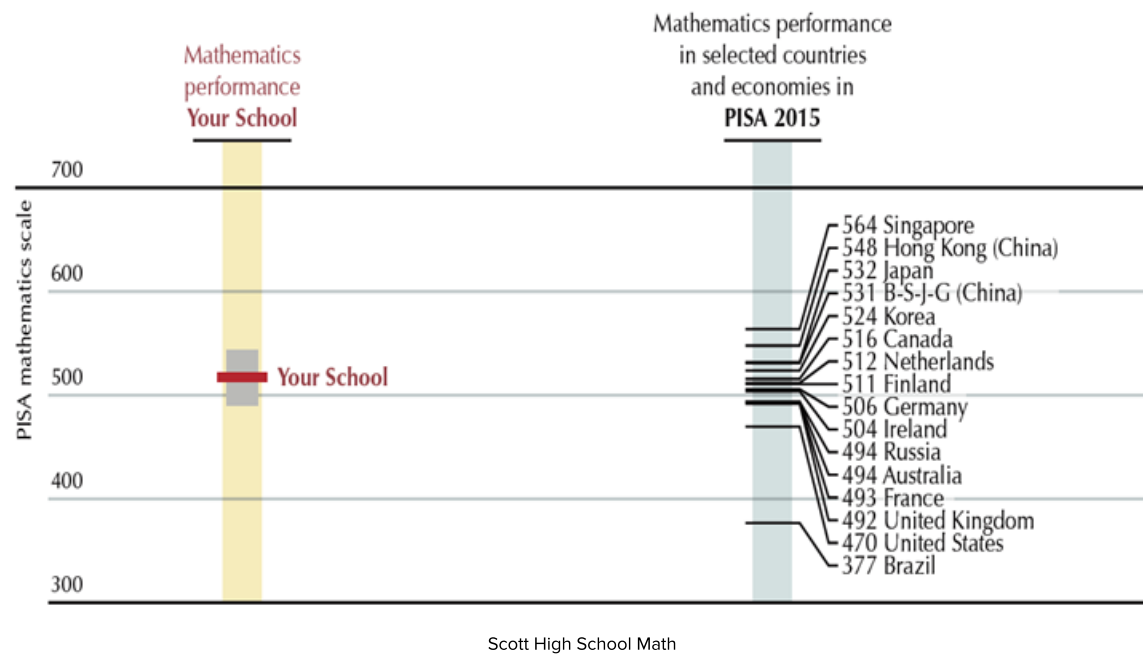
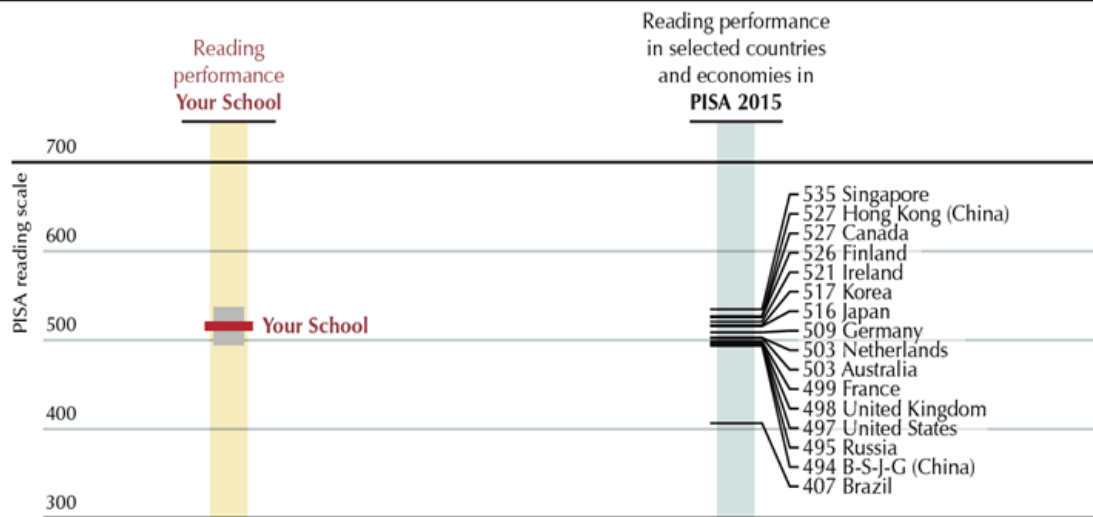


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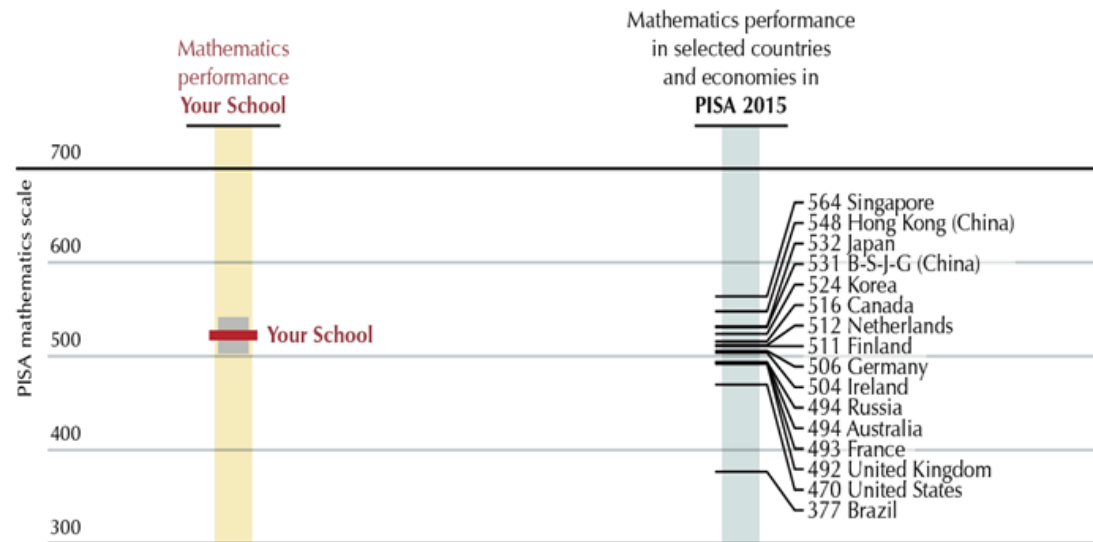
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516	10.7	523	9.9	521	7.2

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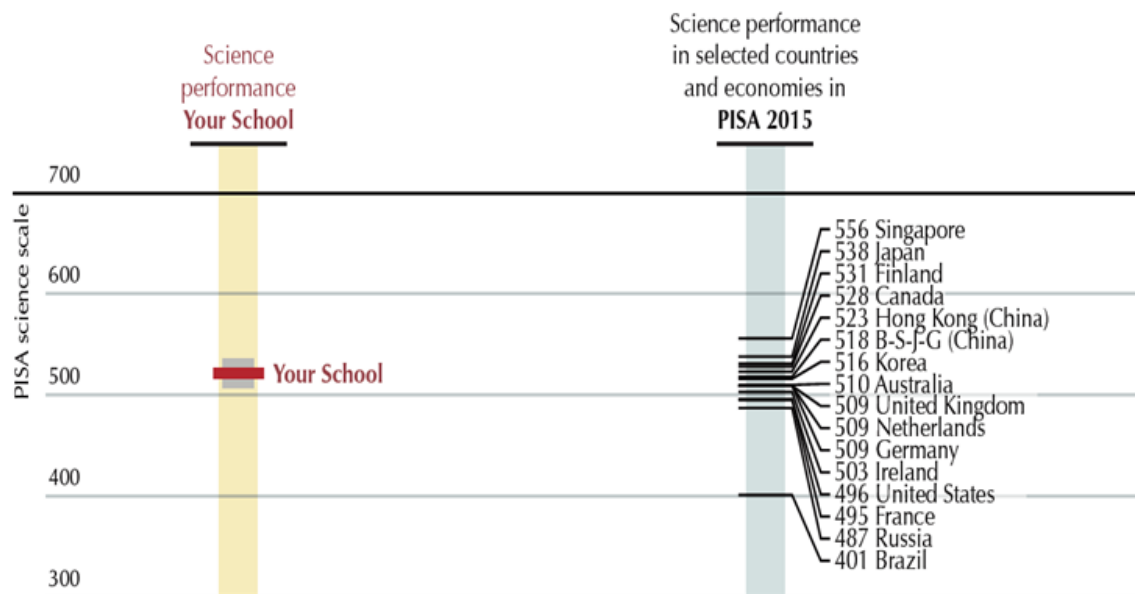


Simon Kenton High School Reading

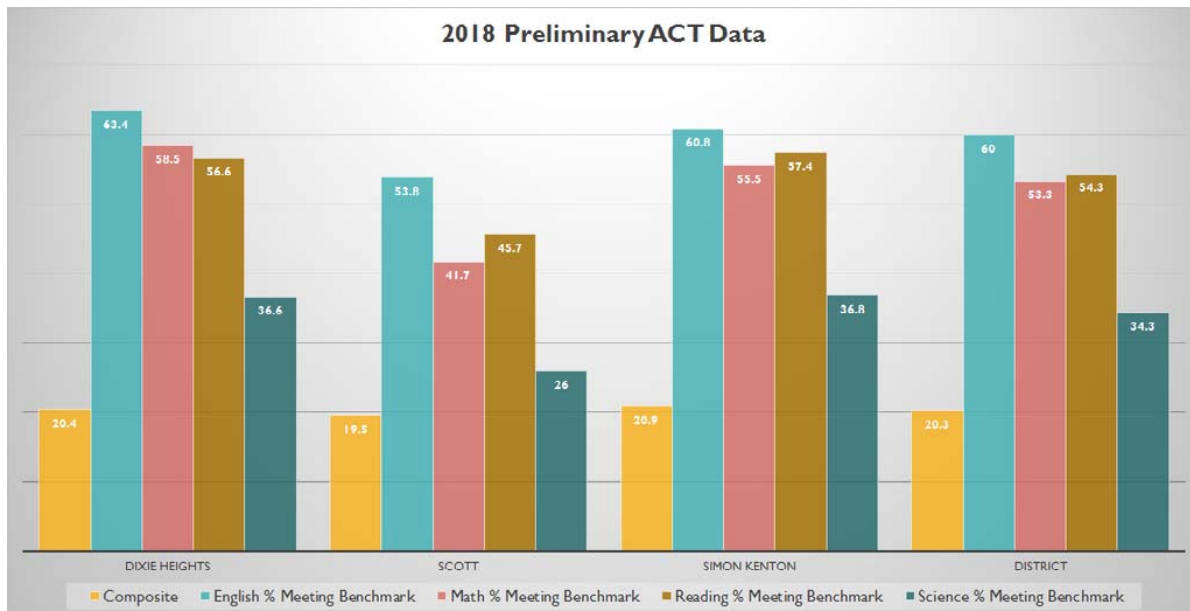


Simon Kenton High School Math

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Simon Kenton High School Science



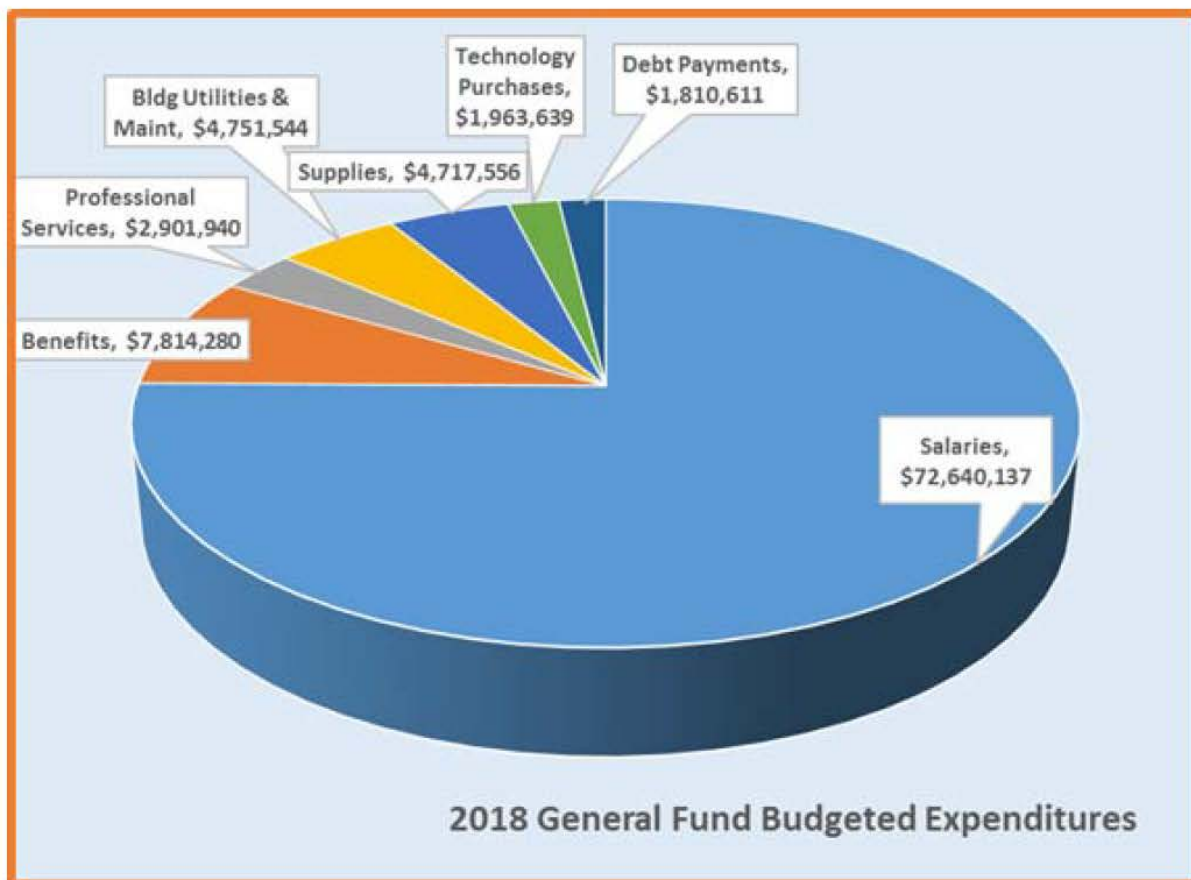
Please note that 2018 data is preliminary

Fiscally Solvent & Efficient

The Team Kenton Foundation was formed this year to raise funds for and increase community awareness of issues that directly affect student learning in our district. TKF held its first fundraiser at the Newport Aquarium, where they honored Scott High School graduate Doug Pelfrey with the inaugural Outstanding Kenton County Graduate Award. More information on TKF is at www.teamkentonfoundation.org



KCSD continues a tradition of being financially solvent while fully supporting progressive instruction and active facility renovation projects. The 2018 General Fund budgeted Contingency is 10.9%.



2018 General Fund Budgeted Revenue

Beginning Balance	\$15,085,181
Local Tax/Other Revenue	\$50,219,731
SEEK Revenue	\$42,385,276
State & Fed Revenue	\$761,500

2018 General Fund Expenditures by Function

Instruction & School Support	73%
District Administration	5%
Plant Operations & Maintenance	12%
Student Transportation	10%



KCSD mechanics are celebrating FOUR YEARS without a time lost injury.



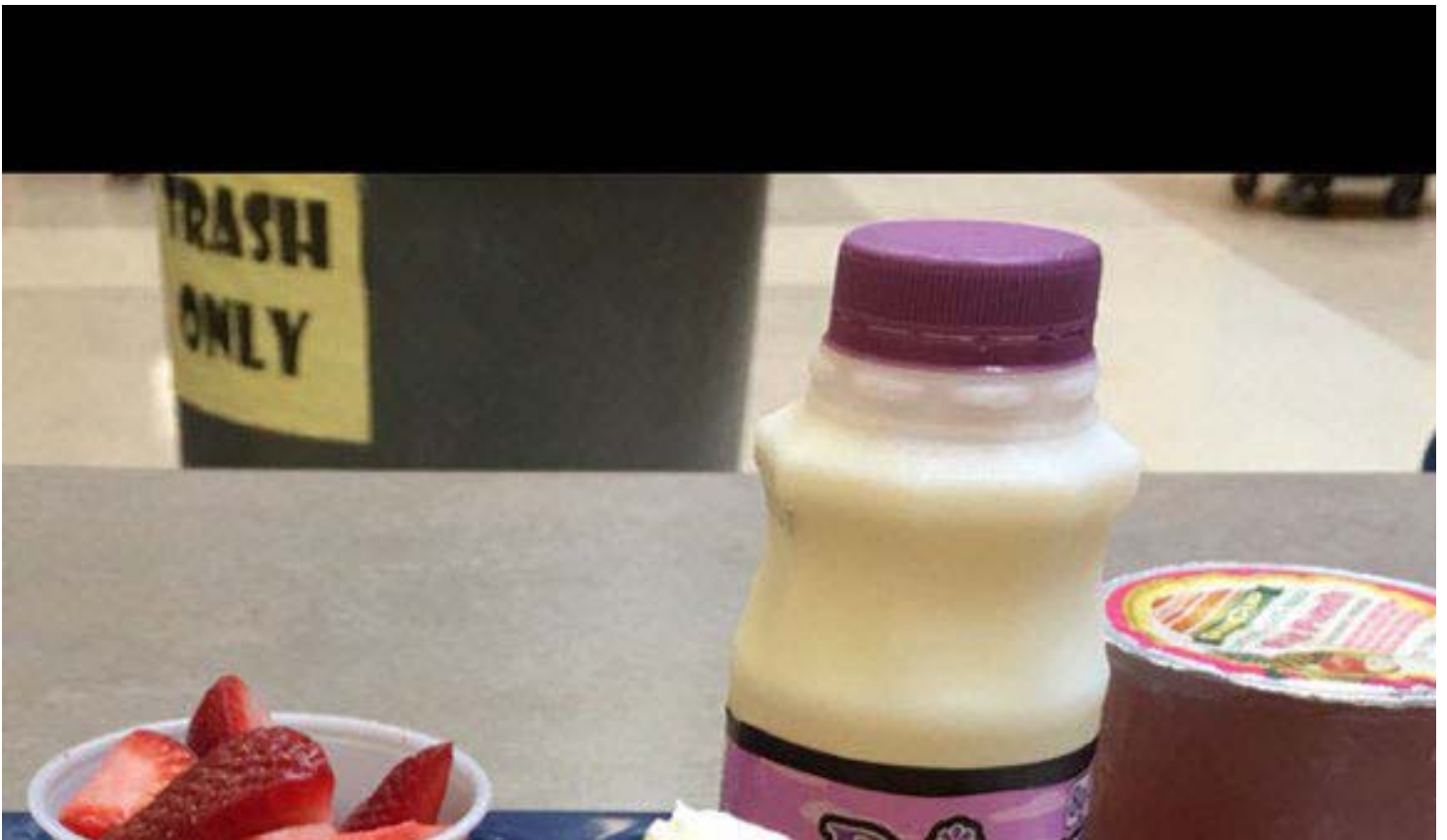
We are once again an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year - Sustained Excellence. We have 12 ENERGY STAR certified schools. Our District's conservation efforts have reduced energy consumption by more than 30% over the past 10 years.



The installation of a GeoThermal pump on the Scott High School campus is saving on energy costs.



Over \$45,000,000 in total expenditures with savings through bidding and negotiations of over \$600,000 in fiscal year 2017. Over 60 bids are annually managed by district staff.





We received \$3,431,858.25 in Federal Reimbursement for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program during the 2016-17 School Year

Did you know?





Our fleet of 174 KCSD school buses run over 140 routes each day. Our buses travel around 2.2 million miles each year.



New Kenton County school bus drivers have consistently scored in the high 80's and 90's on pre-trip, skills, and the road test. Our trainees are thorough and well trained.



Our Student Nutrition Department consists of 126 employees and 14 substitutes. Every day, our staff serves nearly 10,000 healthy meals. On average, an additional 129 more breakfast meals were served per day during the 2017-18 school year compared to the 2016-17 school year.



Our Student Nutrition Department will host Summer Feeding programs at 13 different locations, giving students access to a fresh, healthy lunch even when school is out.



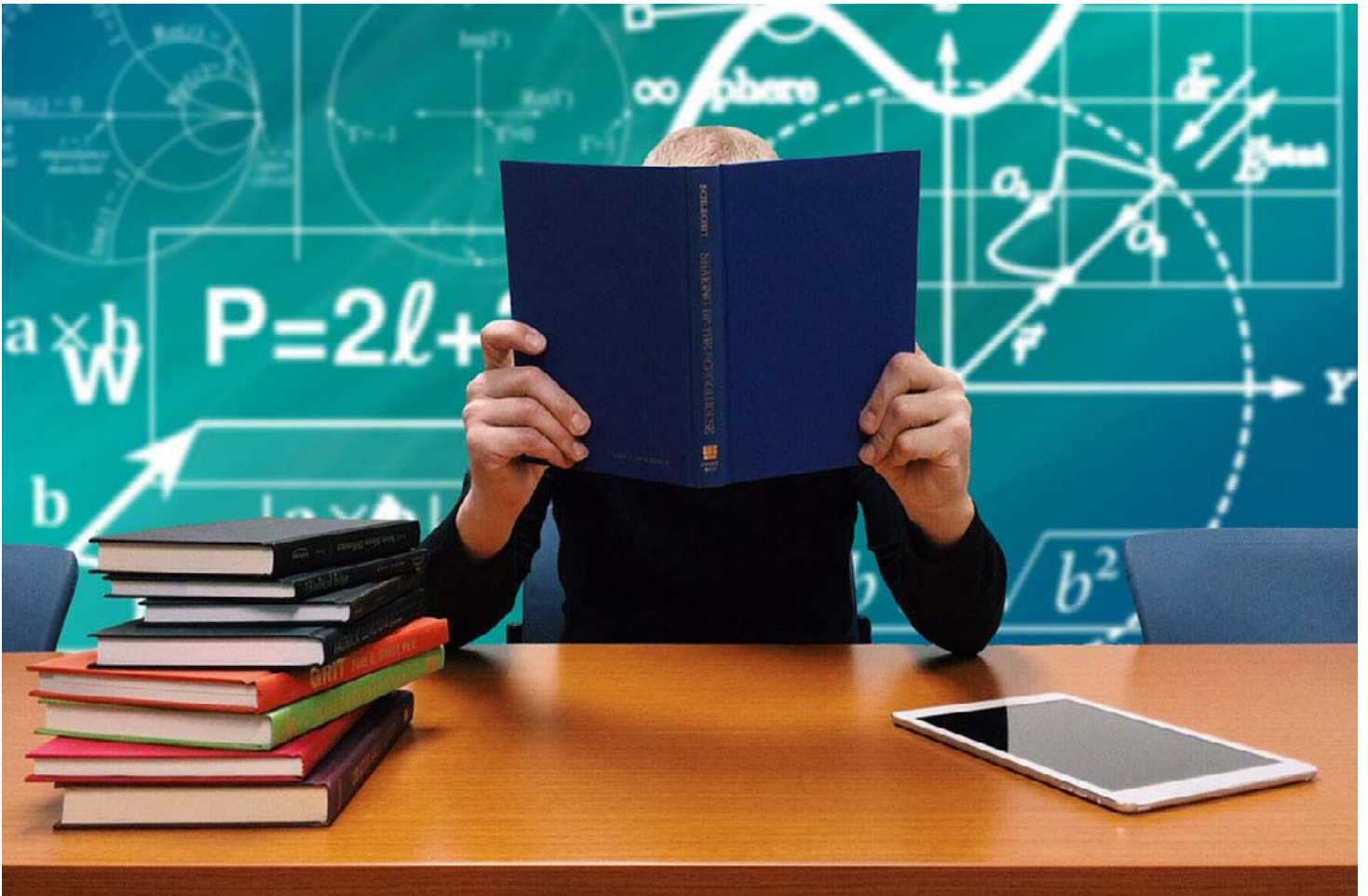
\$4,477.65 was spent on KY Proud marinara during the 2017-18 school year – a majority of the tomatoes in the marinara sauce are grown by former tobacco farmers in the state of Kentucky



Over 30 different languages are spoken in our district, and we have a minority enrollment of 12.4%.



Our BornLearning Academies continue to be successful. We offer BornLearning at three schools - Caywood, Beechgrove and River Ridge.



20.6% of our students receive Gifted and Talented services



Our Human Resources Department is a strategic partner for the District. They interview and onboard all substitutes and employees for the entire district. They fairly and constantly apply all board procedures and look for ways to continuously improve all HR processes.



Our Maintenance Department consists of eight technicians in various trades, a supervisor, and one support staff member. Over 6,000 work orders were issued for repair and maintenance issues in fiscal year 2017.



Our district had 8775 equivalent full time employees cleaning over 2,000,000 square feet of school and ancillary buildings in fiscal year 2017.
Approximately 30% of support staff had excellent (missing 2 days or less) or perfect attendance.

Best Building Operations Attendance Winners: Ryland Elementary, Twenhofel Middle and Simon Kenton High

Missing **SCHOOL** = Missing **OUT**



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The district's attendance average so far this year is 95.95%

Staff Accomplishments



We added two new National Board Certified Teachers in 2017 - Jennifer Phipps and Emily Harmon - bringing our total number of NBCTs to 60

KCSD had two Northern Kentucky Education Council Golden Apple Winners in 2018 - Tiffany Collier from White's Tower Elementary and Melissa Insko from KCAIT.



Turkey Foot Middle School teacher Dwayne Humphrey was selected as a C3 Outstanding Educator in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Region.

These teachers were selected as our annual "Excellence is Everywhere" winners. Simon Kenton Principal John Popham received the Leslie Holbrook Award for Outstanding Leadership.



Taylor Mill Elementary teacher Amelia Brown was selected for the Hope Street Group Kentucky State Teacher Fellowship.



The Kenton County Transportation Department was named 'Garage of the Year' at the 2017 Student Transportation Association of Kentucky (STAK) conference.

Student Achievements



This year, we had FOUR students selected for the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (Madison Biddle, Jaden Dietz, Grace Hofstetter and Angelina Rangel), SEVEN students selected for Governor's School for the Arts (Kaitlyn King, Andrew Reynolds, Kyle Walker, Abby Murphy, Natalie Meyer, Sadie Lucas and Serena Garrett), and 33 students selected for the Governor's Scholar Program (Elizabeth Blank, Cameron Brewer, Andrew Dilts, Bowen Dobson, Catherine Kremer, Aaron Lanham, Emma Lord, Nicole Marker, Samantha Osborne, Bethany Waddey, Jayden Connelly, Justin Grindstaff, Austin Major, Emma Poole, Maria Abbinante, Brittany Ashley, Rachel Bush, Kelli Capps, Kaycie Carpenter, Faith Chitkara, Caitlyn Cobb, Emily Girard, Elayne Harrington, Hannah Lewis, Shelby Martin, Janie Pierce, Sadie Sand, Josh Hamilton, Robert Krohman, Garrett Russell, Lucas Threlfall, Easten Young and Kamryn Lee).



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We had seven students named National Merit Semifinalists: Nicholas Griffey (Simon Kenton), Taylor Hurley (Simon Kenton), Madison Webster (Dixie Heights), Logan Wibberley (Dixie Heights), Jackson Burns (Dixie Heights), and Keziah Zhou (Dixie Heights)



36 KCSD students won All-State Northern Regional Art Awards, and 49 students won Scholastic Art Awards.



Governor's Cup accomplishments: Simon Kenton Quick Recall Team (1st in District, 2nd in Region, 5th in State); Simon Kenton Quiz Bowl Team (4th in State, qualified for Nationals for 4th straight year); Nicholas Griffey, Simon Kenton (1st in District, Math and 1st in District, 1st in Regional, Social Studies); Emily Girard, Simon Kenton (1st in District, 1st in Regional, 13th in State, Language Arts and 1st in District, 1st in Regional, Arts and Humanities); Dixie Heights Future Problem Solving Team (1st in District, 3rd in Region); Matthew Kane, Dixie Heights (1st in District, Arts and Humanities); Lauren Myfelt, Dixie Heights (1st in District, Composition); Chloe Cook, Scott High School (1st in District, Written Composition); Turkey Foot Middle School (2nd Place Overall, Regionals); Abby Kane, Turkey Foot Middle School (1st in Region, 6th in State, Written Composition); Taylor Mill Elementary Future Problem Solving Team (1st in Region), Taylor Mill Elementary (1st Place Overall, Regionals); Beechgrove Elementary Quick Recall Team (2nd in Region); Piner Elementary Future Problem Solving Team (2nd in Region); River Ridge Elementary (1st Place Overall, Regionals);

Nolan Thompson, River Ridge Elementary (1st in Region, Science); Sydney Brewer, River Ridge Elementary (1st in Region, Social Studies); Delaney Murphy, River Ridge Elementary (1st in Region, Arts and Humanities)



Simon Kenton High School student Emily Girard scored a perfect score of 36 on the ACT



KCAIT Scholar William Broomhead won the Emperor Science Award and a \$1500 stipend that he is using to purchase 700 foldscopes (similar to microscopes) to donate to five Northern Kentucky schools.



Dixie Heights High School Senior Maddie Schowalter won 'Best in Show' for 3D Design at the KYAEA State Art Competition. Maddie will attend the University of Louisville in the fall as a Brown Fellow.

Emma Wahlbrink (Scott High School & KCAIT, Academic All-Star), Jacob Vallandingham (Simon Kenton High School & KCAIT, Career and Technical Education All-Star) and Collin Richardson (Simon Kenton High School & KCAIT, Against All Odds) were honored at the Northern Kentucky Education Council annual awards banquet.



Anna Tirkala and Anastasia Gilligan from Scott High School were selected for the Commonwealth Honors Academy at Murray State.



Ian Storrs from Dixie Heights High School was selected for the Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University.

Jaeden Moss and Jordan Griffin (Simon Kenton) and Christopher Davisson (Scott) were selected for the Craft Academy at Morehead State.

Simon Kenton student Loghan Currin and Dixie Heights student Bekah Masih were selected for the Regional Youth Leadership Class of 2019



Derek Disibio from Dixie Heights won the fall 2017 Microsoft Office Specialist State Championship for Microsoft Word 2016.



Will Vaughn from Simon Kenton was the FBLA State Champion in Accounting 2.



Simon Kenton's Natalie Meyer was selected for the Interlochen Center for the Arts



The Twenhofel Middle School Jazz Band was invited to perform at the 2018 Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. They were the only middle school jazz band invited to perform.



The Simon Kenton High School Odyssey of the Mind team won first place at Regionals, second place at State and qualified for the National Competition in Iowa.





The Dixie Heights High School Art Department was selected as one of 500 schools to participate in the Vans Custom Culture Shoe Design competition.



Keegan Hennessey from Scott High School won the 2018 'Capture the Earth' video contest



The Dixie Heights High School mock trial team won state.



The Simon Kenton High School girls archery team won the KHSAA State Championship.



The Simon Kenton girls soccer team won the 8th Region and went on to compete in the 2018 KHSAA state tournament.



Simon Kenton Senior Soccer player Hunter Clark won the 2017 KHSAA Soccer Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award. She will play soccer next year at Georgetown College.



Scott High School Football Player Nelson Perrin was named the Cincinnati Enquirer's NKY Male Athlete of the Year.



Scott High School's Lindsey Fox won her third straight KHSAA State Diving Championship. We will continue her diving career at Bowling Green University.



The Scott High School volleyball team won it's fourth straight 10th Region Championship.

TICKET PUNCHED

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SIMON KENTON

PIONEERS



Simon Kenton girls basketball won back to back 8th Region Championships. Senior Shelby Harmeyer was named a Miss KY Basketball candidate.

2018-2019 KCSD Growth Strategies

- Highly effective leadership in all areas of the district
- Highly effective teaching/learning in every class every day - Core Expectations of Quality Instruction and Pyramid of Interventions-training/implementation
- District Improvement Plan implementation and impact
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC); as vehicle to build teams and capacity
- Continuation of building strong curriculum based on standards and sharing best practices across the district
- Assessment for learning; Formative/Summative with data used to inform instruction
- Systemic monitoring visits with specific feedback (Plan of Excellence)
- Systemic approach to ensure all Kenton County students are transition ready
- Continued emphasis on efficiency
- Strong community and family partnerships

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