

November 2026

A Season of Thanks

At our November Board of Education meeting, two days before Veterans Day, the Board enjoyed patriotic music from South School students and we are sharing a video link with you here. As we humbly recognize those who have served our nation this Veterans' Day, we also celebrated that all five of our schools are recognized at "Purple Star Schools" by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. This award acknowledges our respect for the many children in our school community with family ties to the military. We understand that military youth go through unique circumstances and situations. Each building has a military liaison that has been trained and serves as the direct point of contact for their military connected families and more information is available **HERE**.

The Board also heard from members of the Dover High School Hope Squad, a suicide prevention program that has been in place for the past several years, who shared some of their recent activities. Both of these are featured in this update.

The Board accepted donations supporting Project Lead the Way, our athletic programs and our middle school staff. Every gift says the same thing: the Dover community believes in its students and the promise of better tomorrows.

I am thankful to call Dover home and for all the ways we care for one another and remind our children, through words and actions, that they are loved, they matter, and they belong. Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Karie McCrate, Superintendent

Board Meeting Recap



The full agenda from the Nov. 9 regular meeting is available HERE.

Approved minutes from the October 2026 regular meeting are available HERE.

The Board accepted several donations supporting Dover students and programs:

- $500 from the Dewey H & Irene G Moomaw Foundation supporting Project Lead the Way, our hands-on engineering and science courses
- $1,000 from McDonald's Units 3592, 12699, 17706, Amy Ansel and McDonald's of Northeast Ohio supporting the Athletic Department
- $425.60 from Fell Realty, LLC, supporting a Middle School Staff Luncheon

We are grateful for the generosity of these organizations and their continued investment in the success of our students and staff.

Student Spotlight

Thank You for Your Service: South School Honors Veterans

South School students took the spotlight at the Nov. 9 Board of Education meeting for their Veterans Day celebration, just two days before the holiday.

Thank you to our South School students and staff, and to every veteran who has served our country. We are honored to have you in our community.

Veterans Day Celebration with South School Students



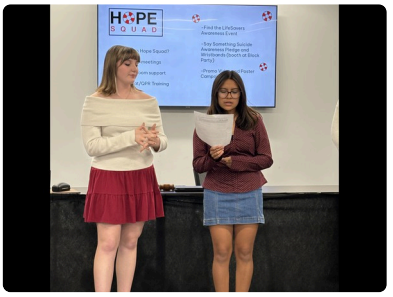








Hope Squad: Students Supporting Students



Members of the Dover High School Hope Squad were also spotlighted at the November meeting. Hope Squad members are students nominated by their peers as people they trust, and the group has been growing at the middle school and high school for the past few years. With guidance from trained staff advisors, they learn to notice when a classmate is struggling, reach out with kindness, and connect that friend with a trusted adult. Their job is to care, listen, and help a friend get support from an adult. Throughout the year, they also lead activities that help every student feel like they belong. Students shared a video and activity that the DHS student body participated in on Friday during schoolwide advisory time. That video is included below.



Retirement Celebrations

Please join us in celebrating **Becky Gribble** as she resigned for retirement purposes after 14 years as a district library assistant. We are grateful for her dedication to our students and staff and her



part in making our libraries welcoming places to read, learn and explore. Thank you, Mrs. Gribble, for sharing these years with Dover. We wish you joy and fulfillment in the chapter ahead!

Tune in to Our Meetings

📽️ CATCH OUR LIVE-STREAM MEETINGS ON ZOOM

All regular meetings begin at 6:00 pm on the second Monday or the month and are livestreamed via Zoom available on our District webpage **HERE**.

Social Media: In Case You Missed It!

Check out some of the top performing posts:



Celebrating Our DHS Educators of the Quarter!

Dover High School recently recognized Mr. McIlvaine, Mrs. Wherley and Mrs. Rees as its Educators of the Quarter. Thank you for your dedication to our students and the positive impact you make at DHS every day! #WeAreDover



Good Luck Wishes at East Elementary!

Some wonderful parents started the morning at East Elementary by wishing our third graders good luck on their state test. Their thoughtful gesture brought plenty of smiles and gave students an extra boost of confidence! #WeAreDover



Congratulations, Denisse!

Dover Middle School seventh grader Denisse Ajanel-Cox won the One Book, One Community student art contest with a beautiful watercolor painting of the book's main character. Way to go, Denisse! #WeAreDover

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