



TORNADO TALK



October 2026

October in Dover means crisp Friday nights, cheering crowds, and hallways full of energy. Our students have settled into the school year, and it shows in their learning and in the way they show up for one another.

Our October board meeting was a reminder of how many people stand behind our students. The board accepted more than \$90,000 in community donations, from new lighting in the Dover High School gym to a GaGa ball pit at Dover Middle School. You can read about each gift below.

A highlight of the evening was our Student Spotlight. Dover students who are members of 4-H shared what they learned at the Tuscarawas County Fair, from early mornings in the barn to the pride of seeing their hard work pay off.

The Board also took another important step for Dover's future. It approved the purchase of a property on East 21st Street, the last of nine properties around Dover Middle School that the district has acquired over the past three years. Together, the seven homes and two business properties provide options for school improvements and facility upgrades in that area. These purchases have been made over the last three years with capital improvement funds the district set aside for this purpose.

We would love to see you at an upcoming game, concert, or performance. As fall marches on, please come out and cheer on our Crimson Tornadoes! Together, we are Dover.

Karie McCrate

Board Meeting Recap

The full agenda from the regular meeting is available [HERE](#).

Approved minutes from the September 2026 regular meeting are available [HERE](#).

At the October 12 meeting, the Board of Education accepted the following donations:

- A new Luxedo court lighting system (product and installation) valued at \$72,500, for the Dover High School gymnasium
- \$6,131.25 from Allied Machine & Engineering supporting Project Lead the Way, our hands-on engineering and science courses
- \$6,000 from the Dover Exchange Club supporting a new GaGa ball pit at Dover Middle School
- \$6,250 from the Hugh A. Fraser Fund supporting students on the 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

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



Student Spotlight

Dover 4-H Students Shine at the Tuscarawas County Fair

Long before the Tuscarawas County Fair gates open, the hard work and dedication has begun. Early mornings in the barn, daily feeding and care, and months of project preparation and practice in the show ring all play a part in the journey. At the October board meeting, several Dover students involved in 4-H shared their experiences and gave our board members a glimpse into the time, commitment, and perseverance it takes to prepare for the fair.

Through their 4-H experiences, these students are learning lessons that extend far beyond the show ring. They spoke about the importance of responsibility, patience, dedication, and taking pride in a job well done. From caring for their animals to setting goals and following through on their commitments, they are building valuable life skills that will serve them well for years to come.

We are proud of our Dover 4-H students and the way they represent our school community. Their hard work, character, and willingness to share what they have learned are reminders that some of the most meaningful lessons happen outside the classroom, too.



Staff Spotlight

The Coaches Behind Our Winter Season

Before the first whistle blows this winter, our coaches will already be at work, showing up early and staying late to serve out student-athletes. They teach students far more than how to win a game, but life lessons the extend far beyond the playing field.

At the October meeting, the board approved assistant coaches for basketball, swimming, wrestling, and bowling this winter. Many of them are volunteers, giving their time to support our student-athletes. Spring head coaches were also hired at the October meeting.

To every coach who mentors a Crimson Tornado, we thank you.

Tune in to Our Meetings

CATCH OUR LIVE-STREAM MEETINGS ON ZOOM

All regular meetings begin at 6:00 pm on the second Monday of 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:



Homecoming Royalty Takes the Stage

The Dover High School (DHS) Student Council hosted its annual Homecoming Assembly to introduce the 2026 Homecoming Court, from freshman attendants to the king and queen nominees. Congratulations to every student who was recognized! #WeAreDover



Dover Grad Comes Home to Help Seniors Write Their Story

Dover alumna Dr. Annie Specht, Class of 2004, returned to DHS to help juniors and seniors with their college essays. She shared practical tips for writing admission statements that stand out. Thank you, Dr. Specht! #WeAreDover



Martell's Kick of Destiny Is Back!

This fan-favorite tradition returned to Dover Middle School. Each week, seventh graders with perfect attendance and no missing assignments earn a shot at the big kick, with teachers joining in as guest kickers. #WeAreDover

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