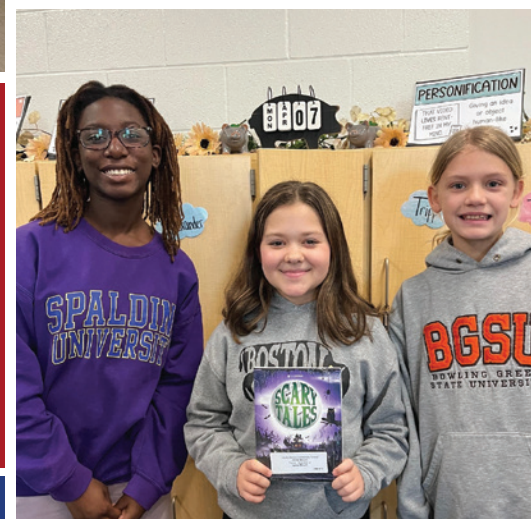






SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Liberty-Benton Community,

The 2024-2025 school year was truly exceptional for Liberty-Benton Local Schools. Together, we celebrated accomplishments that showcase the strength of our students, staff, families, and community.

We are proud to continue our legacy of excellence, highlighted by earning an overall 4.5-Star Rating on the Ohio School Report Card. This recognition affirms the dedication and commitment of our entire district. Financially, Liberty-Benton remains a strong steward of taxpayer investment, ensuring that our community's support is matched by excellence in academics, the arts, and student experiences.

Our students distinguished themselves in many ways. Ten varsity athletic teams captured league championships, while dozens of student-athletes earned all-conference honors. In the arts, the L-B Brass Quartet and Sax Trio received "Superior" ratings at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble, and several students achieved their FFA degree—each accomplishment reflecting their talent and hard work.

The Class of 2025 also marked a historic milestone as the largest graduating class in Liberty-Benton's history with 134 students. Among them, 21 students achieved valedictorian status—a testament to their dedication and the support of their families, teachers, and community.

This year was also filled with meaningful traditions and community milestones. In fall 2024, we dedicated a POW/MIA stadium chair at Military Appreciation Night. In November, we honored local veterans with a breakfast and assembly, reminding us of the importance of service and sacrifice. In March, thanks to the generosity of local businesses, supportive families, and our Athletic Boosters, we proudly opened the newly renovated softball field.

As we reflect on a year of achievement and celebration, I am filled with gratitude for the students, families, staff, and community partners who make Liberty-Benton such a special place. I invite you to continue reading this Quality Profile to learn more about the many ways Liberty-Benton continues to thrive.

Fly Higher!
Bruce Otley
Superintendent

LIBERTY-BENTON AT A GLANCE



1,505

Total Student Enrollment



100%

Graduation Rate



95.77%

Attendance Rate



24%

Open Enrollment

OUR STAFF

175 Total
Number
of Staff

17 Average
Years of
Service

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER



At Liberty-Benton, we are committed to using taxpayer dollars wisely while keeping our focus firmly on student learning. Our district consistently ranks among the top 20% of school districts in Ohio for academic

achievement, all while operating with one of the lowest per-pupil expenditures in the state—\$10,630 compared to the state average of \$12,723. This balance reflects our dedication to both efficiency and excellence.

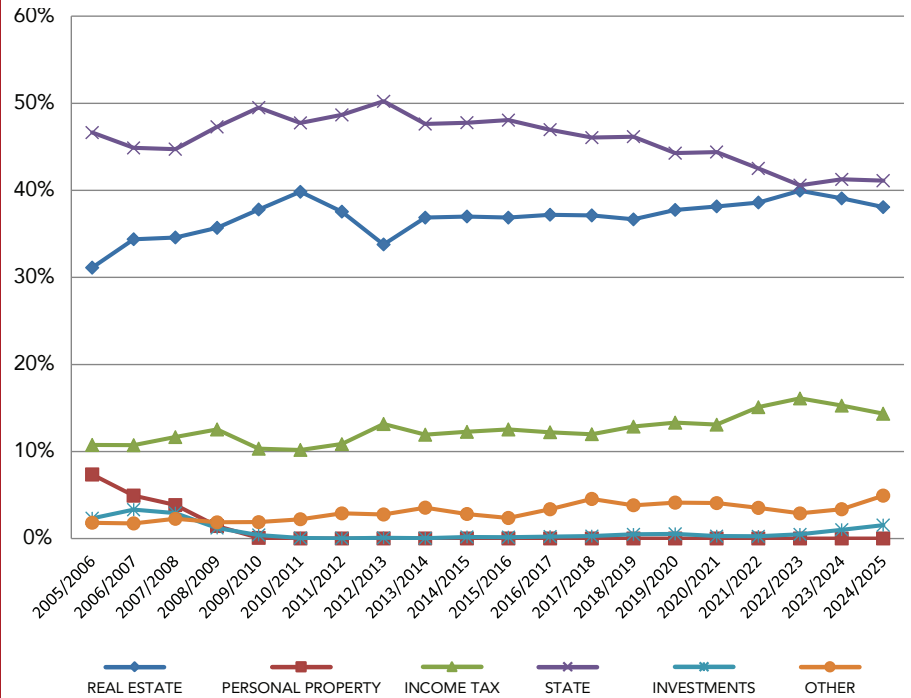
Our financial strength comes from a variety of sources. The majority of our funding is generated locally (46%) and through the state (41.6%), with an additional 4.1% provided by federal funds. The remaining 8.3% comes from non-tax sources. Every dollar we receive is managed with the highest level of care and accountability.

Just as important as how funds are collected is how they are spent. A significant portion of our budget—66.8%—is directed to classroom instruction. The majority of our operating spending supports teachers and staff through salaries and benefits, underscoring their essential role in guiding and supporting students every day.

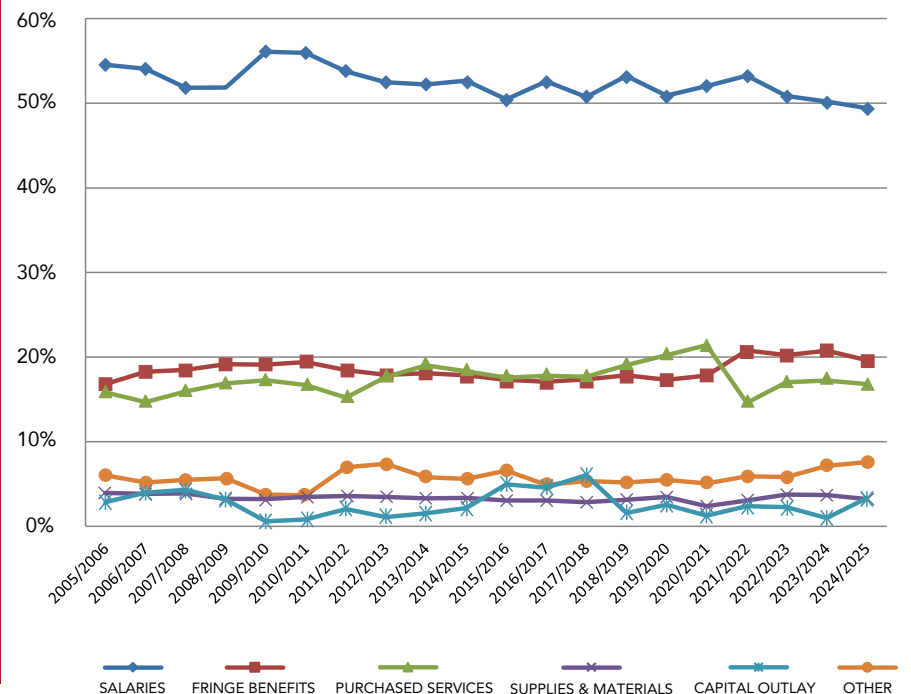
Our priority is to deliver an exceptional education that provides lasting value for every student and every taxpayer.

Lisa Dobbins
Treasurer

Where Each Dollar of Revenue Comes From



Where Each Dollar Goes



Highlights:

COST PER PUPIL
Liberty-Benton **\$10,630** vs State Average **\$12,723**

The district is among the
20% of public districts
with the lowest expenses per pupil
and the highest academic performance
index scores

66.8%
of the district budget
is spent directly on
classroom instruction

ACADEMICS

Liberty-Benton Continues to Exceed State Standards

Each year, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce releases State Report Cards, which highlight the achievements of school districts across the state and their efforts to prepare students for the future. Districts are given an overall rating of 1-5 stars, with five being the highest.



Overall Rating

Achievement



Progress



Gap Closing



Graduation



Early Literacy



College, Career, Workforce,
and Military Readiness



Thank you to our staff and students for your hard work!

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS (CCP)

College Credit Plus (CCP) is Ohio's dual enrollment program that allows students in grades 8-12 to earn both college and high school credits by taking designated courses.

Benefits

-  Provides early access to college-level coursework
-  Enables students to earn college credits at NO cost
-  Reduces the number of credits needed to complete college, allowing them to graduate and join the workforce earlier, saving money on college tuition

Highlights

25

Number of CCP classes offered at L-B, taught by our instructors

83.6%

of L-B students earned college credit

6th L-B's ranking in the state for percentage of students enrolled with college credit

3,556

Total number of CCP hours earned by L-B students during the 2024-2025 school year

2,686

at Liberty-Benton

129

at Millstream

596

at a college

60

Most hours earned by an L-B student

29.63

Average hours earned per student who chose to participate in CCP



Class of 2025

By the Numbers

134

Graduates

The largest class in
LBHS history

21

Valedictorians

Most Popular Colleges



**1. Bowling Green
State University
(27)**



**2. The Ohio State
University &
University of
Findlay
(9)**



**3. University of
Cincinnati
(8)**



**4. Ohio Northern
University &
University of
Toledo
(7)**

Scholarship Money

\$1,155,716

Awarded for 2025-2026
academic year

\$4,280,154

Awarded over the
next four years

Plans After High School

68% 4 Year
College

7% 2 Year
College

18% Directly to
Workforce

3.5% Entering
U.S. Military

3.5% Apprenticeship

Most Popular Majors



Engineering



Nursing



Education



Business



Accounting & Finance

ATHLETICS

LOCAL SPORTS

Liberty-Benton accepts invitation to join Northern Lakes League

The Eagles will compete in the Cardinal Division of the NLL starting in the 2026-27 school year.

Offerings & Participation

18 Sports offered across 29 teams

61% of students in grades 7-12 participated in athletics

Athletic Highlights

10 League Championship Teams

33 All-Conference Awards: (1st, 2nd, or Honorable Mention)

8 League Players of the Year

8 League Coaches of the Year

15 Student athletes recognized at the state level

1 Basketball - 1st Team All-Ohio

3 Football/Baseball - 2nd Team All-Ohio

2 Football - 3rd Team All-Ohio

3 Soccer - All-State Recognitions

6 Track & Field/Wrestling - State Qualifiers

PERFORMING ARTS

7 High School Opportunities



2 Mixed choirs



Concert band



Marching band



Jazz band



Pop a cappella group



Annual musical

7 Middle School Opportunities



3 Grade level bands



3 Grade level choirs



1 Pop a cappella group

458 Students in choir (grades 5-12)

204 Students in band (grades 5-12)

65 Students participated in the school musical *All Shook Up*

EXTRACURRICULARS

24 High School Student Future Farmers of America (FFA) members

4 Students received their State FFA Degree

2 Received the American FFA Degree, the highest honor awarded by the National FFA Organization

34 Students in the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) Club

HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOGNITIONS



L-B Singers earned a Superior rating at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District Adjudicated Event



Excellent rating at OMEA State Adjudicated Event

FACILITY UPGRADES



SOFTBALL FIELD RENOVATION

Made possible by \$250,000 raised in just 60 days and a generous \$300,000 gift from 1958 graduate Mary Danchuck Cooley.



TRANSPORTATION & MAINTENANCE FACILITY

A new 18,000-square-foot facility ensures buses and equipment stay in top condition—supporting safe, reliable transportation for all students for years to come.

COMMEMORATIVE WALL

Built with bricks from the original campus, this wall honors our school's legacy. A bronze plaque shares the district's history, preserving LB heritage for future generations of Eagles.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROJECT

The district secured a Safe Routes to School grant that fully funded critical safety improvements to school sidewalks across the district.

COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP



MILITARY APPRECIATION

The SOS Club fundraised for a dedicated POW/MIA stadium chair, unveiled during our Military Appreciation Night in honor of those who served.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day welcomed more than 1,200 visitors to connect and celebrate with our students.



LEADER IN ME ACTION TEAM SUMMIT

Our middle school hosted the Leader in Me Summit, with 200+ attendees from across Ohio. Centered on Habit 8—Find Your Voice: Spark Greatness, Ignite Change, students shared how they demonstrate leadership in their schools.



**LIBERTY-BENTON
LOCAL SCHOOLS**

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members for their dedication and
service to our school community.



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