



EDISON

CHARGERS

SUMMER 2026

Superintendent's Message



School's Out, Success Is In

Corey Ream
Superintendent, Edison Local Schools

As summer settles in and our hallways grow a little quieter, it is the perfect time to look back on an incredible year at Edison Local Schools. The school year seemed to fly by, but it was filled with moments worth celebrating, from academic achievements and athletic success to artistic accomplishments and unforgettable milestones. The dedication of our students, staff, families, and community made this another outstanding year to be a Charger.

As you read through this newsletter, I encourage you to take a look at all that our students and staff accomplished this spring. Several outstanding Edison educators and staff members were recognized with Golden Apple Awards, multiple student awards ceremonies celebrated achievement and growth, and our students continued to excel in academics, athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities. These accomplishments reflect the hard work, talent, and commitment that are present throughout our district each day.

One of the most meaningful moments of the year was celebrating the Class of 2026 as they walked across the graduation stage and into the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to our graduates on all they have accomplished and we wish them the very best as they pursue their goals, dreams, and future opportunities.

While our students are enjoying a well-deserved summer break, our administrative team and staff continue working behind the scenes to prepare for another successful school year. From planning and professional development to facility projects and curriculum work, there is much happening throughout the summer to ensure we are ready to welcome students back this fall. On behalf of everyone at Edison Local Schools, thank you for your continued support. Have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Treasurer's Message



School Funding Update

Stephanie Hanna
Treasurer

Public school funding can be complex, and many factors outside a district's control can affect the revenue available to support students. One recent change involves property tax reductions approved at the county level that are expected to decrease the amount of local tax revenue received by Edison Local Schools.

Based on information provided by the Erie County Auditor, Edison Local Schools is projected to experience a property tax revenue reduction of approximately \$497,578.42 due to a reduction factor of 0.067716. In addition, the district expects a decrease of approximately \$243,249 related to Piggyback Credits, bringing the total estimated reduction in annual revenue to more than \$750,000.

Many residents may be unfamiliar with Piggyback Credits and how they affect school funding. These credits reduce the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying homeowners. While property owners benefit from the tax relief, the result is a reduction in the local tax revenue collected and distributed to school districts.

Local property taxes remain one of the primary funding sources for Edison Local Schools and help support daily operations, educational programs, transportation, student services, and facility needs. As these revenue reductions take effect, district leadership will continue to carefully monitor the financial impact and evaluate spending to ensure resources are used efficiently and responsibly.

Despite these funding challenges, Edison Local Schools remains committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities for every student. The district will continue working diligently to maximize every dollar, maintain strong fiscal stewardship, and invest in the programs, services, and experiences that help our students learn, grow, and succeed.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Turning the Tassel



The Class of 2026 crossed the graduation stage and stepped boldly into their next adventure, proving that great journeys often begin with a single walk across a platform. While your time at Edison has ended, the friendships, lessons, and memories you carry with you will remain part of your story forever. We celebrate all you have accomplished, believe in all you are capable of achieving, and cannot wait to see the impact you make on the world. Once a Charger, always a Charger.

Whether pursuing higher education, entering the workforce, learning a skilled trade, or serving our country, the members of the Class of 2026 are ready to make their mark:



60%

College Bound



39%

Workforce Ready



0.5% Trade School Pathways



0.5% Military Service

Nearly

\$160,000



Awarded in Local Scholarships

Golden Apple Honors

The Milan Rotary Club recently honored this year's 2026 Golden Apple Award recipients, recognizing outstanding educators and support staff who make a lasting impact on students and the Edison community. Congratulations to our Edison recipients:

Sandra Wilson - Edison Middle School

Randi Ketchum - Edison Elementary School

Kyle Hammond - Edison High School

Kristin Mehlow - Support Staff

We are proud to celebrate these dedicated individuals and the positive impact they make every day across Edison Local Schools.



ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Breakfast of Gratitude

Recently, Edison volunteers traded their usual helping hands for a seat at the table as they were honored with a special appreciation breakfast. The sweetest thank-you came from kindergarten performers, whose songs and smiles turned the gathering into a celebration of community spirit.



Preschool Smiles & Sunshine

Edison's preschoolers traded classrooms for a seaside-inspired celebration as they wrapped up a year filled with discovery, laughter, and growth. Beach Day brought waves of excitement, joyful play, and memory-making moments that sent students into summer with smiles as bright as the sunshine.



A LOOK BACK AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tiny Caps, Big Dreams

Kindergarten students proudly celebrated a milestone that marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. With bright smiles and growing confidence, these young learners officially graduated and took their first step toward first-grade adventures.



Field Day Fever

Elementary students swapped desks for friendly competition as Field Day transformed school grounds into a playground of teamwork, energy, and excitement. Third graders took the challenge even further during Olympic Day, where homerooms battled for bragging rights in an all-day showdown filled with determination and Charger pride.

Grand Moments Together

Laughter, hugs, and treasured memories filled the halls as kindergarten and first-grade students welcomed their grandparents for a special day of celebration. The event brought generations together and reminded everyone that some of life's most meaningful lessons are shared across family tables and classroom doors alike.



A LOOK BACK AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Books for Bright Beginnings

Kindergarten students received a surprise that turned the final day of school into the first chapter of a summer reading adventure. Thanks to the generosity of Huron Developmental Disabilities, each young Charger headed home with a brand-new book and a world of stories waiting to be explored.



Character Shines Bright

Some achievements cannot be measured by grades alone, and Edison's Citizenship Award recipients proved exactly that. These students were recognized for demonstrating kindness, integrity, friendship, and character, especially when no one was watching.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL SPRING

Dreams Take Shape

Edison Middle School hallways buzzed with inspiration as more than 20 professionals shared stories of their career journeys with students. From healthcare and skilled trades to education and public service, presenters opened doors to new possibilities and encouraged students to imagine the futures they could create.



Attendance All-Stars

Seven dedicated students accomplished an impressive feat this year by achieving perfect attendance and showing up every single day ready to learn. Their commitment was celebrated with pizza, ice cream, and plenty of smiles thanks to the support of local community partners who helped make the occasion extra special.

Incoming Middle Schoolers

Edison Middle School was excited to welcome current third-grade students for orientation. Students toured the building, met staff members, learned about daily routines, and got a glimpse of what awaits them as future fourth graders. The event helped ease the transition while building excitement for the next chapter of their educational journey.



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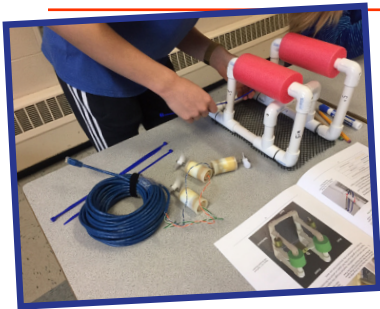


4th Grade Explores Ohio History

Fourth-grade students traveled to Spiegel Grove and the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums to deepen their understanding of Ohio history, government, and President Hayes's life and legacy. Students brought classroom lessons to life while gaining valuable historical insight!

5th Grade Make a Difference

One of the highlights of the spring was Fifth Grade Entrepreneur Day. Students applied real-world business concepts by creating products, developing marketing strategies, and operating their own businesses, generating more than \$5,000 in just two hours. Demonstrating the importance of generosity and community service, the entire amount was donated to Firelands Positive People to support local children and families.



7th Grade STEM Students Dive into Engineering

Innovation and teamwork were on full display as seventh-grade

students participated in their STEM SeaPerch

Project. Students designed, built, and tested underwater remotely operated vehicles while applying concepts in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The project challenged students to think critically, solve problems collaboratively, and experience engineering in a meaningful way.

6th Graders Celebrate D.A.R.E.

Sixth-grade students celebrated their D.A.R.E. Graduation, recognizing their commitment to making positive choices and developing skills to navigate future challenges. Way to go Chargers!



8th Grade Recognition Ceremony

The school year concluded with the Edison Middle School Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony. Families, staff, and community members gathered to celebrate students' academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, and personal growth as they completed their middle school journey. We are proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive at Edison High School. The dedication of our students, staff, and families continues to make Edison Middle School a place where learning, leadership, and community thrive.



HIGH SCHOOL SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Cohen Reer, Your Edison State Champion

Edison freshman Cohen Reer etched his name into Charger history by capturing an OHSAA Wrestling State Championship at 106 pounds in spectacular fashion. Battling through one of the toughest tournaments in Ohio, Cohen rose to the top of the podium and brought home a state title, showcasing the determination, grit, and championship spirit that define Edison athletics.



HIGH SCHOOL SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

ROX Rising

A remarkable group of Edison students spent the year building confidence, strengthening leadership skills, and discovering the power of their own voices through the ROX program. From meaningful conversations and career exploration to mentoring younger students, these girls grew into empowered leaders ready to shape their own futures.



Recharge & Reconnect

Recently, Edison High School students hit pause on end-of-year stress and embraced an afternoon dedicated to wellness, friendship, and fun. Organized by Sources of Strength Peer Leaders, the event created space for students to laugh, move, create, and connect while celebrating the importance of personal well-being.



A Champion's Pen

Edison High School student Lizzie Campbell authored a storybook ending to an incredible writing season by capturing a state championship title at the Just Write competition. Rising above hundreds of talented competitors, she showcased the creativity, discipline, and talent that make Charger pride shine.

Center Stage Success

Edison High School Drama Club members gathered to celebrate a year filled with creativity, dedication, and unforgettable performances. The evening spotlighted award winners, welcomed new Thespians into the honor society, and recognized students whose countless hours behind the scenes and under the lights helped bring stories to life.



Patrol Perspectives

Students in the Career-Based Intervention program gained an inside look at careers in law enforcement during a visit from members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Through firsthand stories and thoughtful conversations, students explored the skills, responsibilities, and opportunities that come with serving and protecting their communities.



Interviews with Impact

Edison High School seniors recently sharpened their professional skills during Mock Interview Day with guidance from local business leaders and community volunteers. The experience provided valuable practice, meaningful feedback, and a confidence boost as students prepared to take their next steps toward college, careers, military service, and beyond.



Important Back-To-School Dates

August 17 – Staff Day: No Students

August 18 – PD Day: No Students

August 19 – First Day of School

September 7 – Labor Day: No School

September 8 – PD Day: No Students

Anchored in History

Edison High School sophomores stepped into the rich maritime heritage of the Great Lakes during a hands-on visit to the Maritime Museum of Sandusky. From tying nautical knots to exploring the Underground Railroad's local connections, students experienced history as something they could see, touch, and understand firsthand.



Racing with the Best

Edison athletes brought Charger pride to Ohio's biggest track stage, competing among the state's elite and delivering unforgettable performances. The 4x800 relay team earned a spot in the finals, Trevor Leimeister captured a place on the podium in the 100-meter dash, and Claire Michaelis gained valuable state experience that promises an exciting future ahead.

