

**Canal Winchester Local School District
Accomplishments of 2011**

- January CW Transformation Team began writing a “Scope of Work” for the federal Race to the Top school reform effort. Race to the Top work is divided around the following areas: standards, great teachers and leaders, data, student growth and family engagement.
- February Continued meeting with transportation and custodial/maintenance representatives to address concerns and ideas gathered from the SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) analysis conducted late in 2010. From these groups, significant operational improvements have been realized. Examples include: a series of professional development sessions provided for transportation employees and custodial/maintenance employees based on their topic recommendations, improved discipline structure for bus infractions, purchase of necessary tools for district maintenance employees, improvements to chemical distribution and access to chemical dispensers for custodial staff, and opened lines of communication for both groups.
- January - April Developed a very successful after-school tutoring program, SUCCESS, at Winchester Trail Elementary School. While this initiative was building-based and supported, it was financed through district federal grant funds and was additionally supported by numerous business partners in the community as well as the district Family/Community liaison.
- March Business Advisory Council was revived. The first meeting was held in December of 2010 with quarterly meetings conducted in 2011. The BAC is comprised of city officials, business men and women, civic leaders, CWLSD board member, Treasurer and Superintendent. The purpose of the Business Advisory is to provide input to the Board of Education by researching and/or evaluating topics agreed upon by the Council. This Council is an advisory resource of the Canal Winchester Local Board of Education, reporting its findings and recommendations for the Board of Education’s use and consideration. Additionally, the Business Advisory Council serves as a liaison between the board and the business community. Finally, the Business Advisory provides a vehicle to help the members of the Council and the business community to become better informed about the school system’s financial operation
- April Entered into a collaborative agreement between the Canal Winchester Local School District and the Columbus Urban League to begin a Head Start Program in the Canal Winchester Schools.

May	Entered into a partnership with the City of Canal Winchester to construct, operate and maintain two new tennis courts which will be built on school district property.
June	Named “Best in Class” Type 6 School District in the area of transportation by Ohio Smart Schools. OSS is a collaborative, nonpartisan initiative and a subsidiary of KnowledgeWorks. This collaborative evaluates and recognizes efficiency and effectiveness in Ohio schools.
July	Approximately 100 teachers participated in informal and voluntary teacher meetings with the Superintendent throughout the month. During these meetings, teachers shared concerns, provided input regarding professional development and offered ideas on improving student achievement.
July	Piloted 10 hour day/4 day work weeks to save energy and money. The pilot was evaluated by Sabo Limbach, an independent energy corporation. Savings for the month of July were calculated as \$10,114.21 of true savings.
August	District entered into the Energy Conservation Program or House Bill 265 Program which allows school districts to make energy efficiency improvement to their buildings and to use the cost savings to pay for those improvements. Participating in the Energy Conservation Program improves energy efficiency so much that the savings associated with the energy improvements is more than enough to offset the cost of the building upgrades. These savings are guaranteed for 15 years.
August	School District received a rating of “Excellent with Distinction” from the Ohio Department of Education. This is the highest rating a district can receive.
August	Conducted our first “Student Discovery” meetings with parents in grades K-8. These meetings were held with parents to give teachers valuable information about each student in his/her class, which in turn, increases academic successes. Additionally, these meetings initiated a relationship with each of our families. The idea was appealing as approximately 80% of our parents in grades K-8 participated.
September	Completed SWOT Analysis interviews with employees from the secretarial, paraprofessional and treasurer’s classification/departments.
October	Employees of Canal Winchester Local School District presented a check for \$2,585. As part of employee “jean day”, contributions were made to Canal Winchester Human Services. The staff understands the importance of supporting the needs of all the residents who live here, our students and their families.

November Moody's Investors Service, a worldwide leader in financial research and analysis, has issued an "A1" rating with a **positive** financial outlook for Canal Winchester School District due to the District's commitment to strong fiscal management and conservative budgeting. The Moody's report consistently points to the District's well-managed financial operations and increasing efficiencies as reasons for the strong fiscal rating.

November The community of Canal Winchester passed a three-year renewal levy to provide much needed financial support of our district's operation.

December Begin a study of in-depth financial planning for the district with treasurer, Joyce Boyer and professional consultation from Baird School Business Solutions. Concurrently, we will work with Avakian Consulting to examine the effectiveness of our communication tools and strategies with all members of the community who are affiliated with the district and those who are unaffiliated.