

Coopersville Area Public Schools

What Makes This School District Great?

State of the Schools
2004

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Report Card Summary

Curriculum	A	Strong curriculum, good review processes, rigor and relevance, challenging
Finances	A	Careful planning, conservative approach to budgeting, great audit results
Test Results	A	High test scores in both state and national tests
Facilities	A	1999 Bond promises exceeded expectations, state-of-the-art technology
Fund Balance	B	Supporting two straight years of revenue cuts, should last through 2004-05
State Funding	F	Two straight years of budget cuts, lowest per pupil funding in the state

Looking Ahead

The year 2004 will bring many challenges. The state legislature will have to tackle the difficult issue of school funding amid a flood of red ink in state government. School districts like Coopersville Area Public Schools have made many cuts in programs and are on the brink of financial disaster, while other school districts enjoy hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars more in state spending per pupil.

Our community must rally to make sure that our area legislators hear our voices. The promise of Proposal A has been broken for two consecutive years with the revenue gap between rich and poor districts widening instead of narrowing. The funding problems for schools should be the number one priority in Lansing. We do not spend our money on frivolous things. We have taken a very conservative approach to curtail all unnecessary spending. Now it is time for the state to fulfill their responsibilities.

On the positive side, our community will be asked to support a bond issue that will not increase or decrease the tax rate. Money raised from that bond will allow the district to purchase an additional 79 acres of land adjacent to the campus. This opportunity will ensure that our schools will remain on a single campus for at least the next twenty years. In addition, we will see some expenses in our general fund offset by purchases from the bond issue. Those offsets may help us absorb some of the cuts that we have been receiving from Lansing.

Coopersville High School



98.6%
Graduation Rate

105

Students involved in musical production "Hello, Dolly"

30%
Increase in number of students taking the ACT over the past 5 years

Suspensions
1999 171
2003 44

34

Electrathon Program
top 3 placements in electric car competition in the last 5 years

New high school course offerings in the past four years
23

Art Show and "Spirit" unveiling draws
1000

Daily attendance rate..... **97%**

Students with art work on display in governor's office
8

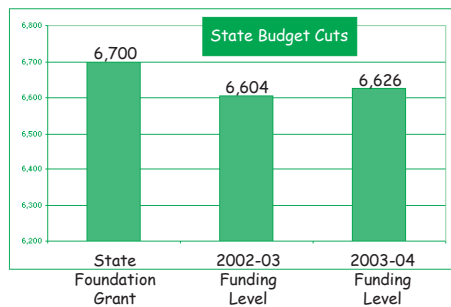
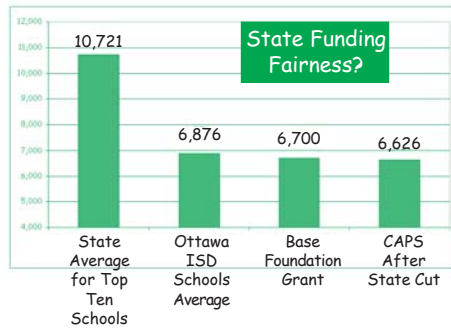
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Students earning college credit by passing Advanced Placement exams in Biology, German, Spanish, Calculus and English

75% Students participating in clubs, organizations, and athletic teams

Percentage of graduates going on to college
74%

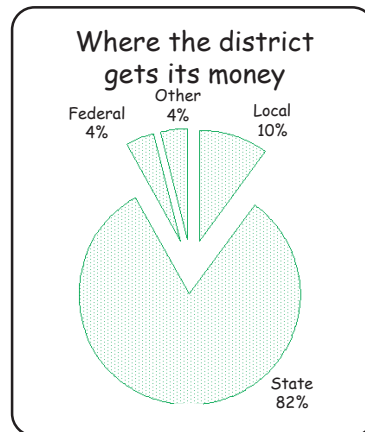
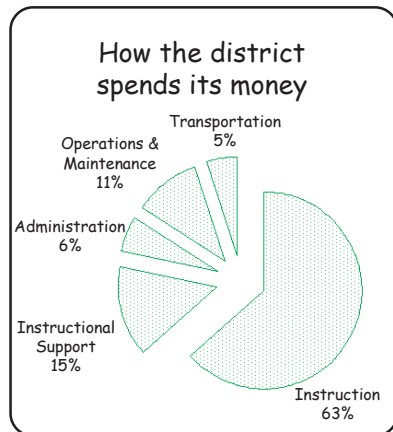
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Scholarships
\$637,000

Numbers Tell the Story



Total Enrollment
2399

Where the Money Goes
 Personnel 85%
 All other costs 15%



Did you know?

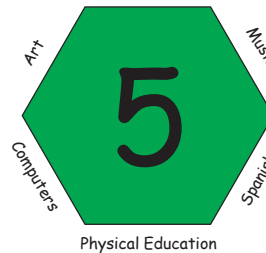
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Elementary students attend the Title 1 Before-School Reading and Math Program

1

Comprehensive self assessment process now underway at the Junior High School

Weekly Specials



98%

K-5 families attending fall conferences

Early Childhood Programs

Infant Care
Day Care
Preschool
At-risk Preschool
Early Fives
KinderClub
Project Keep
Before-and-After
Early Childhood Special Ed
Summer Day Camp
Snow Day Day Care

450
Students

25,293

Books read in West Elementary's PACER at-home reading program for 1st and 2nd grade students

432

Elementary students attended the After-School Homework Club so far this year

6019

Breakfasts served in the elementary buildings so far this year

Fast Facts

Regular Education

100	.....	Certified Teachers
6	.....	Certified Administrators
12	.....	School Support Staff
25	.....	Custodians, maintenance staff
24	.....	Bus Drivers
17	.....	Food Service Workers
3	.....	Paraprofessionals
4	.....	Central Office Employees
1	.....	Superintendent

8.23%

Expected increase
in the number of
K-5 students in the
next 5 years

Seats in
the
777
Auditorium

Special Education

288	.....	Students K-12
18	.....	Early Childhood Students
130	.....	Students with Preventative Services
1	.....	Special Education Director
3	.....	Speech Therapists
2	.....	School Social Workers
13	.....	Special Education Teachers
13	.....	Paraprofessionals
1	.....	Secretary

Number of
Centerstage Theatre
events during
the first year of
operation

Number of
students who
Art from the
Heart of
Coopersville has
recognized as
outstanding
artists in the
last 3 years

Number of buses
receiving the
highest possible
state police
safety inspection
rating - for the
second
consecutive year

Number of
students
receiving free or
reduced price
meals in the
district

Number of new
high school
courses to be
offered in the
fall of 2004

Number of spirit
weeks sponsored
by high school
student groups
each year

Boys tennis
team state
qualifier

Number of consecutive
football playoff
qualifiers
5

Number of senior athletes
recognized as OK Conference
Scholar Athletes **22**

2
District Champs
Boys Basketball
Girls Softball

- 5 -
Number of times
hosting playoff
events
Volleyball
Competitive Cheer
Softball
Baseball
Girls Basketball

The Sports Page

Number of Athletes
Females **216**
Males **224**

9 Senior athletes
named MHSAA
Scholar Athletes

3 Academic All Star
Teams
Volleyball
Boys Tennis
Softball

Gymnasium Seating
2400

6
Consecutive girls track conference
and regional championships

Facilities Master Plan

