



# WARRIOR BEAT

## LEED Strategies at Huber Heights City Schools

The strategies that earned our new schools a LEED Gold certification include:

- Occupancy sensors to reduce wasted electricity
- Energy efficient lighting to lower utility costs
- Daylighting to conserve electricity
- Automatic faucets to conserve water
- Bioswales to collect and control storm-water runoff
- Ice storage units to keep buildings cool
- Bike racks to encourage bike riding and reduce carbon consumption

## District to kick off 2015 with a new website

In early 2015, Huber Heights City Schools will unveil a new and improved website. The new site will update our online presence to better meet parent and community expectations for access to information. It will be easier to navigate and do a better job of showcasing our students and their achievements. Watch for the new site to go live in January!

## Subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter

To view the most recent edition or sign up to receive our monthly e-newsletter, *Warrior Pride*, please visit our website at [www.huberheightscityschools.org](http://www.huberheightscityschools.org)



## Huber Heights City Schools receives LEED Gold Certification

*The rating reinforces good environmental and financial stewardship*

Our commitment to be good environmental and financial stewards with our building project recently earned global recognition when we officially attained LEED Gold certification on all seven of our new schools. LEED is an internationally-accepted certification program of the U.S. Green Building Council that recognizes best-in-class buildings and operations. Gold is the second-highest certification.

LEED certification is about more than just being environmentally friendly. It shows that our district is serious about saving taxpayer dollars by building schools that cost less to operate. In fact, we spent \$171,674.68 less in fiscal year 2014 over fiscal year 2009, despite adding 230,146 more square feet.

These strategies that support our Gold certification are good not just for our schools, but our community as a whole. Our students benefit from healthier buildings, our energy and water consumption puts less strain on local resources and infrastructure, and our taxpayers know that more of their dollars are going to the classroom.

## New newsletters respond to community requests for more information

*The community has spoken, and we are listening!*

Through a strategic planning process, our community shared with us that they want more timely information from our schools. In response, we are launching this new print newsletter, which will be sent out quarterly with residents' utility bills. This format is allowing us to save dollars by eliminating postage costs.

We have also launched *Warrior Pride*, a monthly e-newsletter that is sent to the inbox of anyone who subscribes to it. The *Warrior Pride* showcases student achievements and provides news about upcoming events. To view the most recent edition and sign up to receive your own copy, visit us at [www.huberheightscityschools.org](http://www.huberheightscityschools.org).



## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Dinner serves up an evening of fun and entertainment

More than 200 guests joined us for our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Senior Dinner this year. Open to every senior citizen who lives in the district, the event combines student entertainment with a delicious turkey dinner to thank our senior citizens for everything they do to support our schools. This year, National Junior Honor Society students helped serve, students Evin Jeter-Hunter and Raeanne Richard read “’Twas the Night before Christmas,” the Wayne High School Choraliers sang, and ROTC students lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

We are very proud of this tradition and the opportunity to share our students’ talent with our special guests. Special thanks are also due to all of the local businesses, organizations, and volunteers who help make this evening a success!



## Strategic planning process continues to make progress as action steps are defined

The district’s Strategic Plan continued to take shape during November and December, with teams of community and staff members meeting to discuss the district’s forward direction. To date, five Core Capability areas have been identified, and teams met in November and December to plot five to seven action steps for each core capability. The action steps assign responsibility, timelines, and benchmarks to each action step.

Next, the administrative team will identify up to three steps for each capability that will be the focus for the remainder of the year and the start of next year.

For more information about our Strategic Plan, visit [www.huberheightscityschools.org](http://www.huberheightscityschools.org).

### Strategic Plan Core Capability Areas

The Strategic Plan’s Core Capability Areas are:

- Sustained Academic Excellence
- Financial Stability
- Staff Engagement
- School Climate
- Community Engagement

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