MARION LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
TECHNOLOGY REPORT
September 14, 2026

Technology Purchases

- None

Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- Thank you for your support of technology in the classroom.
    - 996 Chromebooks are being used by teachers and students on a daily basis.
    - 141 Active Google Classrooms are being used by teachers.

Marion Local Board of Education
High School Principal's Report
Mr. Tim Goodwin
September 14, 2026

Start of School:

I would like to thank the teachers and students for a smooth start to the school year. A special thanks goes to Jenny Dippold, Julie Overman and Barb Kahlig during this very busy time for them with schedule changes and collecting of forms.

Safe Schools Week:

We conducted all drills in compliance with Safe Schools Week. All went well. Thanks to the students and teachers for their effort and cooperation.

CCP Update:

We have 84 students who are earning college credit while remaining at Marion Local this fall. The classes involved are: Pre Calc, Calc, and Stats with Alexa Sutton, and English with Lynne Yates. Thank you to these teachers for making this option available to our students!

Upcoming events:

Sept 18 Mercer Co Soil Judging Contest
Sept 23 FFA to Farm Science Review
Sept 24 School Pictures
Sept 25 District Soil Judging Contest
Oct 2 Teacher In-Service
Oct 3 ML Band Contest
Oct 16,17 Homecoming Festivities

Marion Local Board of Education
Elementary & Middle School Principal's Report
Kelli Thobe

We are off to a great start and are setting into our new routine and schedule! Thank you to the teachers, aides, custodians, cooks, bus drivers, and parents for their help getting the new year underway!

Marion Local Elementary School participated in Safe Schools Week (September 8 - 11) by conducting various drills throughout the week. Additional drills will be scheduled throughout the year to continue practicing.

5th/6th grade Drama auditions are complete and practices have begun for this year's performance of "The Day the Internet Died". This year's cast and crew consists of ~90 students.

Senate Bill 19/State Mandate for K-3 Diagnostics:

- Math Diagnostic Screener - STAR Math for grades K-3
- Reading Diagnostic Screener - Acadience Reading for grades K-3
- Both diagnostic screeners are administered by September 30

Upcoming Events

- October 13 - Grandparents' Day (gr. K-1) @ 9:00
- October 19-22 - 8th grade to Washington DC

Treasurer's Report

September 14, 2026

Motion Items

Permanent Appropriations

- Please see Permanent Appropriations report presented at the meeting

Estimated Resources

- Please see Estimated Resources report presented at the meeting

Other Informational Items

Casino Tax Revenue

- We received $35,467.72 from casino tax revenue at the end of August for January through July. Last year for the same time period we received $33,539.84.

Capital Conference

- The 2026 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show will be held November 15-17. Please let me know if there are any changes to your plan to attend. Rooms will be booked tomorrow, September 15th.

Donations

- Marion Open - $500/each to the Boys and Girls Golf Camp Funds
- Modern Mothers of Marion - $1,000 to Student Funds
- Marion Local PTO - $500 to the Hope Squad
- OHSAA - $1,250 to the Athletics Fund

Superintendent's Report

A. Executive Sessions

The Board and its committees and subcommittees reserve the right to meet privately in executive session solely to discuss one (1) or more of the following issues exempted from public sessions:

A. consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, official, or student
B. investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, license, or student unless such employee, official, licensee or student requests a public meeting; except that consideration of the discipline of a Board member for conduct related to the performance of his/her duties or his/her removal from office shall not be held in executive session
C. consideration of the purchase of property or sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure or information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest
D. discussion, with the Board's legal counsel, of disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or imminent court action
E. preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment
F. matters required to be confidential by Federal law or rules or State statutes
G. specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of law

No official action may be taken in executive session. R.C. 121.22

Collective bargaining meetings between employers and employee organizations are private and not subject to R.C. 121.22. R.C. 4117.21

An executive session will be held only at a regular or special meeting. After the meeting is convened, any member may make a motion for an executive session, and must state the purpose or purposes of the session by citing one (1) or more of the reasons set forth above. If the session is to discuss a personnel matter listed in paragraph A above, the particular subject for which the session has been called must be identified in the motion. The motion does not need to name the person. Upon receiving a second to the motion and a majority roll-call vote of those present and voting, the chairperson shall declare the Board in executive session.

In keeping with the confidential nature of executive sessions, no member of the Board, committee or subcommittee shall disclose the content of discussions that take place during such sessions.

All members of the Board, committee or subcommittee are entitled to attend executive sessions. The Board, committee or subcommittee may invite any other person to attend an executive session.

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B. Motion Items September 2026

1. STAFFING

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to accept the resignation of Jennie Merkle as Instructional Aide, approve Kelli Homan as a tutor, approve the spring sport coaches as listed on the consent agenda, approve hiring Christopher Bertke as a substitute teacher, approve Chloe Ronnebaum and Abby Moorman as volunteers for the girls basketball program, approve the list of classified substitutes as listed on the consent agenda

2. SUBSTITUTE SALARY

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to approve the substitute salary schedule for hourly workers.

3. GIFTED EDUCATION PLAN

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Gifted Education Identification plan.

4. HEARING/AUDIOLOGY

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve a contract with the Montgomery County ESC for hearing and audiology services at a cost of $5,349.60.

5. FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the field trip for the Ag. Science trip to the National FFA Convention on October 21-23 in Indianapolis.

6. DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept the donation of $500 each to the Boys' and Girls' golf camp fund from the Marion Open, accept a donation of $1,000 from the Modern Mothers of Marion, $500 donation from the Marion Local PTO to the Hope Squad, and $1,250 from OHSAA to the Athletic Dept.

C. Advisory Items

None

D. Informational Items

1. START OF SCHOOL YEAR

We had a great start to the school year with current enrollment at 1010 students. Increase by 24 students from last year. The last time Marion Local had over 1,000 students was the 99-00 school year.

2. FACILITY

Punch list items continue to be checked off the list. Our athletic department has successfully hosted multiple games in the Flight Deck and renovated Hangar and we greatly appreciate everyone's understanding as we work through minor issues. The subcontractors have been great to work with as they remain flexible working with our schedule now that school is in session.

3. METAL SIDING

A year ago Cotterman was working on the metal siding on our high school building and we are very pleased with the results. We are currently scheduling a time with them to come and complete the remainder of the siding needed to complete the high school building and weight room to remove yellow vinyl siding and match the metal siding throughout the district.