**MARION LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**TECHNOLOGY REPORT**
**October 12, 2026**

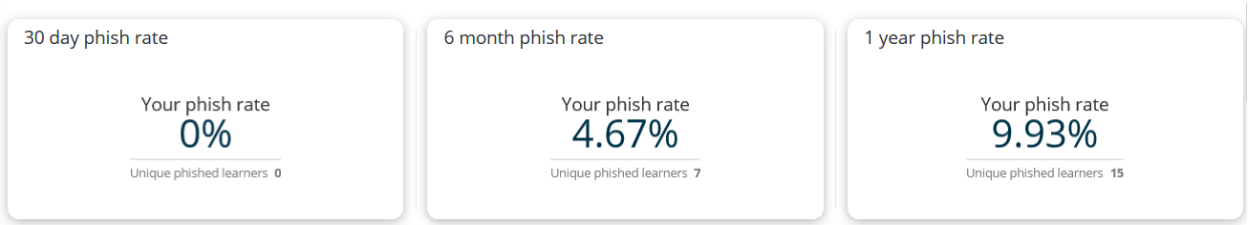
## Technology Purchases

- KanTech software upgrade

## Technology Issues/Concerns/Miscellaneous

- October is Cyber Security Awareness Month. Emailing weekly updates to staff with cyber security information. Some of the topics include.
    - Social Engineering
    - Protecting Student Information
    - Using AI Safely
    - Browser and Website Safety

- We are using Infosec IQ to send phishing simulation emails to all staff with a Marion Local email address. If a staff member clicks on a link in one of these emails, they will be directed to a training page that explains what to look for.



# Marion Local Board of Education
# High School Principal's Report
# Mr. Tim Goodwin
# October 12, 2026

**Band Show:**
Congratulations to Mr Spettel, the band boosters, band parents and band members for hosting a very well-attended band show on the night of October 3. The weather was beautiful and the crowd was large. Also, congratulations to the band for qualifying for the state band competition!

**Guidance News:**
It has been a busy month for the guidance department. Each grade level has been met with and individual meetings were held with seniors to go over future plans. Separate college application and financial aid nights were held for college-bound students as well. Sophomores were taken to Mercer Health for a medical explorers career activity.

**Hope Squad:**
Mrs. Overman led a "retreat" for our HS Hope Squad members on October 6. Our Marion Local HS & JH Hope Squad members spent time learning, connecting, and growing together during their retreat. A special thank you to Buffy Froning from Mercer Health Mental Wellness for sharing with our students about the importance of mental health and supporting one another!

**Upcoming events:**

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| Oct 16,17 | Homecoming Game and Dance |
| Oct 21-23 | FFA National Convention |
| Nov 3,5 | Parent Teacher Conferences |

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

- Junior High Fall sports have/will be finishing their seasons. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers who have poured hours and energy into providing these extracurricular opportunities for our students.
- 5th & 6th grade drama will perform "The Day the Internet Died" next weekend. Thank you for the advisors, volunteers, parents, and students who have contributed countless hours into the practice and preparation for the show.
- Certified staff recently participated in the Mercer County Professional Learning Conference. The learning conference kicked off with the keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Sanflippo. Staff attended breakout sessions as well as some Marion Local specific learning opportunities on curriculum.
    - Thank you to several of our staff members for leading breakout sessions and grade level/content area collaboration.
- 7th & 8th grade Career Exploration opportunities:
    - 8th grade tour of Tri Star to learn about the many programs offered
    - 7th grade manufacturing tours of various businesses in Mercer County
- Internet and social media safety presentations were held in Mrs. Mandy Koenig's tech/STEM classes for 6th & 7th graders. Doug Wuebker provided the presentation and real world situations to help our students how to safely navigate the internet. This presentation is scheduled for each quarter to ensure that all 6th & 7th grade students are able to listen and learn.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the beginning of November. Online registration is open for parents to sign up to meet with their child's teacher.

**Upcoming events:**

- October 13: Grandparents' Day (K-1) at 9:00
- October 19-22: 8th Grade trip to Washington DC
- October 23: End of the 1st nine weeks
- October 24: 5th&6th Grade Drama Performance
- November 3 & 4: 3rd Grade ELA state test
- November 3, 5, & 6: Parent/Teacher conferences

# Treasurer's Report

October 12, 2026

## Motion Items

### Bidding on Chiller Replacement at the Elementary

- Approve the treasurer to go out to bid for replacement of the chiller at the Elementary School

## Other Informational Items

### Operational Funds in Redtree Investment Group

- $2,000,000 was initially invested in September of 2024
- $154,725.01 in interest has been earned
- $4,296.76 in management and custody fees
- $2,150,428.25 currently in the account

### Website

- I have been working on a website that we will eventually have linked to our homepage for the treasurer's office. I felt it was important to be transparent with the community as well as give me a place to communicate information especially with the ever-changing world of school finance.

### Capital Conference

- Rooms are booked at the AC Hotel Columbus Downtown for the conference

## 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 October 2026

## 1. STAFFING

Included on the consent agenda is a motion to approve the retirements for Terri Berning, Kelly Koenig, Dan Koenig, and Kevin Hartings. It is recommended to approve the resignation of Danielle Hartke as swim head coach and Jodi Kremer as asst. swim coach. Hire Sheila Heinl as an Instructional Aide, Bill Frey as asst. softball coach, Jodi Kremer as Head Swim Coach, Kevin Partington as Asst. Swim Coach. Finally, it is recommended to approve Mary Lou Bruns and Melinda Slayton as classified substitutes.

## 2. FIELD TRIP

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Band trip to Orlando, FL on March 23-29, 2028.

## 3. DONATION

On the consent agenda is a motion to accept a donation of $200 from the Hopewell Grange to our library, a donation of $750 from the Chickasaw Park Foundation to the Drama Club, and a donation of $200 from the class of 1976 to the NHS.

## 4. BID

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the Treasurer to seek bids for replacing the chiller at the elementary school.

## 5. VISION SERVICES

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

## 6. POLCIES

On the consent agenda is a motion to approve the first reading for the policies listed in the consent agenda as recommended by NEOLA

# C. Advisory Items

# None

## D. Informational Items

**Principals:** The month of October is national principal appreciation month. I would like to thank Mrs. Thobe, Mrs. Bruns, and Mr. Goodwin for everything you do and the countless number of hours you spend making Marion Local a great educational environment for our students to learn.

**County In-service Day:** On Friday, October 2nd our staff participated in the teacher professional development in-service hosted at New Bremen. We appreciate the ESC coordinating this event.