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2016 Sponsor Annual Report

Maysville Local Schools: Sponsor of Foxfire Intermediate School

Foxfire's Mission is to impact the lives of their students in a positive, direct, and productive manner by teaching them the core values of working together, work ethic, accountability, discipline and servant-hood. The ultimate goal is to empower their students to reach their maximum potential academically, socially and emotionally while assisting them in becoming solid, productive citizens. Success is a by-product of embracing these core values.

Maysville Local School District sponsors Foxfire Intermediate School, IRN 012033. Foxfire Intermediate School serves at risk students, in 1 through 3rd grade, from school systems throughout Southeastern Ohio. Foxfire Intermediate School is recognized as a Model Alternative School (Doing What Works) by the U. S. Department of Education for utilizing best practice methodology throughout the program.

Foxfire Intermediate School has been in existence for eight years and is thoughtfully expanding in order to become a viable alternative for those students' not meeting success in the traditional elementary and middle school setting. The attendance area of the student population is Southeastern Ohio. Expansion and enrollment has been purposely controlled in order to best meet the needs of the students. The enrollment for 2016-2017 was 33 students on the last day of school.

The philosophy of Foxfire Intermediate Schools is based on the specific core values of the Foxfire Community Schools. Caring, loyalty, strong work ethic, commitment, respect, honesty, accountability, good character, teamwork and discipline are infused throughout all aspects of the Foxfire program. The school is student-centered and strives to provide all that is necessary for each student to reach his or her potential in the academic, social and behavioral realms, developing a set of positive skills that will support them throughout school and life.

Instruction is individualized and aligned with state curricular requirements. Bi-Monthly data has been implemented in order to insure consistency and coordination of curriculum. Every student is required to complete all required state tests. The results of these tests, along with specific individual needs, drive all instruction. An integrated

approach consisting of traditional, community-based and project-based instruction better meets the academic needs of the Foxfire community of alternative students. 21st Century skills are emphasized across the curriculum. The infrastructure of the individualized curriculum is provided by Compass Learning. Small informal class settings promote intellectual discussion with faculty and other students and foster an ideal learning environment for extending critical thinking and analytical skills. Instruction is focused on student academic growth. Personalized relevant project based learning is a large component of the curriculum.

As part of a concerted effort to strengthen instructional practice, Foxfire staff works with Battelle for Kids to develop and implement the innovative strategic-based compensation process for structuring individualized professional development and compensation for certificated and non-certificated staff. This innovative program bases all individualized staff professional development on a series of six classroom visitations. These observations are followed by professional conversation between observer and practitioner that results in specifically targeted professional growth. Although this program requires an extensive time commitment on the part of administrators, it has made a positive impact on all aspects of the school. All school and individual professional development is concluded in accordance with LPDC regulations.

The widely diverse social, medical and behavioral needs of Foxfire Intermediate School students are addressed through wraparound non-academic support services embedded in the program. These include a special education coordinator, school psychologist, social worker, school counselor, drug and alcohol counselor, outreach coordinator, school nurse and school resource officer.

The percentage of special education students is currently 58%. Comprehensive wellness is strongly emphasized through targeted classroom instruction and athletic activities and school-wide student and staff wellness competitions. Foxfire's cafeteria, The Phoenix Platter, provides affordable, nutritious meals to students and staff.

The *Pay It Forward* program builds a sense of civic responsibility that enables students to become productive, active community members. *Pay It Forward* projects include assisting senior citizens companionship, helping at food pantries and community charity auctions.

A diverse cadre of community partnerships provides 21st Century learning opportunities and support to all Foxfire students, parents and staff. These partnerships allow the students maximum opportunities to broaden their horizons and better prepare them for the world of work. They enrich day-to-day activities and often provide classroom curriculum support. Partners include Battelle for Kids, Department of Youth Services, Rolling Plains United Methodist Church, Youth Build America, Zane State College and Help Me Grow.

The fiscal needs of both schools are overseen by a contracted school treasurer, the administrators and school boards. All audits and fiscal practices are compliant and follow policies and practices required by the state and federal governments.

The governance of Foxfire Intermediate School is conducted in accordance with all state and federal requirements. The Foxfire Intermediate School Board adheres to Ohio School Boards Association policies and practices.

Maysville Local School District's assessment of the legal compliance of Foxfire Intermediate School during the 2016 school year is:

Academic Performance	Met performance
Fiscal Performance	Met performance
Organization and Operation	Met performance
Legal Compliance	Met performance

Maysville Local Schools consider it a privilege to sponsor Foxfire Intermediate School. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact Ruth Zitnik, Maysville Superintendent, 740-453-0754, rzitnik@laca.org.

Submitted by Maysville Local Schools

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