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Sandusky High School Receives Ohio Momentum Award for 2nd Consecutive Year

Sandusky, Ohio. The Ohio Department of Education recently announced that Sandusky High School earned the Momentum Award for 2019. This is the second year in a row that Sandusky High School has received this honor, being one of 22 High Schools in all of Ohio to achieve this prominent accolade. It should be noted that Sandusky High School was the only school in Erie County to win this award. This effort was attainable due to the combined hard work and dedication of students, families, faculty, and staff at both Sandusky High School and Sandusky Digital Academy.

Dr. Vilicia Cade, Sandusky City Schools Chief Academic Officer stated, *“This is a huge triumph for our students, families and staff! As Blue Streaks, we are proud of everyone’s dedication to addressing the holistic needs of all our students to realize this momentous achievement. The Sandusky High School staff works in tandem with the Sandusky Digital Academy staff preparing all of our high school students to attain their goals and be wonderful citizens in any community upon graduation. This collaboration acknowledges that some students’ need a non-traditional setting to realize their potential which includes non-academic supports. Our Blue Streak Sandusky Digital Academy was one of eight innovative programs that Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders, CEO and Superintendent implemented in 2014. At Sandusky City Schools, we work cooperatively and arduously to meet the needs of the ‘whole child’. We are very fortunate that staff have obligated themselves to adding value to every students’ growth and development!”*

The Momentum Award is the Ohio Department of Education’s way of applauding schools that received “All A’s” on every Progress measurement included on the Ohio School Report Card (*as measured by Value-Added*). As a Momentum Award winner, the Sandusky High School’s Report Card confirms how our staff’s collaborative efforts coupled with our students’ tenacity toward excellence can exceed growth expectations! The selection criteria states that districts and schools must make all ‘A’s on all applicable Value-Added measures on the Ohio School Report Card from the 2018-19 school year. The four measures are All Students, Gifted Students, Students in the Lowest 20% in Achievement, and Students with Disabilities. Which characterizes a wide range of learners.

Eric Talbot, Sandusky High School Principal stated, *“I am proud of our students and staff that helped make this a reality. Growing our students is our primary mission here at Sandusky High and we are excited that the students and faculty are getting the recognition they deserve. It takes all of us to grow children, from family and community members supporting children, to the bus drivers bringing our students to school, to the cafeteria staff preparing food so our students are not hungry, to the custodians keeping the learning environment clean, to the teachers delivering meaningful instruction every day, and finally students themselves seeking opportunities to learn and grow. It is a total team effort and I am grateful to be part of one of the few ‘high growth’ high schools in all of Ohio.”*

Additional Momentum Award Statistics include:

- 173 schools in Ohio earned this award (out of 3,500 possible)
- 41 High Schools in Ohio earned this award (out of 850 possible)
- 22 High Schools in Ohio earned this award two years in a row

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