A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Our vision is “Success today, Prepared for tomorrow.”

Welcome to a progressive district that values tradition and ceremony, along with a growth mindset to provide a holistic education experience for our students and community. We do that through the hard work of a dedicated staff and community partners, implementing a focused strategic plan, Graham 2020. We are here to produce future ready citizens.

As your superintendent, I am excited to see Graham Soar this year. When people ask, “What’s Good at Graham?” I can assure you we have a list of the finest students, staff, facilities, programs and opportunities to share!

Go Falcons!

Sincerely,

Kirk Koennecke, Superintendent
Teachers work with our Future Ready students on design challenges and thematic issues in a STEM culture where students are motivated to take ownership of their learning from start to finish. Students learn to plan, prepare, present, and evaluate their work with a supportive staff recognized by the State of Ohio as STEM leaders. Graham students earn more job readiness credentials than their peers.

We present a challenging curriculum with unique offerings such as Logistics, Biomed, and Aviation Sciences at GHS. Five Project Lead the Way courses at GMS provide a career path foundation in STEM. Coding, Genius Hours, and a variety of leadership development activities K-12 prepare students for their futures. The Leader in Me at GES is an internationally recognized leadership program.

**GOALS**

- **Expand Personalized Learning Model K-12**
- **Expand STEAM Offerings K-12**

| TOTAL COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED BY STUDENTS | 875 |
| STUDENTS EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS IN 2018 | 96  |
| STUDENTS EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS IN 2017 | 67  |
Through creativity and exploration in our GrahamSTEAM programs, Outdoor Education, Falcon Farms, and many electives, our students learn about career pathways and the three E’s: **ENLISTMENT, ENROLLMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT.**

Project based learning and student-led activities are the hallmarks of Graham. From FIRST Lego Leagues to United Service Day, FFA competitions to low ropes experiences, we put students at the center of the learning experience. Our personalized culture of experiences begins in elementary school and ends with a “commitment” at Falcon Signing Day each year.

**GOALS**

- **STUDENT-LED LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**
- **EXPAND INTERN OPPORTUNITIES**
We are a caring, professional staff dedicated to the development and education of our students. The close cooperation between parents, staff and community partners lends itself to a school where students enjoy a personalized environment conducive to learning and success.

We strive to provide a safe, challenging work environment to help each student become responsible individuals, and lifelong learners in an ever-changing world.

**GOALS**

- Implement Leader in Me Program
- Increase Student-Led Events
COMMUNITY MATTERS! Graham works with over 35 community partners to bring unique learning opportunities to students, and to model civic leadership in our schools.

With partners like the United Way, Urbana University, Clark State, Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, YMCA, and Champaign Foundation we are able to sustain a 21st century learning lab for students, and provide rich learning opportunities on and off campus.

GOALS

- EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS FOR JOB SHADOW, SERVICE LEARNING
- IMPLEMENT COMPUTER SCIENCE CURRICULUM
The Graham 2020 strategic plan Goal #5 states, we work to obtain financial stability in order to maintain and expand educational opportunities for our students. The day-to-day operation of our school district includes expenses such as staff, technology, transportation, utility costs, etc. Instructional costs make up 60% of the operational expenses.

Graham has the lowest operating tax rate of 40 districts in Champaign County and the surrounding six counties. Graham’s expenditure per pupil in the 2016-2017 school year of $9,689 ranked in the bottom 20% of the 607 district in Ohio. Similar districts and the state average expenditure per pupil were $10,249 and $11,603 respectively for the same year. We are committed to providing our residents with information about the financial status of the district. We strive to be cost effective in everything we purchase. Feel free to contact us anytime.

**GOALS**

- **WORK TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL STABILITY TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
- **CONTINUE FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY**
Graham Local Schools was recently recognized as 1 of 20 Model Schools for Innovation nationally. The U.S Department of Education made its first site visit to Champaign County this school year to study Graham. We have 2 of 55 schools Awarded rare STEM Designations in Ohio. We have the only high school grade level of Lean Six Sigma students in the nation.

Our Graham STEAM programs have been awarded special designations by the State of Ohio. Coding, Global Surveying, AP Computer Science, Ted Talks, and Google Certifications are just a few examples of how we integrate modern technology into our curriculum.

**GOALS**

- IMPLEMENT EXPANDED USE OF DEVICES K-12
EXTRACURRICULAR

GIS
FALCON FARMS

BEEKEEPERS

GOOGLE CERTIFICATION

LEAN 6 SIGMA

FFA

LEGO LEAGUE
FROM PRESCHOOL TO GRADUATION
A PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCE