

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
December 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Schneider presiding. The meeting was livestreamed to the internet.

Councilmembers present: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.

Other Village officials present were Clerk DeCapite, Treasurer Siemborski, Chief Minichello, Chief Robinson, Service Director Biggert, Finance Administrator Mulh, Village Engineer Courtney, Prosecutor Cicero, and Acting Law Director Chojnacki.

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 Council meeting were presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Sogg moved to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes. Councilmember Whitney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
 Nays: None.
 Abstain: None.
 Motion carried.

Pay Ordinance #1256 in the amount of \$653,031.40 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Welsh to approve Pay Ordinance #1256. Councilmember Whitney seconded the motion to approve Pay Ordinance #1256. Councilmember Turner inquired about the payment made to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer. Mrs. Mulh responded the payment was for the wastewater plant maintenance and inspections from 2020.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
 Nays: None.
 Motion carried.

Treasurer Siemborski read his report for the month of November, which is attached.

Mayor Schneider gave her report. She read a thank you note from Jan Vanderfeen regarding Sgt. Day and Officer Newsome's assistance during an incident at her home. She noted thank you cards from Hawken's kindergarten classes to Chiefs Minichello and Robinson for providing the classes with safety information via zoom. Mayor Schneider thanked Councilmembers Frankel, Sogg and Whitney for their years of service on Council. She presented them with gifts and asked them to say a few words. Councilmember Frankel's remarks are attached. Councilmember Whitney noted she had spoken when she announced she would not be running for election. She stated it was a pleasure to work with everyone. Councilmember Sogg stated she was awestruck by Councilmember Frankel's comments. She recognized very good participation by Villagers, but noted some wrong assumptions had been made by some. She stated it was a privilege to work as a councilperson and that a highlight of hers was to work with the staff. They go above and beyond. She thanked Village Engineer Courtney, Fire Chief Robinson, Service Director Biggert, Police Chief Minichello and Finance Administrator Mulh. She thanked Mayor Schneider for her dedication as well.

Clerk DeCapite noted the necessity of HB9 training for elected officials. She asked for a motion for Janet Mulh to be the HB9 training designee for the elected officials. Councilmember AuWerter moved to have Janet Mulh be the designee for training, with Councilmember Frankel seconding the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Councilmember AuWerter reported on the Comprehensive Plan. At the Council Workshop on December 11, 2021, it was determined to use “comprehensive” plan instead of “master” plan as it better describes the project. There are over 90 residents who have agreed to serve on committees thus far. The sub-committee on outside perspectives may kickoff in January in order to feed into the first Advisory Committee meeting in April or May.

Councilmember AuWerter spoke about the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Financial Task Force. It is considering alternative ways to allocate costs to its member-communities. Currently, none of the 911-Fund money is distributed to CVD. If that should change, it would help cover some costs for the member-communities. The Task Force should complete its work by May.

Councilmember Turner reported the Gates Mills Land Conservancy had a board meeting this morning. The Conservancy welcomed new board members Anthony Fazio and Celeste McClung. There was also a board member resignation from Joe Joseph. He was a mayoral appointee, so Mayor Schneider will have to appoint a new person to the Board. Membership in the Conservancy is down this year from 130 members to 77.

Councilmember Turner reported various rankings and grades for the Mayfield City School District. The Niche organization’s 2022 report for schools provided MCSD with an “A” grade. The Village would like to have a candidate to run for the school board in two years. She noted the Niche report can be found on the school district’s website. She also provided links for information, which are attached, for U.S. News and World Report ratings and the Niche report.

Treasurer Siemborski reported the Wage and Benefit Committee had met and evaluated the wages of all employees and compared them to 8 other communities in the area. Compensation is on average in many areas and distinctly low to dead last in the Sergeant and full-time Police Officer categories. The Village wants to be competitive with other communities and retain its employees and, therefore, moved up the salaries accordingly. All other employees will see a 4% increase. Incentive pay and longevity bonuses were also reviewed.

Treasurer Siemborski reported the Finance/Budget Committee met twice to review the budget for 2022. The meetings lasted 2.5 and 1.5 hours respectively, with additional time put in by committee members in preparation for the meetings. We have a balanced budget and the committee focused on expenses. The availability of vehicles is an unknown factor, but we have 3 in the budget for next year with another vehicle carried over to next year due to manufacturing delays. Councilmember AuWerter added that the national wage increase is 3.9% going into next year, so the 4% was smart to stay competitive. Treasurer Siemborski added he does not think the CPI and rate of inflation increases would continue another 12 months.

Chief Minichello provided his report. He noted the Village had received an additional \$25,000 donation in the Safety Fund for a technology project in the future and for the purchase of dash cameras. An anonymous donor is also donating approximately \$10,000 in stock to the Safety Fund. Council will be asked to accept the donation and authorize the sale of the stock this evening. On November 16 officers participated in a self-defense class. On November 29, the Village had two domestic violence calls within one and one-half hours of each other. Hunting Valley assisted on one call. Councilmember Turner mentioned an article in the Chagrin Valley Times that recognized SRO Kimbrew. Principal Ravida stated he is one of the most positive role models at the school for the children. He often accepts invitations to celebrations from the children and goes on his own time. Councilmember Steinbrink asked if the traffic camera informational night is online now. Chief Minichello responded that it is. Chief Minichello thanked Councilmembers Frankel, Sogg, and Whitney for their service and support over the years.

Service Director Biggert provided his report. The light poles for the Mayfield Road and Chagrin River Road intersection have been reordered. The poles did not pass ODOT's inspection. ODOT will inspect the poles at the factory this time. If they aren't acceptable, the company will be removed from ODOT's list of vendors. Councilmember Sogg noted Wickliffe High School has a pole like the one Gilmour Academy wants for a cell tower. Gilmour has come to Planning and Zoning to get approval for a cell tower on their new lights. It was authorized in the past, but the school didn't move forward and are back with this plan. Mayor Schneider thanked the Service Department for making the Village beautiful with all of the lights. Councilmember Turner suggested updating the Village on the light poles at the intersection in the next Pink Sheet.

Chief Robinson provided his report. Mayor Schneider congratulated the Chief on his 25 years with the department. Chief Robinson noted it is also the 16th year anniversary since he became Fire Chief. He noted November was a busy month and call volumes are up in 2021 for both fire and EMS. Interestingly, there were four carbon monoxide calls. One was a generator on the west side of a home. Generator exhaust was going into the house due to the west to east directional winds. The exhaust needs to be rerouted. It was also noted that area codes need to be included with cell phone calls as of the end of October. This can present an issue with older alarm systems that don't have the area code programmed into them. American Security is contacting over 100 residents that may have an issue due to the change. Chiefs Robinson and Minichello are trying to get the information out to other alarm companies. Residents are encouraged to contact their alarm company to test and make sure their alarm system is working. Chief Robinson thanked Councilmembers Frankel, Sogg and Whitney for their service and wished all a happy holiday. Councilmember Welsh asked if The Illuminating Company representative will be coming back out due to continued outages. The Mayor responded that they have been checking on the lines with helicopters and drones to work on problem areas. There will always be outages, but hopefully response times improve.

Ordinance No. 2021-36 "An Ordinance Enacting Gates Mills Codified Ordinance Chapter 318 'Automated Speed and Traffic Enforcement Program'" was read by Councilmember Frankel. The Ordinance was put on second reading.

Resolution No. 2021-37 "A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Sensys Gatso Group for an Automated Photo Traffic Enforcement System" was read by

Councilmember Frankel. The Resolution was put on second reading. Councilmember AuWerter stated there is a natural conflict with Gatso and the Village. The Village wants to reduce speed and Gatso wants to make money. The cancellation terms have been rewritten, but if we want to get out of the contract, we could raise the speed violation limit to a level of not issuing tickets. After the contract is signed, business rules are compiled. We will have to iron out how the business rules and contract language work. He is looking for flexibility. Councilmember Turner asked if the \$38 processing fee per citation is the same across communities. Chief Mnicello noted it is the industry standard and Mayfield Village is the same amount. Blue Line, another vendor, collects \$40 per citation.

Resolution No. 2021-42 “A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the Anonymous Donation of Stock and to Authorize Ancora Advisors to Liquidate the Stock; Directing the Finance Administrator to Deposit the Proceeds in the Safety Fund; and Expressing Gratitude for the Donation” was read by Councilmember Turner.

Councilmember Turner moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-42 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Turner to approve Resolution No. 2021-42. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-42.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-43 “A Resolution Accepting the Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-43 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Frankel seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Resolution No. 2021-43. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-43.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-44 “A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Advance Taxes from the Proceeds of Tax Levies Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-44 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to Resolution 2021-44. Councilmember Frankel seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-44.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-45 “An Ordinance Authorizing a Contract with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. to Furnish and Provide Liability and Property Insurance Coverages for the Village of Gates Mills, its Officials and Employees and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-45 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Ordinance No. 2021-45. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-45.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-46 “An Ordinance Declaring the Village’s Intention to Enter into a Health Reimbursement Account for 2022; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-46 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Ordinance No. 2021-46. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-46.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-47 “An Ordinance Setting Forth the Rate of Compensation for Engineering Services for the Village; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember AuWerter. He noted the new agreement. The Engineer will update the road conditions and priorities annually. This is noted in Section 2 (g) of the contract. There are two ways to get paid per project. One is a percentage of the project and the other is a fixed or quoted amount for a project.

Councilmember AuWerter moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-47 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Frankel seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember AuWerter to approve Ordinance No. 2021-47. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-47.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-48 “An Ordinance to Increase the Compensation of Certain Village Employees; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Whitney. She thanked Treasurer Siemborski for the background provided earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-48 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Ordinance No. 2021-48. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-48.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-49 “An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2021-4 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-49 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Ordinance No. 2021-49. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-49.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2021-50 “An Ordinance Providing Appropriations for Expenditures for the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-50 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney to approve Ordinance No. 2021-50. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-50.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Councilmember Turner explained that while Council passed about 8 pieces of legislation on finances and budget, there have been many meetings that have occurred with members of council in attendance or as part of committees over the past month. This is the reason Council can pass the legislation with few questions.

Business from the Audience:

Charlie Baker, Echo Glen, stated the Police Department will maintain discretion in issuing citations.

Celeste McClung, Chagrin River Road, questioned if cameras go up on Mayfield Road, will traffic be diverted to other roads and what can be done about that. She asked that Council look at the bigger picture and how other roads may be affected. Chief Minichello is looking into this.

Jerry Bohinc, Cairn Lane, stated there are no new good ideas. There are unintended consequences of new ideas. While reducing speed is good, the consequences could be bad. He asked if 10-20% speed and David Atton, Chagrin River Road, responded that 90% are speeding. Mr. Bohinc continued and stated this could be like a tax on Geauga County residents passing through. There could be retaliation from neighboring communities. This will divert traffic to Old Mill and Wilson Mills. The State will inject itself into this and take over. In the late 1980s they used flyers on Battles Road to say that the police would be enforcing the speed on the road. Strategy is imperative for this and has to be consistent.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Sogg, seconded by Councilmember Frankel, and unanimously carried, that the council meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
 Nays: None.
 Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:



Karen E. Schneider, Mayor

Treasurer's Report

December 14, 2021

This month's report discusses (a) the year-to-date financial results for eleven months ended November 30 and (b) meetings held and progress achieved in respect of the 2022 budget and underlying Appropriation Ordinance 2021-50.

Year-to-date Financial Performance

Financial statements were distributed to the Mayor, Clerk and Council in advance of the Council meeting.

The Village is on very solid financial footings. November produced General Fund revenue of \$255,000. The Village collected \$191,000 of municipal income tax revenue and \$64,000 of other source income. In November, the Village paid \$405,000 for Police, Fire, Service and Administration expenses. Payroll and related personnel costs accounted for \$306,000 or 75% of total expenditures.

For the 11 months year-to-date, General Fund revenue of \$7.4 million exceeds General Fund expenses of \$5.0 million by \$ 2.4 million, resulting in a large surplus. Revenue from real estate taxes and municipal income taxes are favorable to budget. Expenses are on or near budget, with most variances attributable to timing of payments.

The General Fund cash balance is \$7.6 million representing over 12 months of operating needs.

At this time, it is safe to forecast that the Village will complete calendar 2021 with a current year 2021 operating surplus in excess of our planned surplus of \$777,000 for the General Fund.

Again, the village is on solid financial footing and the surplus in 2021 will be available to use in 2022 and future years.

As to the Capital Improvement Fund, the November 30 balance is \$460,000. We expect to spend most of these funds in December to complete the 2021 Road Program.

As the books of the Village are maintained essentially on a cash basis, there can be large variances based on when cash is received, and expenses are paid. Month-over-month, and year-over-year, it is not uncommon to have a surplus one period and a shortfall the next period.

2022 Budget

We have completed the General Fund budget for 2022. The Village Finance Administrator and I have met with the Department Heads, the Insurance Committee and the Wage and Benefit Committee. Using that information, the Budget and Finance Committee met twice in hours-long working sessions and approved a balanced budget consisting of \$5.6 million in revenue and \$5.7 million in expenses. The expenditure figure of \$5,731,000 underlies the Appropriation Ordinance 50 that will be discussed later in this meeting. Also, the Recommendation of the Wage and Benefit Committee underlie Appropriation Ordinances 46 and 48 which will be discussed this evening.

There are a few open items to continue work on. While we have set a budget for 2022, we know that the 2021 data, once finalized by the turn of the calendar, will help inform us on the longer-range implications. In the first quarter, we'll revisit the financial projections developed in 2020 for LRP and

Janet Mulh

From: Sandra Turner <turner4gm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Janet Mulh
Subject: Niche and U.S. News and World Report - Mayfield Schools

Janet,

These are the links to the Mayfield Schools reports that I referenced at the council meeting.

<https://www.niche.com/k12/d/mayfield-city-school-district-oh/>

Niche report on the Mayfield City School District

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/ohio/districts/mayfield-city/mayfield-high-school-15264>

U.S. News and World Report rating of Mayfield High School

Sandra

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Sandra Turner, Ph.D.
Council President Pro Tem - Village of Gates Mills

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Mayfield City School District

#13 in Best School Districts in Cleveland Area

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OH • ★★★★★☆ 53 reviews



Overall Niche Grade

How are grades calculated?
Data Sources

- A- Academics
- A- Diversity
- A+ Teachers
- A College Prep
- A Clubs & Activities
- A Health & Safety
- A+ Administration
- B+ Sports
- A Food
- A- Resources & Facilities

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Mayfield City School District is a highly rated, public school district located in MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OH. It has 4,524 students in grades PK, K-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 19 to 1. According to state test scores, 72% of students are at least proficient in math and 77% in reading.

🌐 mayfieldschools.org

📞 (440) 995-6800

📍 1101 SOM CENTER ROAD
MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OH 44124

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Mayfield City School District Rankings

Mayfield High School

6116 Wilson Mills Rd, Cleveland, Ohio

(440) 995-6900

#2,899 in National Rankings

Overall Score 83.77/100



QUICK STATS

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Grades | 9-12 |
| Total Enrollment | 1,787 |
| Student-Teacher Ratio | 21:1 |

Overview of Mayfield High School

Mayfield High School is ranked 98th within Ohio. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Mayfield High School is 33%. The total minority enrollment is 34%, and 21% of students are economically disadvantaged. Mayfield High School is the only high school in the Mayfield City.

Mayfield High School 2021 Rankings

Mayfield High School is ranked #2,899 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about how we rank the Best High Schools.

All Rankings

#2,899 in National Rankings

#98 in Ohio High Schools

#24 in Cleveland, OH Metro Area High Schools

SCORECARD

83.77

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Took at Least One AP® Exam | 33% |
| Passed at Least One AP® Exam | 21% |
| Mathematics Proficiency | 68% |
| Reading Proficiency | 82% |
| Graduation Rate | 95% |

Ranking Factors

How Mayfield High School performed nationally and statewide out of 17,857 nationally ranked schools and 683 schools ranked in Ohio.

College Readiness Index Rank [?]

#5,401 (tie) NATIONAL

#159 STATE

College Curriculum Breadth Index Rank [?]

#3,282 (tie) NATIONAL

#95 STATE

Math and Reading Proficiency Rank [?]

#2,508 NATIONAL

#96 STATE

Math and Reading Performance Rank [?]

#3,576 NATIONAL

#137 STATE

Graduation Rate Rank [?]

Students/Teachers at Mayfield High School

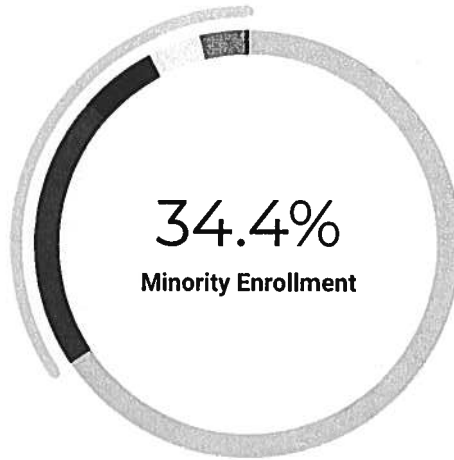
These counts and percentages of students and teachers are from data reported by schools to the government.

Total Enrollment: **1,787**

Student Enrollment by Grade:



Student Diversity:



34.4% Minority Enrollment

65.6% White

20.8% Black

5.8% Asian

4.1% Two or More Races

3.4% Hispanic

0.2% American Indian/Alaska Native

0.1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Gender Distribution:

Female **45%**

Male **55%**

Total Economically Disadvantaged (% of total): ?

21%

Free Lunch Program (% of total): ?

18%

Reduced-Price Lunch Program (% of total): ?

4%

Full-Time Teachers: **86**

Test Scores at Mayfield High School

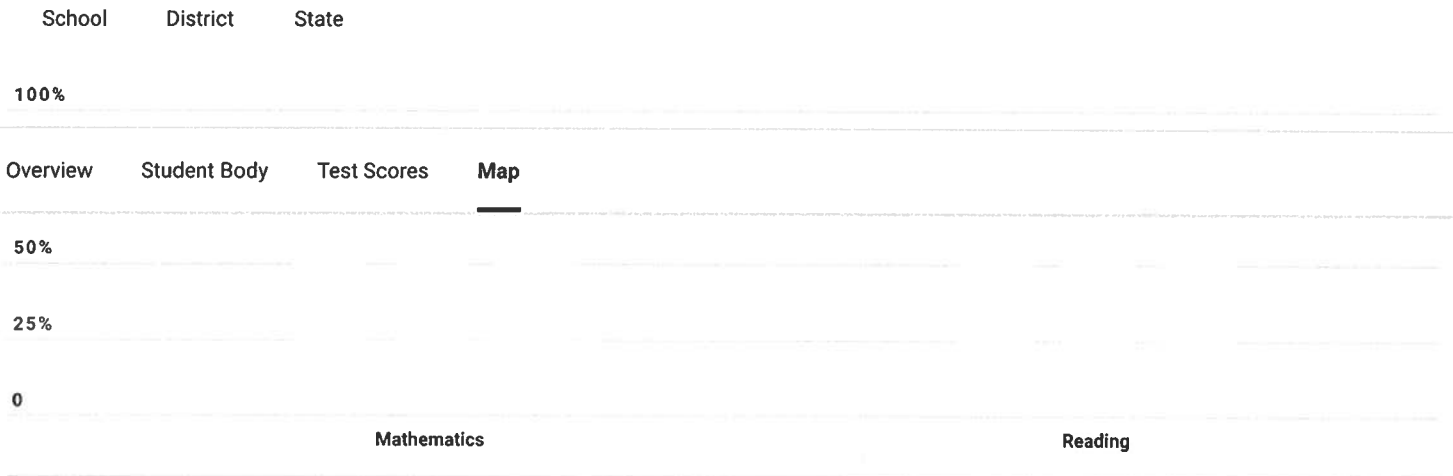
U.S. News calculates these values for schools based on student performance on state-required tests and internationally available exams on college-level coursework (AP® and IB exams).

College Readiness Index: [?](#)

24.3/100

Subject Proficiency:

Ohio administered the Ohio Graduations Tests to high school students. These figures display how well the school as a whole performed in reading and mathematics.



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School Data

School profile information is based on government data.

Graduation Rate: **95% (somewhat above state median)**

Grades Served: **9-12**

Setting: **Large Suburb**

Charter School: [?](#)

No

Magnet School: [?](#)

N/A

Eligible for Title I Funding: [?](#)

Yes



*Speech from Council member Harry Frankel
December 14, 2021 Council Meeting*

Mayor Schneider, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Gates Mills for the opportunity to serve as a member of council over the past nine years. This has been a most rewarding experience as I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with Villagers and to listen to their concerns and to dedicate my efforts to do my best to maintain and improve the interests of the Village.

A Village does not run without dedicated Village officials and a conscientious Village staff. My thanks to Mayor Schneider and to all our council members that provide countless hours of time and energy and often with little recognition or thanks.

To our Department Heads:

Chief Minichello, while chairing the safety committee I have had the pleasure to work closely with you. I have great respect for your commitment to the Village. You lead an effective team of well-trained professionals that continue to provide high caliber safety services to the Village. You have a clear vision for our safety and dedication to the village.

Thank you to our Fire chief, Tom Robinson is celebrating his 25th anniversary with the Village. Chief Robinson continues to emphasize training of our fire fighters, spear headed the design and purchase of our recently purchased fire engine. He keeps us up to date on fire prevention and is considering offering cooking lessons to reduce the number of calls for smoke from burnt food.

Dave Biggert our service director. Thank you for your continued efforts keeping our roads free of snow and ice, for the beautification of our landscapes, and the holiday lights that we are enjoying at this very time. I think we can all agree as to the quality and efficiency of our Service Department Staff that you lead.

Janet our Finance Administrator. Thank you for your help answering my many questions throughout my years on council and for your industrious work ethic. I often pass through the village after normal business hours seeing that your lights are still on as you are working on Village business. I would like to recognize you for your dedication to our Village.

And of course, thanks to Chris Courtney our Village engineer, our coordinators Dorothy and Jean and our entire Gates Mills Village Staff.

I would like to take a minute to reflect on some of the changes that I have noticed over the past years. Village involvement needs to be improved. In our last election of 2000 + registered voters, only 766 people voted, less than 40%. We need to encourage more participation.

Business from the audience has changed. In years past our Villagers would express their comments and concerns. This was done in a respectful manner. Democracy demands input and consideration of opinions. I would hope that this be offered in a respectful way, and we can return civility to our open forums.

I have observed that the November election has created a great deal of angst in the Village. Debate over transparency, Village Finances and the funding of Mayfield school are issues that have been raised. I assure you that every council meeting and every committee meeting have been open and transparent. Council does not meet behind closed doors. Come to council meeting or committee meetings and hear first hand how business is conducted. Listen to our Village treasurer when he states we are in sound financial footing and if you don't think he is correct, sit down with him and find out why he feels the way he does. Come to our Mayfield School liaison meetings or tour the schools and see first-hand what your tax dollars provide. We are so blessed to live in this Village. It's a small Village with a big history. Contentious elections like the last one can stain the fabric our community. Don't let opinions tarnish our Village. Get facts firsthand, become involved, and show that we can respect each other even when opinions differ.

Again my farewell and my thanks to you all.