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Summit County school results mixed

More students improve, but reading scores dip

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More Summit County students scored better on state tests last school year, but lower ratings for early literacy and third grade reading caused mixed results on the latest Ohio school report cards for many local school districts.

Released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce every fall, the Ohio school report cards show how students performed on the state tests they took the previous school year and provides parents and the community information about absenteeism, graduation rates and readiness for the workforce. Unlike the report cards students bring home with the A-F grading scale, the state grades school districts and each school building using a star rating system. Three stars mean the district is meet-

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ing the state's expectations. One and two stars mean the district performed below expectations, and four and five stars mean the district exceeded expectations.

Some Ohio districts, including Copley-Fairlawn, Hudson, Revere and Twinsburg, also plan to release a separate quality profile report to their com-

munities that show other facets of their district's performance that they believe are not adequately captured by the report cards.

What do the Ohio school report cards show?

Stephen Dackin, director of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, said the new report card results, which were publicly released Sept. 15,

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Cleveland Cavaliers' Larry Nance Jr. signs autographs for Dylan Ullis and his son, Carter, of Wadsworth at the Swensons Drive-In on Hawkins Avenue on Sept. 13 in Akron. PHOTOS BY JEFF LANGE/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

CARHOP CAVALIER

Nance serves Swensons customers to give back

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Larry Nance Jr. of the Cleveland Cavaliers was “a man of the people” Sept. 13 in the parking lot of Swensons Drive-In on South Hawkins Avenue in Akron. • Nance ran food and drinks to customers for three hours during a charitable event that benefited Akron Public Schools. • “I grew up my entire life going to Swensons, both this one, the location near my house and everyone we can get our hands on,” Nance said. “... I am very proud of being a great player, making it to the NBA, playing for the Cavs and all of that. But for me it is way more about supporting the community that supported me and allowed me to get to where I am at today. That is something that has always maintained and always been a mission of mine.”

Nance, a 2011 Revere High School graduate who starred at the University of Wyoming, worked the lot with Swensons head server Lou Supan.

“He is killing it,” Supan said. “... He is a natural. We are lucky to have him. Larry is starting as a trainee, but there is an opportunity to earn some olives [on his Swensons name tag] today.”

Nance had five olives on his Swensons name tag by the end of his three-hour Saturday, the highest honor for a server.

“I am very proud to be from here and this is a place that I have truly eaten at hundreds of hun-



Larry Nance Jr. greets Mason Brosch and his dog, Argyle, during a fundraising event at the Swensons Drive-In on Hawkins Avenue on Sept. 13.

dreds of times,” Nance said. “It is still one of my favorites and it will continue to be one of my favorites. This is an area that I will live at until I die. Why not partner with my favorite spot in my favorite area?”

Nance talked with hundreds of people at Swensons, including his wife, Hailey, his sister, Casey Nance, and their father, retired Cavaliers star Larry Nance Sr.

“You look so adorable,” Casey said to Larry Jr. when she saw him in his Swensons outfit.

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Official resigns in Kirk post backlash

Impellizzeri served on Munroe Falls council

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Munroe Falls City Councilman John Impellizzeri has resigned from council and is the subject of an investigation by his employer following backlash regarding a Facebook post he made last week about conservative leader Charlie Kirk's assassination.

City Council President Ross Widener shared a copy of Impellizzeri's resignation letter with the Beacon Journal on Sept. 15.

“As requested, I officially resign,” Impellizzeri wrote to Mayor Allen Mavrides. “It has been an honor working for Munroe Falls.”

Mavrides has not responded to requests for comment from the Beacon Journal.

In his post, Impellizzeri questions why “right-wingers” who are “calling for blood” after the death of Kirk didn't speak out after attacks on Democrats. The post ends by stating, “The world is a better place now that he's gone.”

Impellizzeri's Facebook account has since been deactivated, but screenshots of the post continue to circulate widely on social media.

In a Sept. 12 letter to residents posted on the Munroe Falls website, the mayor said Impellizzeri's comments “were made through a personal social media account, and were not made through, or on, official social media.”

“The remarks are the Councilmember's words alone,” the mayor wrote. “They are not reflective of the views of the city's administration.”

Further, Mavrides wrote, “We extend our condolences to the Kirk family members and those affected by the horrible events in Utah. The city's administration does not condone violence of any kind and regrets any events that cause harm to any individual.”

Impellizzeri works as senior IT testing coordinator for the University Hospitals network, according to his biography on the Munroe Falls website.

University Hospitals spokeswoman Ansley Kelm told the Beacon Journal via email Sept. 15, “UH is aware of the post. We are currently conducting an investigation and, once completed, will take appropriate action.”

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