

Kent City School District is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Treasurer



Application deadline: April 30, 2025

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The search

The **Kent City** School District Board of Education (Portage County) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of treasurer. The board is searching for a creative, experienced financial leader to succeed **Debbie Krutz**, who will retire this summer after serving the district as its Treasurer/CFO for 45 years. The new treasurer will join a dedicated leadership team, including five committed, collaborative and community-centered board of education members and Superintendent **Tom Larkin**.

The board is working with Kristine Robbins, OSBA's director of board and management services, to facilitate the search.

As the financial leader and expert within the district, the Kent City Schools treasurer is a respected and critical member of the district's administration, partnering with the board, superintendent and other administrators to consider, make and implement critical district decisions.

The treasurer is expected to be a model of professionalism, to articulate and achieve the district's short- and long-term financial goals, follow all federal and state laws, regulations and policies, oversee budgeting and auditing processes and ensure the transparency and accuracy of district financial matters. Currently, the treasurer's office consists of five staff members.



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The district treasurer is the chief financial officer of the school district. It is their responsibility to advise board members on all financial and budgetary matters and to support the board of education in its goals for district improvement. The board looks forward to establishing a collaborative, mutually beneficial relationship with the new treasurer.

The district

The district serves approximately 3,000 students preschool through grade 12. Located in Portage County, its enrollment area includes the city of Kent, Franklin Township, and the Village of Sugar Bush Knolls, as well as a small portion of southern Streetsboro. The district is committed to making a significant and positive difference in the lives of each of its students and to providing professional and meaningful careers to its teachers and staff members.

The district serves students at Davey Preschool, four neighborhood elementary buildings (Davey, Holden, Longcoy and Walls), at Stanton Middle School and Theodore Roosevelt High School (TRHS). It also is proud of its learning-centered and extra-curricular facilities, including a new athletic turf field, field house and competition gymnasium at TRHS. Other recent facilities improvements have included new secure entryways at all six school buildings and upgrades in the performing arts auditorium at TRHS.

Kent City Schools provides a wide array of excellent student programming, encompassing instructional, support services, non-instructional services, extracurricular activities and athletics. It offers significant programming for students with special needs, and this is an area of strength and expertise in Kent. The district also enjoys a long reputation of preparing students for college and career success. Many students take advantage of career technical programs offered through the district's membership in the Six District Educational Compact, with facilities at TRHS and five other regional high schools. Eleven of the compact's 28 CTE programs are offered at TRHS.

The community

Located in northeast Ohio's Portage County, Kent is an ideally sized community of approximately 28,000 residents. Known throughout the state as one of its



Board of Education	
Member	Years on the board
Tiera Moore, president	4
Dr. Alicia R. Crowe, vice president	2
Colin Boyle	4
David Myers	<1
Rebekah Wright Kulis	18

Tentative search timetable	
Application deadline	April 30
First round interviews	May 12 or 14
Second round interviews	May 19
Employment begins	August 1

great college towns, the city and district are proud of their partnerships and programs with Kent State University (KSU), Team Kent and the Six District Educational Compact.

Portage County, named for the confluence of the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas rivers, is home to significant employers, including KSU, the Davey Tree Expert Co., University Hospitals-Portage County, Northeast Ohio Medical University and leading manufacturers. The district, university and city are known for their rich and varied cultural and arts programs. Kent, the original Tree City, is blessed with an extensive park system, a dynamic downtown and many festivals and events throughout the year. The city of Kent is located 25 miles north of Akron and less than an hour south of Cleveland.

Qualifications

The Kent City Schools Board of Education is searching for a treasurer with solid experience, positive and proven leadership skills, excellent communication skills and unquestionable honesty and integrity.

The new treasurer should be one whose knowledge and commitment is unquestioned, and whose consistent financial decision-making and guidance will assist the district in maintaining community trust and investment. Candidates must be able to demonstrate:

- A strong understanding of Ohio school law and public-school financing.
- A thorough knowledge of and successful experience in sound fiscal management practices.
- Sophisticated business management skills in the areas of long-range planning, fiscal forecasting, personnel management, collective bargaining and insurance management.
- Excellent analytical, listening, verbal and written communication skills with the ability to frankly and diplomatically convey pertinent information to the board, superintendent, staff, community and media.
- The ability to evaluate, establish and maintain adequate internal accounting controls and to successfully navigate all audits.

Students and staff at a glance

Enrollment	3,194
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Number of employees	
Certificated	326
Non-certificated	104
Administrators	19

Average teacher salary	\$89,374
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Bond rating	
Moody's	Aa2
S&P	AA



- Experience in governmental GAAP accounting and reporting.
- Successful experience with new levy and bond issues.
- The ability to maintain fiscal credibility and to serve as the board's spokesperson to communicate financial/management information to the management team and community.
- The ability to guide, supervise, develop and evaluate staff and delegate responsibility as necessary.
- A management style emphasizing organization, creativity, collaboration and cooperation.

Terms of employment and compensation

The successful candidate will be offered a multi-year contract. The salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefits package is included.

Application process

Visit OSBA's secure, online application system at <https://osba.myrevelus.com> to apply. Application materials are subject to Ohio's public records laws.

Note: Applicants should not make personal contact with board of education members. For information about the search, contact the OSBA search consultant.

Questions

For questions about the search, contact:

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District financial information

Total valuation	\$864,984,280
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Mills

Inside	3.80
Class I effective millage	28.87
Bond	2.63

Appropriations

General fund	\$62,109,331
Total — all funds	\$85,482,155

Expenditures per pupil	\$20,462
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Receipts

General fund revenue	
General property taxes	44.6%
Public utility taxes	4.9%
State funding	33.7%
Other	16.8%



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