

Mount Vernon City School District is seeking qualified applicants for the position of

Treasurer



Application deadline: April 17, 2026

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The search

The **Mount Vernon City** Board of Education is presently searching for a district treasurer to become its new chief financial officer as their longtime treasurer, Judy Forney, is retiring after 15 years of service to the district. It is anticipated that the new treasurer will begin their duties in August 2026. The school board hopes to have a candidate selected in early May. The application deadline is Friday, April 17.

As its financial leader, the position of treasurer is crucial to the district's leadership team. In collaboration with the superintendent, **Bill Seder**, the treasurer's role is to achieve the school district's fiscal goals, maintain financial policy, provide accurate and accountable records and preserve district stability by using sound personnel management practices. The treasurer is also expected to educate and inform

both the board of education and community with the current and future challenges of school funding.

The district

Mount Vernon City Schools serves approximately 3,400 students in grades PK-12. Spanning roughly 145 square miles across central Knox County, the school district's 92-mile boundary serves a diverse community that reflects both small-town values and forward-thinking educational goals.

The school district operates eight schools, including six elementary schools, Mount Vernon Middle School and Mount Vernon High School. The middle and high schools share a common campus. Students also have access to the Knox County Career Center, located adjacent to the middle/high school campus, offering hands-on career and technical education



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opportunities. To support a range of learning needs, the Mount Vernon Digital Academy—launched in 2016—provides flexible, personalized online learning options. The Knox County Educational Service Center operates a preschool program at New Hope Early Education Center for Mount Vernon City Schools.

Overall, the school district received four stars in its most recent report card and accomplished four stars in the achievement, graduation and progress features along with five stars in gap closing.

Recently, the school district partnered with Mount Vernon Nazarene University and the City of Mount Vernon to spearhead the construction of an athletics fieldhouse, a new transportation and maintenance building and a campus road extension. The project was funded through private donations to the athletic boosters and a matching campaign provided by the Ariel Foundation.

Mission: To provide, in cooperation with the larger community, a quality education for all students by upholding a standard of excellence in curriculum, staff, facilities, achievement and conduct and to graduate individuals empowered to be self-motivated, lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

The community

Just 45 miles northeast of Columbus along the Kokosing River, Mount Vernon City Schools benefits from access to a major metropolitan area while maintaining a close-knit, small-town atmosphere rooted in tradition and community pride.

The Mount Vernon community strongly supports its schools and values education as a cornerstone of its future. Residents are actively engaged and take pride in opportunities that connect students, families and the broader community. Annual events such as the Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival, Knox County Fair, Johnny Appleseed Festival and seasonal downtown celebrations provide meaningful opportunities for student involvement, community engagement and school visibility throughout the year.

The region's economy is supported by a diverse base of manufacturing, healthcare, education and small businesses. Major employers include Ariel Corporation, Kokosing Construction Company and the Knox Community Hospital, all of which contribute to the area's stability and growth. The nearby Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Kenyon



Board of Education	
Member	Years on the board
Jody Goetzman, President	19
Tim Workman, Vice President	7
Dr. Margie Bennett	39
Mary Rugola-Dye	13
Jeffrey Ward	5

Tentative search timetable	
Application deadline	April 17
First round interviews	April 27 and 28
Second round interviews	May 7
Board appointment	May 18
Employment begins	Aug. 1

College enhance the community through cultural opportunities, academic partnerships and enrichment experiences for students.

Strong partnerships with organizations such as the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, Experience Mount Vernon and local nonprofits support workforce development, student opportunities and community vitality. These relationships, combined with an active downtown, accessible outdoor amenities like Ariel-Foundation Park and a high quality of life, make Mount Vernon an exceptional place to live, work and learn.

Mount Vernon City Schools is supported by a collaborative, invested community that values continuous improvement, strong leadership and student success—providing an ideal environment for educational excellence.

Qualifications

The Mount Vernon City Board of Education seeks a qualified and experienced school treasurer who demonstrates strong leadership, empathy and a collaborative, team-oriented approach. The ideal candidate is a visionary leader who can mentor staff, communicate effectively and professionally in public settings, and take pride in both their work and the success of their team. Active involvement in the community is important with residency in the district preferred.

Applicants should also possess knowledge of construction and facilities management. The successful candidate must hold a current and valid treasurer’s license.

The new treasurer should be able to demonstrate or show evidence of accomplishment in the following areas:

- ability to evaluate, establish and maintain adequate internal accounting controls, and to successfully navigate all audits
- sophisticated business management skills in the areas of long-range planning, fiscal forecasting, personnel management, collective bargaining and insurance management
- ability to work well and form a strong partnership with the superintendent

Students and staff at a glance

Enrollment	3,380
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Number of employees	
Certificated	279
Non-certificated	136
Administrators	25

Average teacher salary	\$77,372
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Bachelor’s Degree	32%
Master’s Degree	68%
Average years of experience	14.7 years



- strong understanding of Ohio school law and public-school financing
- successful experience with levy and bond campaigns
- a positive personality with a high degree of integrity, enthusiasm, energy and dedication
- ability to develop both short and long-range financial forecasts
- ability to maintain fiscal credibility and to serve as the board's spokesperson to communicate financial information to the management team and community

Terms of employment and compensation

The Mount Vernon City Board of Education will provide a competitive compensation package, including a multi-year contract with provisions for annual review and evaluation. Salary and fringe benefits will be commensurate with the education and experience of the candidate.

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
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District financial information

Total valuation	\$997,730,206
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Mills	
Inside	3.4
Outside (voted)	30.97
Outside (effective)	26.97
Bond (voted)	0
Permanent improvement (voted)	2.90
School Income Tax	0

Appropriations	
General fund	\$49,893,958
Total — all funds	\$68,389,992

Expenditures per pupil	\$14,169.27
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Receipts	General fund	All funds
Local taxes	\$22,141,332	\$24,142,162
Local other	\$6,533,494	\$21,277,388
State	\$22,392,948	\$22,733,707
Federal	None	\$3,810,170

