

In a first-of-its-kind statewide transparency initiative, Northwest Local School District has partnered with Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel's office to post the district's checkbook level spending online at OhioCheckbook.com.

Northwest Local Schools joined this growing transparency movement by launching their local checkbook spending site on September 24. You can view how your money is spent by visiting NorthwestSchoolsHamilton.OhioCheckbook.com.

This past December, Treasurer Mandel launched OhioCheckbook.com, which for the first time in Ohio history posts all state spending information on the internet. Treasurer Mandel recently expanded OhioCheckbook.com to include local government and school districts across Ohio by inviting local officials to partner with the Treasurer's office to post their spending information online, at no cost to local governments.

Since that invitation, hundreds of counties, cities, schools, townships and special districts across Ohio have joined the movement towards greater transparency by partnering with the Treasurer's office, and last month, the first 114 of these local transparency sites launched live on OhioCheckbook.com.

"I believe the people of Ohio have a right to know how their tax money is being spent at the state and local level," said Treasurer Mandel. "By partnering and posting local government and school checkbooks on OhioCheckbook.com, taxpayers across Ohio are empowered with a powerful tool to hold public officials accountable within their communities."

Northwest Local School District is a part of the first wave of local governments and schools to participate in this transparency partnership and open the checkbook for citizens to follow their money.

"We are pleased that the Northwest Local School District in Hamilton County will be one of the first public school districts in the state with our detailed expenditures available on OhioCheckbook.com," said Northwest Local School District Board Member Dan Unger. "I believe that this new transparency effort will breed innovation and build trust with the community. By making our expenditures easily accessible to the public, a thousand sets of eyes can help to encourage good spending decisions."

You can view Northwest Local School District's online checkbook at NorthwestSchoolsHamilton.OhioCheckbook.com.

To learn more, visit OhioCheckbook.com and select the "Local Gov & Schools" option.