



## Bellefontaine Middle School Awarded \$850,000.00 Grant

The Ohio Department of Education has awarded Bellefontaine Middle School with a Nita M. Lowey 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant. BMS was one of forty-two schools in the state to receive this special honor. Funding for the grant is allocated over a 5-year cycle and is designed to offer learning opportunities outside the regular school day. Bellefontaine Middle School is excited to offer BMS+, a program that will extend learning beyond the classroom. BMS+ will align academic services to the needs of students while meeting state academic standards. Programming will provide academic enrichment, positive youth development, family engagement activities, as well as technology opportunities. Students will also focus on social-emotional learning, civic engagement, nutrition, physical health, dropout prevention, and college/career readiness.

Bellefontaine Middle School will be collaborating with the Logan County Chamber in a partnership designed to further support our students, families, and community. BMS principal, Mrs. Holycross said, "Partnering with the Logan County Chamber will give our families another layer of services and allow students to become more involved with our local businesses."

This award is just one of several the Ohio Department of Education has bestowed upon Bellefontaine Middle School. Over the past several years, BMS has been recognized for their excellence in education by receiving the Momentum Award. State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria made a point to personally visit the school in order to congratulate staff and students.