

# Delaware City Schools 2018-2019 Annual Report and Quality Profile





## Year in Review & Fiscal Stewardship



Paul Craft,  
Superintendent

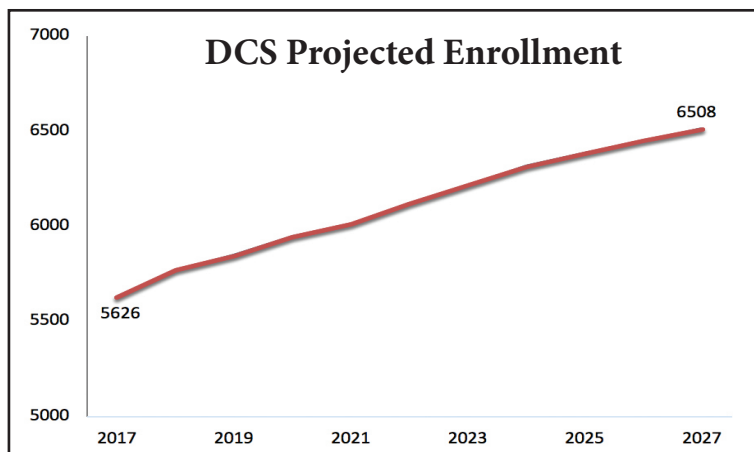
Dear Delaware Residents,

Our annual issue of Cornerstone provides an opportunity for us to let all of our community stakeholders know about the wonderful things happening in our Delaware City Schools. This community and its school district continue to move forward in incredible ways.

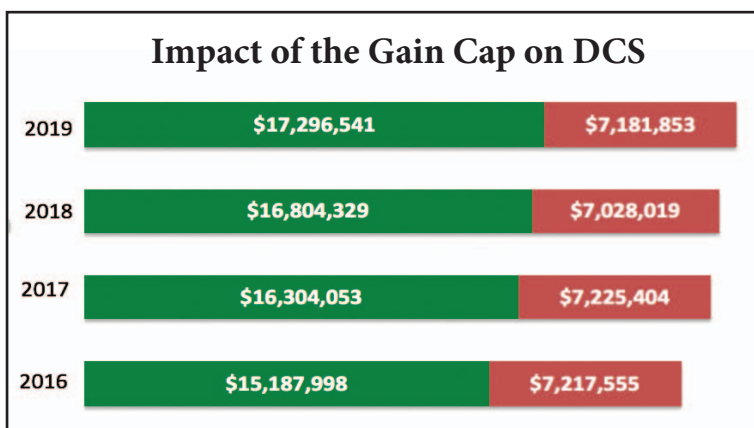
We are blessed to live in a growing, dynamic city and, I hope you agree, our schools are growing and dynamic as well. Great communities and strong school systems go hand in hand. Quality schools serve as a major consideration for families and businesses as they make choices on where to locate and offer tangible impacts on Delaware property values and community spirit.

The school year was filled with challenges and accomplishments, and next year looks to be more of the same. Steady increases in enrollment have required us to make additions to many of our schools and, thanks to voter approval in May, that construction will begin during this next school year. The state legislature's continued failure to fully fund growing districts like ours has cost the district more than \$7 million in formula funding each of the last six years. We continue to ask our stakeholders to reach out to our elected state representatives about this issue.

None of the achievements of the district, staff, or students illustrated in this report would be possible without the continued support of this wonderful community. We remain committed to providing a quality education at a cost that is sustainable to our taxpayers. I hope you enjoy reading through the annual report. We look forward to an incredible 2019-20 school year!



**Enrollment continues to grow along with the Delaware community. Student enrollment will continue to increase over the next 10 years.**



**The state's failure to fully fund growing districts like Delaware, coupled with the use of gain caps, has cost DCS more than \$7 million per year in state funding.**

### Kegley to Assume Superintendent Role



Heidi Kegley will assume the duties of superintendent for Delaware City Schools effective August 1, 2019.

Board President Jayna McDaniel-Browning said, "During her long tenure with the district, Heidi has proven to be an exceptional

leader and a tireless advocate for our students and staff. We are confident that under her leadership, our district will continue to thrive and reach new heights of academic excellence."

Kegley is grateful for the opportunity to take on the role of superintendent, "Delaware is a very special place for me. I am truly blessed to work with this amazing staff, and I look forward to continuing our work for the students and our Delaware community."

Kegley began her career in education as an elementary teacher. She served as the assistant principal and principal for Willis Intermediate School from 2003-2016 and currently serves as the assistant superintendent for the district. Kegley earned a bachelor's degree from Wright State University and her master's degree from The University of Dayton. She holds both principal and superintendent licenses. She is married to Jack Kegley, and their twin sons, Kyle and Tyler, just completed their freshman year of college.

## A Message from the Treasurer

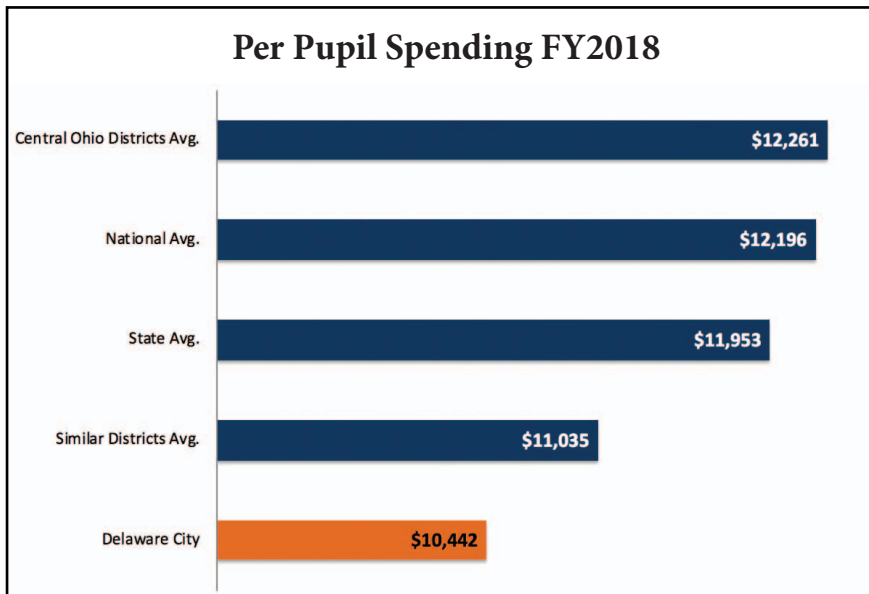


Melissa Swearingen,  
Treasurer/CFO

Delaware City Schools remains committed to fiscal responsibility and conservative spending. We continually challenge ourselves and our staff to find ways to trim costs while providing excellent educational experiences for our students. We are constantly monitoring our financial circumstances and making difficult choices on how best to spend the dollars allocated to us and to stretch our tax dollars for as long as possible.

For more detailed financial information, we invite you to review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the district's website. Please feel free to contact me at [swearime@delawarecityschools.net](mailto:swearime@delawarecityschools.net) or at 740-833-1100 with any questions about our district's finances.

## Per Pupil Spending

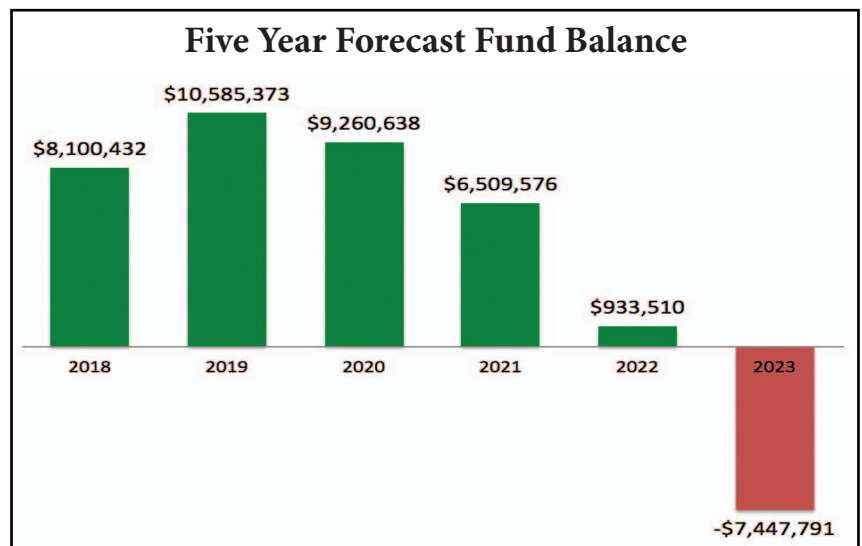


**We spend less per pupil than nearly every district in central Ohio and almost 15% below the state average.**

## Five Year Forecast Fund Balance

The District's most recent five-year forecast was approved by the Board of Education in May, as required by Ohio law. The forecast shows the District maintaining a positive cash balance through FY 2022. This graph assumes the renewal of the district's substitute levy in 2020.

Through frugal spending we continue to stretch our tax payer dollars to provide the best educational value. A detailed copy of the District's most recent forecast can be found on the district's website.



# Hayes High School & The Class of 2019

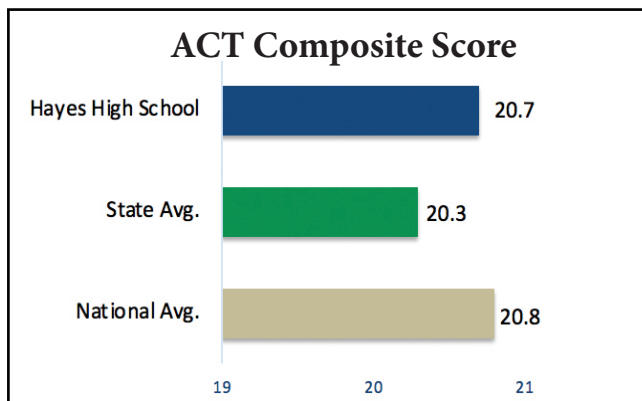


## Rutherford B. Hayes High School Class of 2019

20 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA)

18 students graduated Magna Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.99 GPA)

37 students graduated Cum Laude (3.5 - 3.74 GPA)



Dominic Hupp and Aaron Koehler both earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test.



The Global Scholars Program at Hayes High School is a three year program that allows students to have cross cultural experiences, attend cultural programming, learn about global workforce issues and put together a capstone project to help solve a global issue.



Hayes High School received a Blue Ribbon Point of Light designation after completing a comprehensive process to assess school culture and academics. The process included a lengthy application, site visit and surveys of parents, staff and students.



# Class of 2019 At a Glance



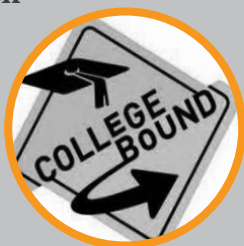
397 graduates with a 95.9% graduation rate.



49 students earned Honors Diplomas



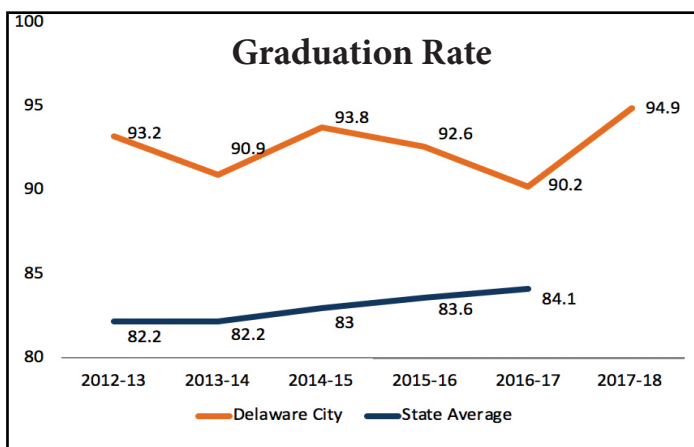
\$1.6 million in college scholarships



70% plan to further their education or enlist in the military



1,091 college semester credits earned through College Credit Plus



Rutherford B. Hayes High School held a letter signing event for students who have committed to enlisting in the military after graduation or will be enrolling in a university ROTC program. Fellow students, parents and recruiters joined the celebration that recognized ten students for their commitment.

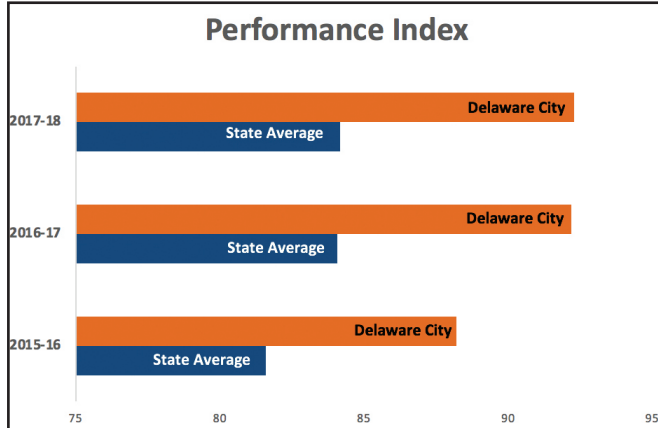


Dominic Hupp (far right) qualified for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) national competition by placing 3rd at the BPA state competition.

Principal Dr. Ric Stranges, Mrs. Jennifer Pollard (Career/College Counselor) and Superintendent Paul Craft offered personal stories and gratitude to the students. Pictured back row: Justin Hoffman, Kyle Latulipe, Kegen Barlow. Front Row: Kayla Viars, Colin Sistrunk, Jason Grefke, Jacob Shrewsbury. Also signing, but not present: Matthew Hanks, Bailee Campbell, Bryce Dietrich.

## Academic Achievement

By nearly every academic measure, DCS performs higher than our peer districts and the state averages.



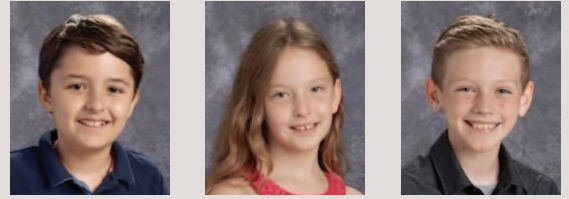
## Facility Improvements will Support Student Learning

The district is grateful for the community's support of the no-new-millage bond issue, which was passed by voters in May. Over the course of the next few years, additions and improvements will be made at our schools to accommodate student growth.

### Projects to be completed include:

- Safety and security enhancements at all schools including upgraded cameras, shatter resistant film for glass areas and a secure office/entrance area at Carlisle Elementary.
- Classroom additions at Schultz, Conger and Woodward to prepare for current and projected growth in student enrollment.
- Select renovations in the original academic wing at Hayes High School and additional student seating at the stadium.
- Full integration and renovations of the former technology center at Dempsey Middle School and improvements to the athletic facilities.
- Playground/green space improvements at Smith Elementary.
- HVAC improvements, boiler unit replacement and upgraded technology infrastructure throughout the district.

## Spelling their way to S-U-C-C-E-S-S!



Five Delaware City Schools students qualified to participate in the 2019 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee.

Eric Gitson (Dempsey), Stephanie Hinton (Conger), Isaac Isenbarger (Carlisle), Natalia Skoples (Smith) and Shivani Tennety (Woodward) won their individual school spelling bees and scored well on the computer challenge that tested spelling knowledge and definitions. The students traveled to Ohio University in March to compete against 50+ other students for the opportunity to advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

- » **More than 99% of 3rd grade students met the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.**
- » **DCS has earned an Overall Grade of "A" the past three years on the state's Value Added Measure, meaning our students are making more than expected progress each year.**



Dempsey Middle School received the **Momentum Award** for the third consecutive year. The Momentum Award recognizes schools that exceed expected growth in all student groups.





Photos courtesy of Glenn Battishill, Delaware Gazette

## Kindness Matters!

Smith Elementary School's Destination Imagination team, the "Kindness Crusaders," wanted to create a lasting and positive message for their schoolmates.

The team of Mazie Fitzharris, Maya Kasulis, Amelia Fink, Huxley Wright, Carson Stroupe, Anna Kasulis and Sammy Kollas created positive messages on the bathroom doors throughout the school. They also handed out kindness cards to fellow students with kindness missions on them. The missions included returning a stranger's shopping cart, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk, and writing "thank you" notes to firefighters.

The team raised funds through a bake sale at First Friday, which allowed them to purchase the vinyl supplies to create the messages. They got permission to be at the school on a weekend to install the messages in the boys and girls restrooms.

School Principal, Rochelle Thompson, said the messages were well received by the Smith students. "It was really special to see the kids come in on that Monday morning to see the fantastic messages of kindness. The students planned, created, and implemented the project to support a positive school climate. They selected quotes of kindness and encouragement that are sure to impact the Smith community for years to come."



The Delaware Hayes transition classes had great success with the Winner's Circle school spirit store, which opened this year to provide quality apparel for students, staff and community members.



Rena Ouyang (first row in front of Brutus) received a five year state science day presenter award. Other DCS state science day presenters were Walt Conte (Dempsey), Ethan Hazelton, Brynn McGrail and Caylee Combs (Hayes). All DCS presenters earned the top rating of Superior for their projects.



## Arts & Athletics

### Athletic Achievements

The athletic programs at Hayes High School and Dempsey Middle School offer students the opportunity to develop their talents in a variety of sports.

Hayes High School fields teams in 26 varsity sports with **more than 600 students participating** in one or more sports. Delaware competes in the Cardinal Division of The Ohio Capital Conference which has 32 member schools throughout Central Ohio.

### 2018-19 State Qualifiers & Honors

Brigham Kannally was OCC player of the year in the Cardinal Division of the Ohio Capital Conference in soccer.

Hayley Dye was OCC player of the year in the Cardinal Division of the Ohio Capital Conference in golf.

Rachel White finished 8th in the state at the OHSAA gymnastics meet on the balance beam.

Dillon Murfield and Kelsey Rohrer were state qualifiers in the OHSAA bowling tournament.

The 200 boys medley swimming relay of Aidan Stojkov, Kael Gannon, Lucas Pape, and Paul Carter were state qualifiers.

The 200 girls freestyle swimming relay of Rena Ouyang, Valerie Keller, Kailyn Smith, and Elizabeth Abahazi were state qualifiers.

Sam Sulek was a state qualifier in the OHSAA diving tournament.

Blake Eiland was OHSAA Honorable Mention All-Ohio in lacrosse.

### OCC Cardinal Division Coach of the Year Awards

Heather Besselman- Gymnastics

Richard Hunt - Boys Tennis

John Lyon - Boys Lacrosse

Mark Thomas - Girls Softball



The Hayes softball team won the OCC Cardinal Division championship with a record of 14-0. Alex Armstrong was OHSAA Second Team All-Ohio in softball. Coach Mark Thomas was the recipient of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award.



Corbin May (182 pound) finished 7th and Jacob McCloskey (195 pound) finished 8th in the state OHSAA wrestling tournament. Zach Williams, Emmett Cain and Mason Sutander were state qualifiers in the OHSAA wrestling tournament.



Rylea Gist and Devin Halliday were the Dempsey Middle School recipients of the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.

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Eighteen athletes are moving on to play in NCAA Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, or NAIA athletics.



Terin Kinsway became the sixth Pacer to score 1,000 points in his high school basketball career.



## The Arts

Students in grades K-12 have the opportunity to develop their skills through high quality visual and performing arts programs. Our award-winning programs offer opportunities for performance at local, state, national and international venues which provide students with excellent opportunities to hone their skills and build confidence.

**More than 1000 students in grades 5-12** participate in our visual and performing arts programs.



Mary Poppins was a true delight, and students enjoyed performing to sold out crowds every night. Other productions included Noises Off, Elf, Jr. and Twain's Tales.

## Symphonic Choir Visits NYC

Members of the Delaware Hayes Symphonic Choir traveled to New York City in February to participate in a Broadway workshop and perform at two cathedrals. The students were able to attend Broadway performances and visit several sites, including the 9/11 memorial and museum, during their five day trip.



Alison Alsup became one of Hayes' most decorated artists winning numerous awards and scholarships at the Delaware Arts Festival, Scholastic Achievement Awards, Governor's Show and The Arts Castle.

## Accolades and Awards

- Symphony Orchestra & Hayes Players Chamber Orchestra earned Superior ratings at OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Events.
- Chorale and Symphonic Choir earned Superior ratings at the OMEA State Choir Adjudicated Event.
- Dempsey Singers, Dempsey Band and Dempsey 8th Grade Orchestra received Superior Ratings at State Adjudicated Events.
- The Hayes Marching Band earned numerous awards during the competition season.
- Hayes Art Students earned numerous awards in prestigious art competitions including the Congressional Art Show, the Governor's Show and the Scholastic Awards.





## Leadership, Staff & Community Partners



### Woodward's "Hour to Empower" was a great success!

More than 100 community members showed up on a chilly morning to welcome our Woodward students to the start of the fourth grading term. The event was established to show students that the Delaware community cares about them and will support them through their education.

## Community Partnerships

Through community service projects, our students and staff give back to the Delaware community. Students often organize school wide fundraisers. Below are just a few of the organizations/projects our schools supported this year:

- Family Promise
- People in Need
- SourcePoint/Meals on Wheels
- Humane Society of Delaware County
- Habitat for Humanity
- Common Ground Free Store
- American Red Cross through blood drives
- Red Out for Heart Health Awareness
- Sleeping bags for Homeless Shelters
- Pacer Pantry
- United Way of Delaware County



The Delaware City Schools Hall of Fame honors alumni and friends who have made significant contributions in academics, athletics and the arts. The 2018 Hall of Fame honorees were: Carrie Banks (1996), April Nelson (1974), Richard Hagar (1954), Jeannee Parker Martin (1973), and René Landon Weber (1974). Not Pictured: Douglas Baxter (1968).



NHS students volunteered at the Common Ground Free Store to help organize and stock the shelves.



DCS students helped raise funds for the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Statue through the Pennies for the President campaign. More than \$1,100 was contributed by DCS students.

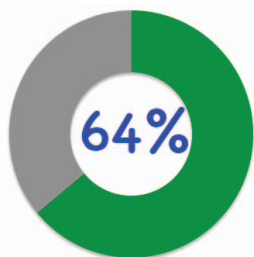




Three staff members were awarded Rotary Teacher of Excellence awards: Charles Bleakmore (Woodward), Heather Kuhn (Conger) and Tina McClen (Schultz).

## We invest in Staff!

We value our teachers and staff. They are the key to our district's success. We invest in training and provide support so each classroom can have a highly trained and caring teacher to provide maximum learning for our students.



We encourage our staff to continue their education and to be life long learners. 64% of our certified staff hold a Master's degree or higher.



All of our teachers meet the Ohio Department of Education's highly qualified standards.

## Retiring Staff Members

We thank the following DCS staff members for their years of dedicated service, and we wish them well in retirement!

**Stan McDonald - Director of Technology**  
**Rolf Remlinger - Music Teacher**

## Staff Accolades & Awards

- » Sixth grade teacher Jon Kelley (Dempsey) was named the Middle School Canvas Teacher of the Year.
- » Treasurer Melissa Swearingen served as the OASBO (Ohio Association of School Business Officials) President for 2018-19.
- » Superintendent Paul Craft was awarded the Community Builder Award by Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 18.
- » Assistant Superintendent Heidi Kegley received a Community Builder Award from United Way of Delaware County for her work with Strengthening Families.



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## Back to School Information

### Summer Calendar

June 3 - August 9 - Summer Lunch Program  
July 26 - Supplies for Scholars at Willis Education Ctr.  
August 7 - 6th Grade Back to School Day at Dempsey  
August 7- 9 - Back to School Days at Dempsey  
August 7 & 8 - Back to School Days at Hayes  
August 8 - Freshman Orientation  
August 12 - Elementary Back to School Night  
August 14 - First Day of School

### School Supply Lists

School supply lists are now available on the district website and have been sent to area retailers to allow families to take advantage of sales throughout the summer. United Way of Delaware County will once again partner with DCS to host a school supply give-away on July 26 at Willis Education Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

### Email Communication

If your child is transitioning to a different school, you may want to change your email preferences. Schools communicate important information throughout the summer months. Visit our website to change your preferences.

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