

# Looking At The ISSUES

STARK Education Partnership

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## Class of 2020 Finishes the Year Strong



The Class of 2020 had a unique end to their k-12 experiences missing proms, sports seasons, final concerts and other traditions – including graduation ceremonies. Yet, this class left their fingerprints on Stark County by breaking records for both college credits earned in high school through college credit plus and increasing the number of industry recognized credentials earned.<sup>1</sup>

- The four-year graduation rate for the Class of 2019 (the data is released a year after graduation) stayed similar to the Class of 2018 at 93%. In addition, Stark continues to exceed the statewide graduation rate of 85.9%.
- More than a third of Stark area students earned at least three college credits while in high school.
- In two years, there has been a 58.2% increase in the number of students who have earned industry recognized credentials including 924 from the Class of 2020.



Across Greater Stark County, the districts are implementing a convergence of strategies to equip students to be college and career ready – helping students and their families save time and money in completing a college degree; investing in our local teachers; and preparing students for jobs in our county and across the region.

Congratulations to our Stark area schools for their concerted efforts to continue to not only graduate students in 4 years, but also equip them with credentials and college credits.

<sup>1</sup> Ohio Department of Education School Report Cards. <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/>

The Stark Education Partnership (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) collaborates with education, business, civic and community members across the entire spectrum – cradle to career – to create and respond to opportunities that will provide ALL students with education and career success.

