

## NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HISTORY

1920	Sterling was a separate school board until 1920 when they relinquished the special district designation and came under the jurisdiction of the Milton Township Board of Education.
1921	A special election was held, and the bond issue passed (vote 269-228) in favor of building a new high school. This became the center part of the Sterling building. The old school continued as the grade school.
1922	District School No. 10 closed due to the State Department inspection. An amended bond was passed to build an addition to the high school.
1923	Sterling School opened for both elementary and high school students.
1928	Milton Township Board of Education passed a resolution against hiring married woman teachers.
1935	The Sterling PTA turned over the hot lunch program to the Board of Education. The board voted to continue the program and lunches were 10 cents.
1939	A bond issue was passed to build an addition to Sterling School which provided two additional classrooms and a combination auditorium/gymnasium.
1940	By this time, most district schools were closed.
1942	Most likely due to the war, there was no Christmas vacation other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The board temporarily approved girls wearing slacks while attending school.
1943	The Board suspended the previous policy regarding not hiring married female teachers until the war was over.
1946	The Board passed a resolution removing previous restrictions relative to dancing and card playing at school functions.
1949	Consolidation of Sterling, Creston and Burbank Schools was completed to form North Central Local School District.
1950	A bond issue for \$584,000 was passed to build Norwayne High School.
1952	The beginning of school was delayed until September 15 <sup>th</sup> due to an epidemic of infantile paralysis (polio).
1952-53	This school year was the last year for high school classes at Burbank, Creston and Sterling Schools.
1953-54	This school year was the first year of operations at Norwayne High School. This was also the first year kindergarten classes were offered.
1970	Wayne County Schools Career Center opened.
1971	Burbank and Sterling became the district K-6 schools. Grades 7 and 8 moved to Creston.
1978	Permanent Improvement Levy voted on for the first time and renewed since then.

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1988-89	With renovations to Burbank, Sterling and Creston, Burbank and Sterling became the district K-4 schools and Creston became the district 5-8 school known as Creston Middle School.
1991	Preschool classes were added at Burbank & Sterling.
2006	Levy passed (with Ohio School Facilities Commission) to build a new elementary (K-5), new high school, and renovate the current high school into a middle school (6-8).