WWPS DISTRICT UPDATE
Winter 2020

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent of Schools
District at-a-glance

- Est. 1857
- By the Numbers
  - 5,800 students
  - 60% F & R lunch
  - 46% Diversity
- $86M General Fund Budget
- Employ about 800 total personnel
  - 3rd largest employer in the region
- Maintain 1.0 Million square feet of facilities, 200 acres of campus, and host thousands of events every year across our 13 sites
2017-2022 Strategic Plan

Four Goals:
1. High Quality Instruction
2. Aligned and Coherent Systems
3. Social and Emotional Needs
4. Safe and Engaging Environment
School District Success

- Graduation Rates Soar!
  - State 81%, WWPS over 90%, up 11% in last 4 years
- Latino/a Graduation Gap Closed
  - State Latino/a 76%, WWPS Latino/a 89%, up 19% in last 3 years

Latino/a Graduation Rates
School District Success

- **ACT Scores Up**
  - .6 composite increase from last year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} highest ever
  - Highest ever for Latino students (1.3 increase and surpassing the state!)

- **EL and Sped Performance Up**
  - EL “Exit Status” up 3% and surpassing the state for the first time in years
  - SPED math/ELA performance revealing unprecedented growth

- **District-wide Improvement**
  - Improvement in ELA and Math SBA scores (although work remains)
  - Science scores continue to exceed the state

- **Engaged and Involved Students**
  - Elimination of fees results in unprecedented student involvement in extra, co-curricular, and elective opportunities

- **School Board Recognized**
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} consecutive year receiving the prestigious Board of Distinction Award
Jeannette C. Hayner Park
School Bond Update

- $65.6M Local + $52.6M State Match = $118M
- Renovate WaHi, Pioneer & Lincoln
- Safety/Security and Critical Roof, HVAC & Energy Efficiency Upgrades
Delivering on Our Promise

- Don’t tear it down if you can preserve it
- Make efforts to keep money local
  - Over $10M already awarded to 20 Walla Walla companies
- Improve safety and security
  - Summer 2019 access control and security improvements
- Accountability and transparency
  - Bond Oversight Committee
  - Monthly bond budget dashboard reports
  - Participate in selection and procurement processes
New Science Building

- 18,000 sq ft facility
- 8 identical fully-functional laboratory classrooms
- 4 science prep rooms
- Architecture to match existing campus
- Energy efficient heating/cooling systems
- High ceilings
- Natural light design considerations
Center Development

- Following eight months of study, stakeholder engagement and research, the Walla Walla Public Schools’ Board of Directors reached a unanimous decision in October 2019 to re-purpose Blue Ridge Elementary School into a regional early learning center for children and families effective the 2020-21 school year.

Why Does Walla Walla Need Such a Facility?

- Numerous community studies, alarming statistics/trends and overwhelming community-wide support point to the need for a comprehensive early learning center for families and youth.
  - Less than 25% of incoming kindergarten students prepared in Walla Walla, nearly half the state-wide average, and one of the lowest in the entire region.
  - Nearly 2/3rds of incoming kindergarten students lack availability to formal early learning experience/exposure in the Walla Walla region.
Center for Children and Families (CCF)
Priority Focus Areas and Services

3 Core Focus Areas:

- **State-funded 4-yr old preschool for those who lack access**
  - Focusing heavily on social/emotional and discovery-based learning
- **Birth-age 3 services for students and families**
- **Hub/center for ALL families**
  - Parent resources/training
  - Access to community resources
  - Extended day, weekend, summer opportunities
  - Community partnerships

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This is a...

REPLACEMENT EDUCATION LEVY

not a bond to build facilities.

Learn more at: www.wwps.org

Replacement Levy

The following educational programs and services will continue to be funded by this Replacement Education Levy.
February Replacement Levy

- Wait, didn’t we just pass a big levy?
- Wait, I thought the state fully funded schools with the McCleary decision?
February Replacement Levy

Levy = Learning
Bond = Building

Levies are different than bonds. Levies pay for educational programs and opportunities for students the state does not fund. Bonds are used for the construction of new schools, major building remodels or major facility upgrades.

Here are some powerful facts:

**STATE BASIC EDUCATION FUNDS:** (WWPS)

- <1 Less Than 1 Staffed Nurse for 5,800 Students
- 1/3 1/3 of a Social Worker, District-Wide
- 9 Teacher’s Assistants, District-Wide
- 21 Campus Custodians for 1M sq ft
- 1 School Safety Staff for 12 Campuses
- 3 Technology Employees
- 10 Facilities/Maintenance Employees

**WWPS LEVY FUNDS ENSURE:** (Actual)

- 13 School Health Clinicians
- 16 Intervention Specialists/Social Workers
- 24 Classroom & Kindergarten Assistants
- 30 Campus Custodians
- 7 School Safety Staff
- 9 Technology Employees
- 20 Facilities/Maintenance Employees

**Summary of 2020 Levy Proposal**

- 2021 - $11.01M (projected rate $2.50 per $1,000)
- 2022 - $11.29M (projected rate $2.50 per $1,000)
- 2023 - $11.57M (projected rate $2.50 per $1,000)
- 2024 - $11.86M (projected rate $2.50 per $1,000)

These rates are based on per $1,000 of assessed property value.

**Replacement Levy**

The following educational programs and services will continue to be provided through a Replacement Levy.

**LEVY EXPENDITURES**

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<td>$3,534,951</td>
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<td>School Health Clinicians</td>
<td>$453,562</td>
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<td>School Safety</td>
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<td>Highly Capable Program</td>
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<td>Extra-Curricular/Athletic Clubs</td>
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<td>Facility Maintenance/Operations</td>
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<td>Classroom Technology</td>
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<td>Classroom and Kindergarten Assistants</td>
<td>$356,275</td>
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<td>Professional Development for Staff</td>
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<td>Curriculum, Supplies, Field Trips</td>
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<td>Community and Parent Outreach</td>
<td>$127,701</td>
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<td>Additional Days Beyond State Minimum</td>
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<td><strong>Total Levy</strong></td>
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NOTE: Total FTE Staff Funded by Levy: 133 Employees

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Need More Information?

BOND is for Building
LEVY is for Learning

ELECTION INFO.
Remember to Vote! February 11, 2020

Dates & Approval:
» Election date: February 11, 2020
» Ballots mailed: Wednesday, January 22, 2020
» 50% + 1 vote required for approval

Voter Registration Information:
310 West Poplar St. | (509) 524-2530 | elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Tax Exemptions:
Senior and disabled citizens may be eligible for an exemption. Contact the Walla Walla County Assessor’s Office at (509) 524-2560 for additional information.

Levy Revenue is Fixed:
Schools receive no additional dollars beyond the amount approved by voters. Increases in property values will not increase levy revenue.

Further Information:
www.wwps.org | (509) 526-6716 | email: mhiggins@wwps.org

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We’re On The Right Track!

- Student performance is **way up**
- Student involvement is **way up**
- Staff, student and parent feedback is incredibly strong, surpassing nationwide “Schools of Distinction” based on annual CEE survey
- Community feedback is extraordinary based on our annual statistically-reliable community-wide phone attitude survey
  - 90% would recommend WWPS to others
  - 84% believe WWPS operates in an open and transparent manner
  - 100% positive rating from Spanish speaking households
Stay Connected

- Website: www.wwpsbond.org
  - Live video feed
  - Project Updates
  - Opportunities for Involvement
  - Project Schedules
  - RFP’s and Local Contractor Involvement

- Twitter: @bondwwps

- Superintendent Advisory Luncheons

- Contact me at anytime: 526-6715 or wsmith@wwps.org