

Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



School Board Meeting Recap | November 7, 2017

School Data Profiles

Board reviews 2017-2018 Strategic Plan School Dashboard reports



Chris Gardea

Last night, Assistant Superintendent Chris Gardea reviewed baseline data from the district's new 2017-2018 Strategic Plan School Dashboard reports. These school data profiles reflect data linked to the five year goals established by each school to meet the district's Strategic Success Indicators. The plan is to see incremental improvements over the five-year span to meet the new targets established by the school board. The dashboard reports will be updated regularly as part of the progress monitoring component of the new Strategic Plan which is focused on improved student academic performance.

See More Online: Strategic Plan Webpage - <http://www.wwps.org/strategicplan>

Areas of focus being monitored, include:

- Student engagement
 - Absenteeism rates
 - Extracurricular activities involvement
- Student Academic Performance
 - Smarter Balanced Assessments (English Language Arts and Math)
 - Dibels/IDEL
 - Aimsweb
 - iReady (reading, math)
 - Course completion rates
 - Credit attainment
- Student Behavior Indicators
 - Office referrals
 - In-School Suspensions
 - Out of School Suspensions
- Survey Perception Data
 - CEE staff, students and parents perceptions (online)
 - Community perceptions (telephone survey)

“Our purpose is to ensure high levels of learning for all students and we have a clear direction of where we are going over the next five years.”

Chris Gardea
Asst. Superintendent

Board Meeting Highlights

APPROVED . . .

Minutes from the October 17, 2017 regular business meeting, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, and Nov. 7 accounts payable and October payroll, Highly Capable Program Annual Plan and CTE five year plan.

Executive Session . . .

The Board of Directors met in Executive Session last night to review the performance of a public employee.

Thanksgiving Schedule . . .

- Early dismissal Wednesday, Nov. 22
- No school Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24

Patron Tour . . .

Staff, please encourage your friends, family and connections to join Superintendent Wade Smith for a tour of three schools and an update on the district's Facilities Improvement Planning process.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15 / 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)
- RSVP by Monday, Nov. 13 -- sgolden@wwps.org / 526-6715

Tour Sites:

- Pioneer Middle School
- Walla Walla High School
- Lincoln High School

Developing Washington's Most Sought-After Graduates

PERSONNEL
REPORT

EMPLOYMENT . . .

Classified:

JAMES AMUNDSON | PARA-ED | GREEN PARK
REBECCA COOLEY | 21ST CEN. SITE CRD | SHARPSTEIN
CIA CORTINAS | PARA-ED (TEMP) | EDISON
MARCOS MEDINA | 21ST CEN. SITE CRD | EDISON
KATIE MULVANEY | PARA-ED | EDISON
REBECCA O'CONNOR | 21ST CEN. SITE CRD | GREEN PARK
ELIZABETH OSBORN | PARA-ED | SHARPSTEIN

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT . . .

Classified:

JENNIFER LANTZ | PARA-ED | EDISON, ONE YEAR
DEE DEE SCHULZ | BUS ASST/DRIVER | TRANS, 17 YRS

Quote of the Week

“Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and let him know that you trust him.”

Booker T. Washington

American Education Week

November 13-17 is American Education Week and an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who ensure every child receives a quality education. Superintendent Wade Smith read a proclamation highlighting the week and the important role public education plays in our community.

Winter Weather

Delay and closure procedures

As winter weather forecasts begin to appear, Walla Walla Public Schools reminds everyone safety is the primary factor for delaying or canceling school due to inclement weather. Driving local roads, studying weather forecasts, and communicating with surrounding school districts are components included in this thoughtful process. Decisions to delay or close school usually are made by 5:30 a.m. or earlier. This triggers the district's comprehensive school closure/delay announcement plan. The district makes every effort to begin announcements by 6 a.m.

If school is canceled for the day

No activities, including games or practices, will be held during normal school hours or afterschool when school is canceled for the day. If there are extremely unique situations such as a rapid improvement in weather conditions, directors and/or principals may contact the Superintendent to discuss exceptions to participate in activities after normal school day hours. Factors to be considered when determining whether or not to allow activities to be held after normal school hours, including games or practices, include current and upcoming weather conditions, safe transportation by students, coaches, and spectators both to home and away sites, accessibility of buildings including sidewalks and parking lots, availability of officials and other game personnel and other safety issues and concerns. The Superintendent will make the final decision regarding exceptions to allow afterschool activities to be scheduled after normal school day hours if school is canceled for the day.

If school is delayed for the day

If the district has a two-hour delay, afterschool activities may be held, including games and practices. Factors to consider include current and upcoming weather conditions, safe transportation by students, coaches, and spectators both to home and away sites, accessibility of buildings including sidewalks and parking lots, availability of officials and other game personnel and other safety issues and concerns.

If school is canceled for the day and the next day is Saturday

If weather conditions have improved on Saturday, Directors and Principals in consultation with the Facilities & Operations Director, Transportation Director and Superintendent, may elect to play games and participate in scheduled activities/events. Factors to consider include current and upcoming weather conditions, safe transportation by students, coaches, and spectators both to home and away sites, accessibility of buildings including sidewalks and parking lots, availability of officials and other game personnel and other safety issues and concerns.