

School Board Meeting Recap | October 2, 2018

Elementary and Middle School

Performance Indicator Targets reveal mainly positive trends across district

Last night School Board members received a 2017-2018 progress monitoring report from elementary and middle school principals. The update is part of the accountability component of the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan which is focused on improved student performance.

Schools are using a monitoring tool referred to as a "dashboard" to log and track data linked to the Student Performance Success Targets. The district is witnessing growth in five of the six targeted areas, with only dips in attendance goals. The district has taken several proactive steps this fall to curb this attendance trend. Highly visible daily attendance signs are posted at school entrances to bring awareness to absenteeism. In addition, parent meetings are scheduled for an elementary child who has 10 absences in a year or five in a month.

Data reports are showing the Dual Language program is resulting in positive outcomes for students. Staff professional development has been key. Special Education is seeing improvements through more access to core instruction. Middle school activity participation is up. Waiving pay to play fees and expanding offerings, including competitive soccer, has helped. Behavior referrals are down. Resilency training and additional district level support are tied to this trend.



"Five of our six performance indicators are showing improvement. Although district Index scores in English Language Arts and Math missed district targets, they did exceed state growth percentages significantly. The hard work from staff is paying off as we are headed in the right direction."

Wade Smith, Superintendent

2021-2022 Targets

Attendance

- Maintain 90% attendance

Smarter Balanced Assessment (3-8)

- 2.5% index improvement annually

Special Education

- 2.5% index improvement annually

English Language Learners

- 20% exit proficiency on English Language Proficiency Assessment

Monitor Performance

- Participation and Behavior

Board Meeting Highlights

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Minutes from the Sept. 18, 2018 regular business mtg, personnel report, extracurricular athletic contracts, non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts, October 2 accounts payable and September payroll.

Replacement Bond Proposal

On November 6, 2018, Walla Walla Public Schools will ask voters to decide on a \$65.6M replacement bond measure to renovate Walla Walla High School, Pioneer Middle School, and Lincoln High School and fund specific districtwide health, safety, educational and infrastructure improvements. The school renovation projects are eligible for an estimated \$52.6M in State Match funds. All State Match funds will be applied only to the voter-approved projects. Any excess dollars remaining following the completion of these projects will be used to pay down debt to reduce the rate for taxpayers. Learn more about this Replacement Bond through the district's informational video series available on the district webpage.

Videos Available

- Wa-Hi Project
- Lincoln Project
- Terry McConn Bond Oversight
- Linda Newcomb Facilities Committee
- Superintendent Smith Tax rates
- Look for more coming soon...

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PERSONNEL REPORT

EMPLOYMENT

Certificated:

SHANNON HOHOSH | SP. ED. (TEMP) | PROSPECT POINT

Classified:

CHELSEY DAVIDSON | PARA-ED | SPECIAL EDUCATION
GUADALUPE MENDOZA | FAM ADVOC (TEMP) | PRESCH

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Classified:

ANA DIAZ | PARA-ED | SHARPSTEIN, 2 YRS

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2019 TO COMPLETE
STUDENT TEACHING PRACTICUM

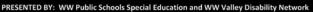
Quote of the Week

""What we learn with pleasure we never forget."

Alfred Mercier

Better Together

Disability Network teams with district to better support parents





BETTER TOGETHER

OCTOBER 8, 2018 (MONDAY)

5-7:00 P.M. FREE! (DINNER AND CHILDCARE PROVIDED). LOCATION: WW PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARDROOM, 364 S. PARK STREET

For educators and parents/caregivers with children in special education. Dinner and childcare provided.

It takes a village to raise children. This series is designed to bring together the unique experiences and perspectives of both educators and parents of students in special education. Please RSVP so we can account for food/childcare: www.wwvdn.org

2018 TOPICS:

October 8 – Disability Employment Month/Employment Options Presenters: Jake Butenhoff, WWPS Transition Program and DVR November 19 – Learning Best Practices in Behavior Strategies Presenters: District Behavior Specialists and Jennifer Matson (parent) and Mental Health Specialist, Kristen Duede





FREE! Dinner & Childcare provided (Paraprofessionals will be providing childcare).

Please RSVP: wwvdn.org

MONDAY NIGHTS

Oct 8: Employment Nov 19: Behavior Strategie

5 pm: Family Dinner 6 pm: Presentation

LOCATION

Walla Walla Public School District Boardroom, 364 South Park Street, Walla Walla

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Join us in this interactive opportunity to learn best practices that can be applied at home & school.

No School Oct. 5, 11 and 12

There is no school Friday, Oct. 5 for Fall Staff Collaboration Day. Also, there is no school Oct. 11 and 12 for Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. Check with you child's school for specific conference information.

Patron Tour - Oct. 10

Staff are encouraged to talk to their friends and family members about joining Superintendent Wade Smith for a tour of three schools and an update on the district's Nov. 6 Replacement Bond proposal. He will also review the Strategic Plan Success targets. This is an excellent opportunity to meet Superintendent Smith and learn more about Walla Walla schools.

- Wednesday, Oct. 10 / 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided)
- RSVP by Friday, Oct. 5 -- sgolden@wwps.org / 526-6715

Tour Sites:

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

Care and Share Food Drive

Walla Walla Public Schools is once again partnering with the Walla Walla Association of Realtors in support of the annual Care and Share Food Drive. This campaign helps fill the shelves of the Blue Mountain Action Council Food Bank. Collection barrels will be at all schools and the district office throughout October. The district is also organizing the "Fill the Bus" collection event Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at SuperOne, Plaza Safeway and Albertsons. Staff and students will also distribute and collect bags Oct. 18-21. This year's Care and Share Food Drive goal is 45,000 lbs.

Edison Family Fun Night

WWPS 21st CCLC is planning a Neighborhood Family Fun Night Oct. 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.at Edison Elementary School This event is family oriented and features hands-on technology for students and parents.