

# Walla Walla Public Schools 10-10 Staff News



## 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. Resiliency training and additional district level support are tied to this trend.



Wade Smith

“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

#### APPROVED . . .

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 district-wide 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...

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

PRESENTED BY: WW Public Schools Special Education and WW Valley Disability Network



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

Please RSVP:  
[www.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.org)

MONDAY NIGHTS  
 Oct 8: Employment  
 Nov 19: Behavior Strategies

5 pm: Family Dinner  
 6 pm: Presentation

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

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**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.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.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



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 your 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](mailto: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.