

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting
September 27, 2021



Wallingford- Swarthmore School District

Mission and Vision Statements



MISSION

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is committed to assuring the academic achievement and personal growth of all students within an environment that promotes:

- Respect for self and others
- Active engagement in learning
- Leadership in the global community
- The pursuit of excellence

VISION

Our vision is to develop a world-class school district that provides students with the skills to succeed in a changing global environment. This vision will be realized through a commitment to high-quality programs and continuous improvement based upon careful analysis and integration of the most effective practices.

WSSD Transportation Shortage



WSSD is not alone in this challenge, as bus driver shortages have become a nation-wide problem during this time of COVID-19.

- Hire additional drivers and substitute drivers.
- Expand our parking spots for high school students able to drive, both on and off-campus.
- Encourage parents/guardians to drive their students to and from school, if possible.
- Encourage students to walk or bike to and from school, if possible.
- Rental of passenger vans to support transportation.



**Health and Safety Plan Summary
Wallingford-Swarthmore School District**

New Effective Date: August 16, 2021

Approved Date: August 2, 2021 (Board Approved - First Revision)

June 15, 2021 (Board Approved - Initial)

Date of Last Review/Revision: August 2, 2021

Date of Last Revision: N/A

- 1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?**

The School District implemented a health and safety plan throughout the 2020-2021 school year using mitigation strategies supported by the CDC, PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab, and other health agencies. These strategies were successful in supporting the larger public health initiative to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our District community, especially those at increased risk for severe illness. Further, our District supported vaccination clinics for our teachers and staff and led vaccine clinics for students.

Even though the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings was lifted on June 28, 2021, the District must still follow the Federal Order issued by the CDC in January 2021. This Order requires face coverings for anyone, regardless of vaccination status, being transported on school buses and vans operated by public and private school systems as a means of public transportation.

Our District will continue to review the latest guidance from the CDC, the PA Department of Health, CHOP Policy Lab and other health agencies. This information will assist the District when reviewing our mitigation strategies for effectiveness. The guidance will also be used to revise our health and safety plan as necessary. The chart below provides strategies, policies, and procedures to be used within the District.

**Wallingford-Swarthmore School
District Instrumental/Choral
Music
Safety Guidelines September 2021**



This Health and Safety Plan will serve as the guideline for the reopening of music rehearsals in accordance with Wallingford-Swarthmore School District policies with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Specific guidance with recommendations from the National Federation of State High School Associations Music and Sports Medicine Advisory Committees, UPMC Sports Medicine High School Athletic Guidelines, the PIAA Sports Medicine Committees, and the ongoing National COVID-19 Aerosol Study conducted by the University of Colorado [preliminary findings one](#), [preliminary findings two](#), and [preliminary findings three](#).

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR
COMPETITION AND VOLUNTARY
WORKOUTS**

Fall 2021



STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL
Wallingford-Swarthmore School District



Health and Safety Plan



Delaware County Community Transmission

7 Day Metrics as of September 13, 2021

Level of Transmission: High

Cases 834

Positivity 7.04%

Deaths <10%

Eligible Population Fully
Vaccinated: 72%

New Hospital Admissions 50

7 Day Metrics as of September 26, 2021

Level of Transmission: High

Cases: 751

Positivity: 4.65%

Deaths: <10%

**Eligible Population Fully
Vaccinated: 73%**

New Hospital Admissions: 53

WSSD
Student
Vaccination
Percentages



12th Grade: 72%

11th Grade: 56%

10th Grade: 54%

9th Grade: 53%

8th Grade: 57%

7th Grade: 55%

Strath Haven Middle School Presents: Beauty And The Beast

WSSD



Amazing performance by our students and a production that could not have been put together without everyone working behind the scenes.

Sarah Elsheakh	Director
James McLaughlin	Assistant Director

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Sidewalk Project East Possom Hollow Road

The Sidewalk Project is scheduled to begin on October 11th, this is when the one-way detour will go into effect. The work is scheduled to end mid-December. Please see the link below for more information.

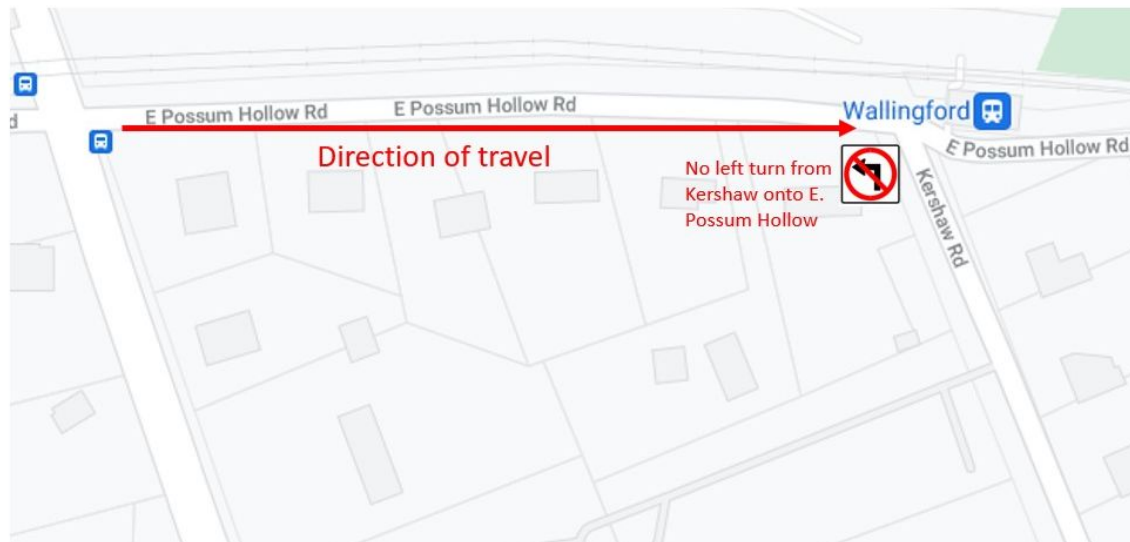
[East Possom Hollow --
Sidewalk Project.](#)

The Township will be installing a PennDOT-funded sidewalk on the train-track side of East Possom Hollow Road from Providence Road (Rte. 252) to the Wallingford Train Station. During the project, East Possom Hollow Road will be one-way. Traffic will only be able to travel eastbound from Providence Road towards the train station/Kershaw Road. Traffic on Kershaw will be forced to turn right onto East Possom Hollow Road. We know this detour will be an inconvenience, but there will be many long-term benefits to safety and accessibility.

The contractor for the project is Road-Con Inc., and they are planning to begin their work on October 11th. During this time, the one-way detour will go into effect. Traffic will only be able to proceed eastbound towards the train station. This detour will be in effect until early December. The detour will be removed during the winter months, and it may be necessary for it to be reinstated in the spring for a month or so. The general construction plan is:

- October 11th – mid-December: sidewalk, curbing, and stormwater pipe installation. Materials and weather depending, the guiderail may be installed
- March 18th – late April: traffic signal adjustments, ADA sidewalk ramps, and guiderail (if not completed in the fall).

This is a PennDOT-funded project through their Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, which is meant to improve access to mass transit.



WSSD District Calendar 2021-2022

Wallingford-Swarthout School District 2021 - 2022 School Year Calendar

JULY 2021						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2021						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER 2021 - 15 days						
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OCTOBER 2021 - 31 days						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

NOVEMBER 2021 - 18/19 days						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

DECEMBER 2021 - 17 days						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Not Approved 1/18/2021

July	Holiday
August 24, 25	New Teacher In-Service Days
30, 31*	Teacher In-Service Days
September 17, 18	Teacher In-Service Days
3	Teacher In-Service Day (Reciprocity day)
6	Labor Day Holiday
8	Holiday - Schools Closed
9	First Day for Students
16	Holiday - Schools Closed
October 20	In-Service - 3 hr: Early Dismissal for K-8 only
November 21	Teacher In-Service Day
18, 22	Grades K-5 Evening Parent Conferences
19, 22	Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session
22	Grades 6-8 Evening Parent Conferences
23, 24	Grades 9-8 Afternoon Parent Conferences - 11:05 AM student dismissal
25	Grades K-5 Afternoon Parent Conferences - 12:30 PM student dismissal
26	Grades K-5 - No School/AM Conferences
25, 26	Grades 6-8 - Half Day for students
December 1-15	Keystone Scams
23	Grades 1-5 Half Day - 12:30 PM dismissal
28	Kindergarten Modified Schedule
31	Winter Recess - Schools Closed
January 5-16	Keystone Scams
17	Holiday - Schools Closed
18*	In-Service Day for Grades K-8 only
February 21*	Teacher In-Service Day
	Holiday - Schools Closed
March 4	In-Service - 3 hr: Early Dismissal for K-8 only
April 5, 6	Kindergarten Conferences - scheduled during the day while school is in session
7	K-5 Evening Parent Conferences
11-15	Ge. K-5 Parent Conf - No School for Students
25-28	Spring Recess - Schools Closed
May 2-13	PSGA Grades 3-8 Science, Math, Make-ups
16-27	Keystone Scams
17*	In-Service Day for Grades K-8 only
30	Holiday - Schools Closed
June TBD	Grath Haven High School Graduation Day
17	Last Day for Students - 1 Day
22, 21	Teacher In-Service Days (New days)

Building Closed
New Teacher In-Service Days
In-Service Days for Teachers
K-8th Grade Day In-Service Day for Teachers
No School - Afternoon Conferences
K-8th Grade Early Dismissal 12:30 - In-Service
United Schedules - See calendar above
Excuse Events
Building Closed - Workday for Administrators
PSGA Training Times
4:30 BO Day

JANUARY 2022 - 18/19 days						
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FEBRUARY 2022 - 18 days						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MARCH 2022 - 25 days						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

APRIL 2022 - 14/16 days						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MAY 2022 - 20/21 days						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JUNE 2022 - 13 days						
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Total Number of School Days:

Grade K-5 - 178

Grade 6-8 - 181

Grade 9-12- 183

Total Staff Days:

Elem and Sec teachers- 192

Total Number of Inservice Days: 9

New teacher days - 2

K-8 only in-service - 2

K-8 only early dismissal - 2

Total Snow Days - 2

Winter Recess - 6

Spring Recess - 5

Which calendar options best serves the students, staff and community and how does the school calendar reflect our mission and vision and core values?

WSSD Field Trips



Field Trips Update

Total Number of Field Trips: 88

Total Number of Out of State Field Trips: 10

Total Number of Overnight Trips: 24

International Trips: 5

Factors to Consider in Approving a Field Trip:

1. Number of outside community members/other schools attending at the same time
2. Indoor or outdoor venue and capacity size
3. Single day or overnight
4. In-state or out-of-state
5. Physical distancing capability

**WSSD
Committees
Future Dates**

Educational Affairs:

October 6, 2021

Comprehensive Plan Update
School Start Times Update

November 3, 2021

2022-2023 Calendar Part 1
ESSER funding
Federal Programs Presentation

Facilities and Finance:

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

7: 00 p.m.

B-226 Teaching & Learning Center

Strath Haven Middle School

