



Wallingford-Swarthmore
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting

February 26, 2024

200 S. Providence Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

wssd.org

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.



Focus Topic

Strategic Plan Update

Presented by Dr. James Conley, Assistant Superintendent



Actions Items on the Agenda

Assistant Business Manager - John Shiota

Former Business Manager at School District of Morrisville in Bucks County

Retirees

Official recognition of our retirees occur at May 28th meeting

Five retirees ranging between 20-34 years of service totaling 135 years.

BusPatrol

Empowers school officials by outfitting their entire school bus fleets with advanced safety tech and software at zero cost.

Violator-funded business model means that the drivers that illegally pass school buses pay for the technology that safeguards kids.



Addressing a Pervasive Problem Across North America

43,500,000+

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STOP-ARM VIOLATIONS PER YEAR IN AMERICA

242K Violations Observed in One-Day Survey⁽¹⁾

0.66 Violation Rate (Per Bus / Day)⁽¹⁾



94,581
Bus Drivers
Participated



OUR MISSION

We make the ride to and from school safer for all children.

Communities adopt BusPatrol safety programs to help change the driving culture around school buses & students.



CAPTURE INCIDENT

BUSPATROL



OUR TECHNOLOGY



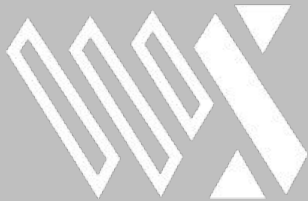
Captures stop-arm events, identifies violation incidents and securely transmits all evidence and data to the cloud



BUSPATROL

Safer Buses, Safer Kids.

Powering the World's Most Deployed School Bus Safety Program



Presented at Finance &
Facilities Committee
Meetings:

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 6, 2023



**ONCE THEY KNOW THE LAW
IS BEING ENFORCED, THEY STOP.**

**98% OF THE VIOLATORS
WHO GET A TICKET**

VIA STOP-ARM SAFETY PROGRAMS

**DON'T ILLEGALLY PASS A
SCHOOL BUS A SECOND TIME.**

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- Authorized by Title 75 Section 3345.1 (Automated Enforcement of Failure to Stop for School Bus with Flashing Red Lights) - <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/consCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&ttl=75&div=0&chpt=033.&sctn=045.&subctn=001>.
- The above-referenced section of the Motor Vehicle Code provides specific authority for school entities to enter into agreements with entities like BusPatrol to implement a side stop signal arm enforcement program.
- BusPatrol will upgraded the technology on all 43 buses, including cameras (interior and exterior), sensors, equipment, components, products, and other tangible property that compromises the Bus Patrol System.
- Advanced safety technology at \$0 to school districts, municipalities or taxpayers

Polar Plunge

SHHS Students, Staff, WSSD Administration, and our School Board President participated in the Philadelphia Cool Schools Plunge at Citizens Bank Park! The team of 82 individuals raised a total of \$4,757! Over 60 students and WSSD administrators took the mighty plunge into the cold water to support Special Olympics!





Unified Bocce Delco Championship

Strath Haven is hosting the Unified Bocce Delco Championship on February 21 at 3:00 pm in the high school gymnasium. Four teams will compete to be the Delco Champion, including our own Unified Bocce team!



25th anniversary of the Chris King Student-Faculty Benefit



Jump Rope For Heart at SRS and NPE



WES will host their Jump Rope for Heart on April 19th

Congratulations Haven Cheer!

12th in the Nation for Traditional

13th in the Nation for Game Day

Regional Champs

District Champs

5th Place at States



New Signs at SHMS & SHHS



Mean Girls: The Musical at SHHS



"The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical" at SHMS



Feeding School Kids

Feeding School Kids campaign is in full swing! We encourage you to round up at Giant in Brookhaven! The Office of Student Services, the Business Office and The Nutrition Group are working collaboratively with the Brookhaven Giant for this campaign. Money donated at the store through the Round Up program or the online CHOICE donation goes directly to the district. Throughout the month of February, for every bag of brand Navel Oranges purchased, \$0.50 will support our school district meal programs. We invite you to shop the Brookhaven GIANT and support the Feeding School Kids Program!



Elementary Literacy Series

Engaging All Learners

February 15th

Adapting Reading Instruction to Accommodate Executive Functioning Needs

April 11th, 2024 - [Register Here](#)

Literacy, Language, and Supporting Students' Academic Growth

May 9th, 2024 - [Register Here](#)

WSSD LITERACY SERIES

ENGAGING ALL LEARNERS

Thursday, February 15th 2024

5PM - 6:30 PM at Swarthmore-Rutledge School Auditorium

Join us for an evening to learn about the essential skills needed to become a strong reader. Parents will be given information they need to know about structured literacy. Parents and educators will have an opportunity to dive into the *science of reading* instruction.

Dr. Danielle Murray, Supervisor of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction, Penn-Delco School District

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Dr. Murray has 25 years of experience in education, spending 17 years teaching, both as a classroom teacher and reading specialist. The last 8 years, she has served as a supervisor of elementary curriculum and instruction, focusing on increasing her own knowledge of literacy and supporting the staff she works with in structured literacy practices. As president of KSLA Delaware County, Dr. Murray strives to deliver relevant professional development and projects throughout the county. Dr. Murray is passionate about supporting all students in learning how to read.

ADAPTING READING INSTRUCTION TO ACCOMMODATE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING NEEDS

Thursday, April 11th 2024

5PM - 6:30 PM at Wallingford Elementary School Cafeteria

In this session we will explore how executive functioning skills impact reading and learning to read. Strategies will be shared to help children strengthen their executive functioning and reading skills.

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Mrs. Laurie Newsome Professional Development Specialist, Delaware County Intermediate Unit

Laurie has been a special educator for over 40 years. She began her career as a special education teacher working with adjudicated youth with learning disabilities and emotional and behavior disorders. Many of her early students had severe reading challenges. This led her to get her certification as a reading specialist in the early 90's and to work specifically in the area of reading. She has been training educators and consulting in the areas of reading, MTSS, assessment, behavior, secondary transition planning, and IEP development for the past 23 years. Laurie is the mother of 6 daughters. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and building their love of reading and early literacy skills.

LITERACY, LANGUAGE, AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC GROWTH

Thursday, May 9th 2024

5PM - 6:30 PM at Nether Providence Elementary School Cafeteria

During this session, parents and teachers will explore ways to support literacy development at home and in school. Through discussion and presentation of research-based strategies, participants will identify useful techniques to develop foundational literacy skills for all learners. A special focus will highlight the role of language, both first and second, as it relates to literacy development.

Ms. Cindy Barnes, ELD & Multilingual Learners Consultant

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Cindy Barnes is an English Language Development (ELD) and Multilingual Learners Consultant. Previously, she was an English Language Development Specialist working with students in grades K-12. She also created and continues to instruct the ESL certification courses for various entities. Previously, she worked for the Delaware County Intermediate Unit where she was the supervisor of the English Language Development program and provided ELD instruction and support to nine school districts in Delaware County. Cindy has more than a decade of experience as a trainer and professional development provider and has presented at various local and statewide conferences. In her early career, she lived in Honduras, Central America where her passion for teaching English began.



Career & Technical Education Month

CTE Month is a public awareness campaign that takes place each February to celebrate the value of career and technical education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. WSSD is proud of our students who are currently on the pathway to their careers at the Delaware County Technical Schools.



Students to be Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students for being inducted:

Lola Babin, Medical Careers

Iris Cheng, Medical Careers

Mirella DiPalma, Medical Careers

William Hall, Medical Careers



Upcoming District Dates

March 6th	Facilities & Finance Committee Meeting
March 13th	Policy Committee Meeting
March 15th	In-Service Day
March 18th	Regular School Board Meeting
March 20th	Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
March 25th-29th	Spring Recess

