

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting
October 11, 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
Superintendent
Entry Plan:
My First
100 Days



Extremely Talented and Dedicated Staff

Finding balance in the pursuit of **Excellence** and supporting the **Holistic** needs of students

Social Emotional Supports - Counselors

Building Stronger Communities - Sense of Belonging

Equity, Access and Opportunity

Data focused - Data Informed - Data Driven

WSSD Community Conversations



UPCOMING SESSIONS

Wallingford Elementary School

Tuesday, October 12
5 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Swarthmore-Rutledge School

Thursday, October 14
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Strath Haven High School

Monday, October 18
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Nether Providence Elementary School

Tuesday, October 19
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.



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 (Italy, France, Germany, Canada, Costa Rica)

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

Our pandemic team meets to review all field trips to analyze the safety protocols needed in order to support the trip.

WSSD Field Trips



Field Trips Approved

1. We want to offer our students the richest experience possible under the safest conditions possible.
2. Many of our trips planned after the new year are unpredictable and dependent on our levels of transmission in-and-out of state.
3. Families should be reminded again that field trips are subject to be rescheduled or cancelled.
4. Overnight trips are extremely complex as trip sponsors need to secure nurses and have strong mitigating measures in place if individual(s) become COVID positive during the trip and be prepared to implement our health and safety plan as it relates to Isolation and Quarantine.



**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



WSSD
FLU/COVID
VACCINATION

Springfield Pharmacy Partnership

Lead COVID Nurse, Mrs. Deb Sweeney, has arranged for Springfield Pharmacy to provide flu and shingle shots to staff on October 29th.



The District plans to push out a survey to gauge interest in a student vaccination clinic for students 5 years of age and up, possibly being held on October 30th, pending the approval of the vaccine.



Health and Safety Plan



Delaware County Community Transmission

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

7 Day Metrics as of Oct 10, 2021

Level of Transmission: High

Cases: 826

Positivity: 4.15%

Deaths: <10%

Eligible Population Fully

Vaccinated: 74.9%

New Hospital Admissions: 42

Health and Safety Plan Test-to-Stay

Test-to-Stay

A COVID-19 Strategy to Help Maintain In-Person Learning

TEST-TO-STAY PROGRAM allows students and staff who are identified as **in-school close contacts** during COVID-19 contact tracing and are **asymptomatic** to continue to remain in school for work or learning. Staff or students will not be required to quarantine from school by taking routine COVID-19 rapid antigen tests [BinaxNOW] over the course of ten (10) days. Students and staff will test:



- Students and Staff remain at school as long as each test returns negative.
- If a positive test occurs, students or staff must isolate for 10 days.
- BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Test is administered by a trained proctor.
- Program participation is **OPTIONAL** for students, and parent/guardian permission needed.
- If feasible, provide an alternative location for meals for those participants.



WSSD
Student
Vaccination
Percentages



Sept. 27, 2021 Data:

12th Grade: 72%

11th Grade: 56%

10th Grade: 54%

9th Grade: 53%

8th Grade: 57%

7th Grade: 55%

Oct. 11, 2021 Data:

12th Grade: 72%

11th Grade: 57%

10th Grade: 54%

9th Grade: 53%

8th Grade: 58%





7th Grade: 57%

WSSD Wellness Survey

As part of our commitment to mental health and resiliency, students participated in Emotional Wellness Check-In surveys via e-mail and See Saw (for K-2) today. These check-in surveys focus on students' awareness, understanding and acceptance of emotions, as well as their ability to adapt when confronted with adversity and stressful situations.

It also helps to gauge students' level of connectedness to staff and peers within our schools. The check-in data collected will help our counselors and behavioral health staff to provide resources, supports and interventions effectively. The check-ins are very brief and should take less than 10 minutes.

How do you feel about being back in school?

 Not Good <input type="radio"/>	 Okay <input type="radio"/>	 Good <input type="radio"/>	 Great <input type="radio"/>
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Topic #1: Comprehensive Plan



Components of the Plan

- District Profile
 - Mission, Vision & Values
- Core Foundations
 - Standards, Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Develop.
- Assurances
 - Safe & Supportive Schools
 - Special Education
- Needs Assessments
 - District Accomplishments & Concerns
- District Level Plan
 - Action Plan & Goals



Topic #1: Comprehensive Plan



Process

- Identify Committee Members
 - Administrative Core
 - Review Committee
- Administrative Core - October Meeting
- Review Committee - November 17, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
- Administrative Core - December Meeting
- Review Committee - January 19, 2022 @ 5:30 pm
- Administrative Core - Final Revisions
- Review Committee Share - January
- Posted in January/February for 28 day public review
- School Board Approval & Comprehensive Plan Submission by March 30, 2022



Topic #2: School Start Times

Investigation by the Numbers

- 4 Committees
- 50+ Contributors
- 8 Presentations
- 90+ Transportation Scenarios
- [Link](#) to Webpage Information



Topic #2: School Start Times



- May 2019 Planning Phase
- Summer 2019 Administrative Meetings
- Fall 2019
 - [Task Force Meetings](#)
 - [Scheduling Think Tanks](#)
 - [Sleep Research Presentation](#)
 - [Evening Panel Discussion](#)
 - Schedules evaluated for
 - perceived pros/cons,
 - transportation impact and costs
- Winter 2020 - March 11, 2020
 - Town Hall Planned and cancelled
- 2020-2021: Year of Planning & Preparation.
 - NOTE: Pandemic halted Investigation

Topic #2: School Start Times



Timeline for Investigation, Planning & Implementation:

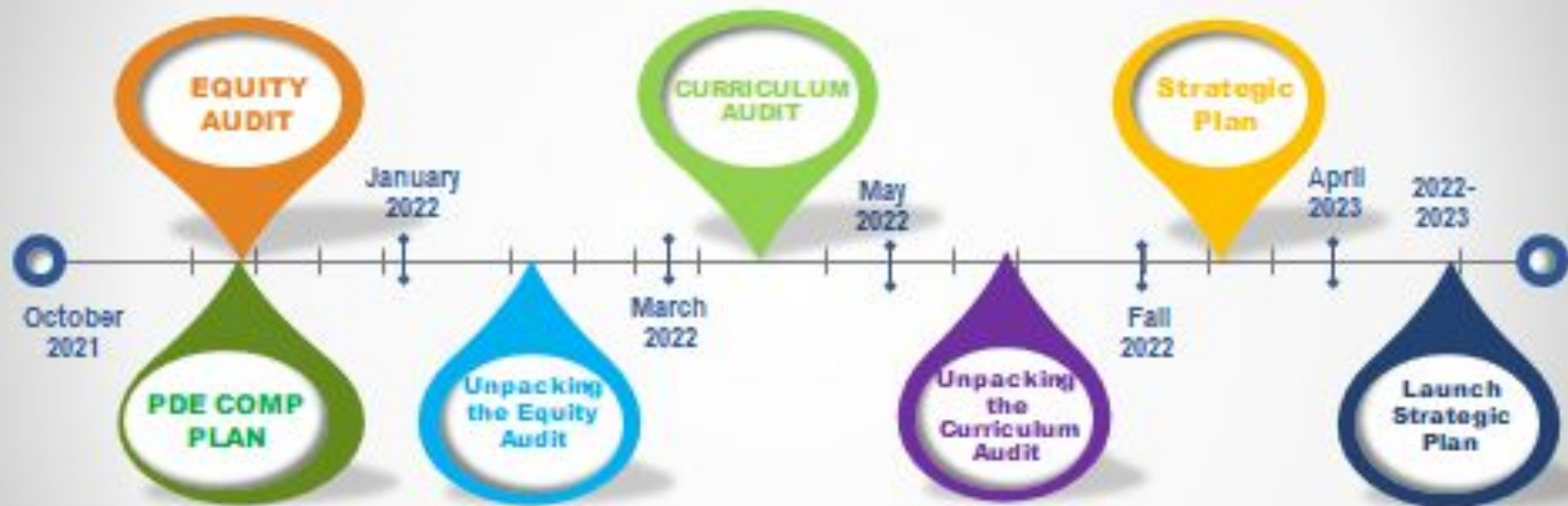
- 3 Final Schedules from previous investigation will be analyzed again:
 - Transportation - routes, costs (Oct. 30)
 - School Schedules & the Impact (Nov 15)
 - Benefits & Challenge Identification (Nov 30)
- Educational Affairs Committee Meeting for Input (Dec. 1)
- School Board Meeting Investigation Findings & potential Board Vote (January)
- Planning, communication, hiring, purchasing, schedule changes (Spring 2022 - Summer 2023)
 - This mirrors the timeline from the prior investigation.
- Launch (September 2023)

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TIMELINE for DATA COLLECTION & PLANNING

Wallingford-Swarthmore School District



2021-2022 Educational Affairs Committee *Future Agenda Items*



NOTE: Topics Subject to Change

November 4:

- 2022-2023 Calendar Part 1
- ESSER Funding Report
- Federal Programs Presentation

December 1:

- 2022-2023 Calendar Part 2
- School Start Times Update

January 5:

- Comprehensive Plan Update
- Equity Audit/Equity Scorecard Report

February 2:

- *Future Ready PA Index
- Technology Report

March 2:

- Curriculum Audit Launch
- Student Services Report

April 6:

- Act 158 Multiple Graduation Pathways Presentation - HS
- Equity Update

May 4:

- Curriculum Audit Report - CMSi

June 1:

- Strategic Plan Launch
- Year in Review
- 2022-2023 Seminal Topics

* Pending PDE Data availability

WSSD Committees Future Dates



**October 20, 2021
7: 00 p.m.
B-226 Teaching & Learning Center
Facilities Committee Meeting
Agenda**

- Roll Call
- Current Project Updates
 - High School Secure Entrance Project Update
 - Wallingford Elementary School Roof Replacement
 - High School Tennis Court Resurfacing
- 5 Year Capital Plan
 - Project Priorities
- Future Agenda Items

**October 20, 2021
7: 00 p.m. (immediately following Facilities meeting)
B-226 Teaching & Learning Center
Finance Committee Meeting
Proposed Agenda**

- Roll Call
- ESSR Funds: Summary of cumulative awards, use, balances and plan for purchases for remaining balance
- 2020-2021 Audit Status Report
- Act 1 Index and School District projected status regarding exceptions
- Proposed Contracts and Other Items for October 25, 2021 Board Approval

7: 00 p.m.

B-226 Teaching & Learning Center

Strath Haven Middle School

WSSD
SHHS
Homecoming
Week



SHHS Homecoming

Spirit Week - students will follow different theme days to show their Haven Spirit throughout the week, culminating in pep rallies on Friday. There will be two sessions in the afternoon.

Friday night's football game will feature a match-up against cross-town rivals Penncrest. Our Panthers are having a great season, and after a 35-14 win over Conestoga, are now 6-1.

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, October 16th, and this year's theme is "Disco". It will take place outdoors at the Brookhaven entrance of the high school.

To get into the Homecoming spirit, SHHS student council members Marshall Wenger and Tanmay Patwardhan created this awesome video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVj3Gek57BY>

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SHHS
Homecoming
Week

