



Wallingford-Swarthmore  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting

March 18, 2024

200 S. Providence Road  
Wallingford, PA 19086

[wssd.org](http://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

**Wallingford Elementary School**

*Presented by Dr. Gabriel Savage, Principal*



# 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](#)

### 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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Ms. 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.



# Wall of Honor



***Nominate A WSSD Alumni!***

The SHHS Wall of Honor Recognizes Distinguished Alumni of Swarthmore High School, Nether Providence High School and Strath Haven High School

[Click Here to Nominate a WSSD Alumni](#)

# Read Across America

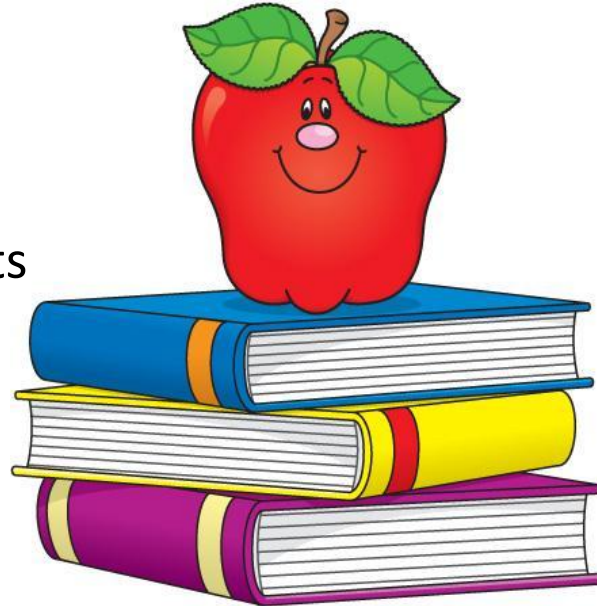


# Spring Conferences

**March 19** (Tuesday) and **March 20** (Wednesday) ~ Kindergarten conferences to be held during the day while school is in session.

**March 21** (Thursday) ~ No School for Gr. K—5. All day and evening conferences.

**March 22** (Friday) ~ No school for students in grades K—5. Morning conferences.



Apprenticeship and Trades Fair sponsored by Senator Tim Kearney and State Representative Jennifer O'Mara in partnership with DCIU. Join us on **Saturday, April 13th, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, 200 Yale Ave. in Morton, PA.**

This is your chance to explore diverse career opportunities, trades, and labor jobs firsthand. Discover your passion and learn about the pathways to success!

Feel free to reach out to Senator Tim Kearney's office at 610.544.6120 or visit [SenatorKearney.com](http://SenatorKearney.com) for more details. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to shape your future!

State Representative  
**JENNIFER O'MARA**  
16th Legislative District

State Senator  
**TIM KEARNEY**  
26th Senatorial District

Present

in partnership with the  
**DELAWARE COUNTY  
INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

# APPRENTICESHIP & TRADES FAIR

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to come out & learn about careers, trades and labor jobs.

**Saturday, April 13**  
**10 a.m. – Noon**

DCIU Morton  
200 Yale Avenue  
Morton, PA 19070

If you have any questions,  
you can reach  
Senator Tim Kearney's office at  
610.544.6120  
[SenatorKearney.com](http://SenatorKearney.com)



# Marching Band Goes To Disney!



# Facilities & Finance Meeting



Dr. David Grande  
Chair



Mr. Kevin Henry



Mr. Robert Miller

## Facilities Committee

March 6 Meeting  
03-06-2024



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Chair



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## Finance Committee

March 6 Meeting  
03-06-2024





Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates  
Architects

WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL  
Potential Timeline and Scope of Project

Mr. Jeff Straub, CRA

# WALLINGFORD-SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Retro Commissioning Repair Update



March 6, 2024  
Presented by:  
Mark Fennell/Brad Pappal



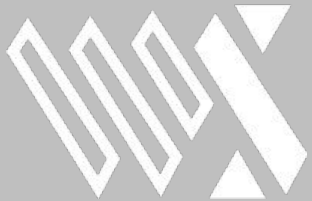
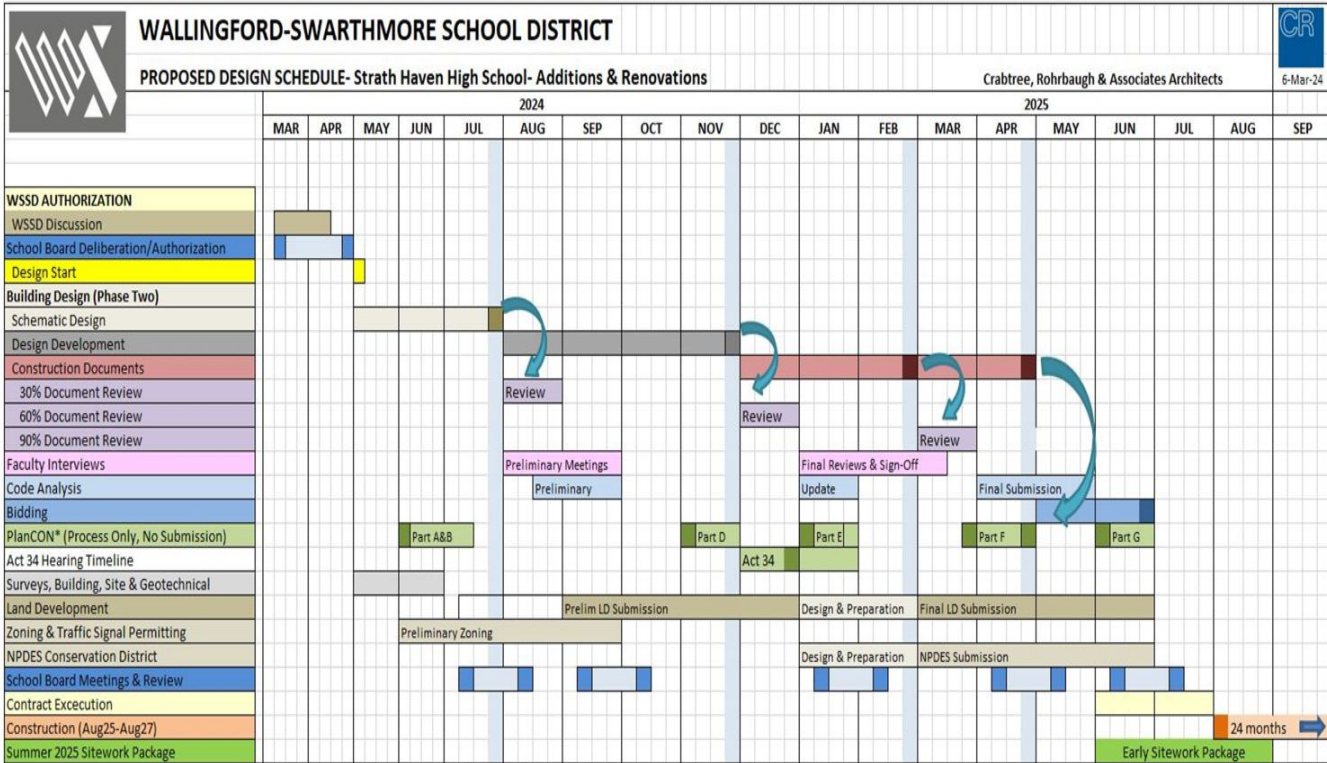
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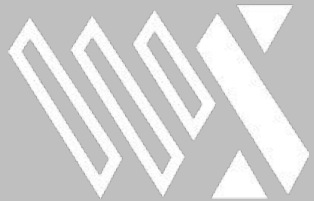


# PROPOSED DESIGN SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY



## KEY DATES (POTENTIAL SCHEDULE)

### HS Hypothetical Construction Schedule



- MAR '24 – APR '24
- MAY '24 – JUL '24
- AUG '24 – NOV '24
- DEC '24 – APR '25
- DEC '25 – JAN '25

BOARD AUTHORIZATION  
SCHEMATIC DESIGN  
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT  
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS  
BIDDING EARLY SITE PACKAGE  
& MODULAR RELOCATION

- MAY '25- JUN '25
- JUNE 2025
- JUN '25 – JUL '25
- SUMMER 2025
- AUGUST 2025
- AUGUST 2027
- FALL 2027
- SUMMER 2028

BIDDING (MAIN PROJECT)  
BOARD APPROVAL OF BIDS  
CONTRACTS EXECUTION  
EARLY SITEWORK PACKAGE  
CONSTRUCTION START  
NEW FACILITIES COMPLETE  
CLOSEOUT  
1 YEAR WARRANTY

# Summary of Previous Recommendations

## WSSD Recommended Facility Improvements

Priority	School(s)	Phase	Scope Measure	Price
<b>Must Do (1-2 Years)</b>	<b>HS, MS &amp; SRS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>RetroCommissioning (RCx) Repairs</b>	\$ 3,528,750
<b>Should Do (1-2; 3-5 Years)</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>Unit Ventilators &amp; Natatorium Replacement</b>	\$ 2,399,783
<b>Plan to Do (3-5 Years)</b>	<b>HS, MS &amp; SRS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>DDC Upgrades and Convert CV System w/ Reheat to VAV</b>	\$ 3,026,546
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>HS, MS &amp; SRS</b>			<b>\$ 8,955,079</b>



### Key Items:

- CV: Constant Volume
- VAV: Variable Air Volume
- RCx: Retro Commissioning
- WSHP: Water Source Heat Pumps
- FCU: Fan Coil Units
- DDC: Direct Digital Controls



# Addressing Priority 1 Items

Systems Inspected
Building Automation Systems
Hot Water Plant
Chilled Water Plant
Air Handling Units
Fan Coil Units
Unit Ventilators
Reheat Coils
Geothermal Plant
Rooftop Air Handler Units
Energy Recovery Units
Water Source Heat Pumps
Makeup Air Handling Units
Ductless Variable Refrigerant Flow
Cabinet Unit Heaters
Exhaust Fans

School	Description	Identifier	Base Cost	Alternates
MS	RCx Priority 1 Repairs During School Year (**Revised**)	Base	\$1,002,844	
MS	Shift Differential Time (Remove)	Alt 01		(\$117,500)
MS	Subtotal (Base + Alternate 03)		\$885,344	
SRS	RCx Priority 1 Repairs During School Year (**Revised**)	Base	\$716,513	
SRS	Shift Differential Time (Remove)	Alt 02		(\$93,000)
SRS	Subtotal (Base + Alternate 02)		\$623,513	
MS/SRS	Subtotal Base		\$1,719,356	
MS/SRS	Subtotal Alternates			(\$210,500)
MS/SRS	<b>Grand Total (Base + Alternates 01 + 02)</b>		<b>\$1,508,856</b>	
HS	RCx Priority 1 Repairs of Central Plant AHUs Only Normal Hours (**Revised)	Base	\$822,125	
HS	Shift Differential Time (Remove)	Alt 03		(\$105,875)
HS	Subtotal (Base + Alternate 03)		\$716,250	
MS/SRS/HS	Grand Total (Base + Alternates)		\$2,225,106	

## Plan Approach:

- Address Highest Priority Items first
- “Large Chunks” by Buildings or Systems
- Perform during summer on normal hours

## Recommendation to Begin:

- **SRS & MS Priority 1 Repairs during Summer: \$1,508,856**





# SHHS AND SHMS CAMPUS





# Wallingford-Swarthmore School District



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March 6, 2024

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**RAYMOND JAMES**



# EXISTING DEBT PROFILE

	(1) Fiscal Year Ending	(2) G.O. Notes Series of 2017	(3) G.O. Notes Series A of 2017	(4) G.O. Notes Series B of 2017	(5) G.O. Bonds Series of 2019	(6) G.O. Note Series of 2020 (DelVal)	(7) G.O. Note Series A of 2020 (DelVal)	(8) G.O. Bonds Series of 2022	(9) G.O. Notes Series of 2022	(10) Total Gross Debt Service
Gross Debt Service <i>(Prior to State Reimbursement)</i>	6/30/2024	3,447,920	337,265	465,776	683,875	1151,190	343,687	4735,91	224,798	5,672,842
	6/30/2025	671,853	335,635	465,776	6785,75	114,702	3,123,244	473,365	220,619	5,664,569
	6/30/2026	0	63,878	465,776	678,175	2,430,785	1,752,198	473,198	221,440	5,666,250
	6/30/2027	0	63,878	51,576	392,275	4,341,858	120,495	473,092	222,062	5,666,175
	6/30/2028	0	63,878	464,34	671,750	0	4,188,735	472,865	222,485	5,666,146
	6/30/2029	0	2,568,878	206,434	680,400	0	0	472,699	222,709	4,151,119
	6/30/2030	0	0	771,890	678,300	0	0	2,282,532	222,734	3,355,456
	6/30/2031	0	0	766,158	680,750	0	0	2,282,093	222,560	3,351,561
	6/30/2032	0	0	0	677,600	0	0	2,279,655	317,187	3,274,442
	6/30/2033	0	0	0	679,000	0	0	2,280,220	312,894	3,272,054
	6/30/2034	0	0	0	679,800	0	0	2,283,620	308,282	3,271,702
	6/30/2035	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,279,689	993,531	3,273,220
	6/30/2036	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,283,593	421,119	2,704,712
TOTALS	4,119,773	3,433,410	1,982,220	7,180,500	7,002,536	9,528,359	18,810,089	4,132,360	56,189,246	

If the district were to borrow **\$60M** in new debt we would need to increase debt service in the budget by \$557,652 per year for five consecutive years.

	(11) Fiscal Year Ended	(12) G.O. Notes Series of 2017	(13) G.O. Notes Series A of 2017	(14) G.O. Notes Series B of 2017	(15) G.O. Bonds Series of 2019	(16) G.O. Note Series of 2020 (DelVal)	(17) G.O. Note Series A of 2020 (DelVal)	(18) G.O. Bonds Series of 2022	(19) G.O. Notes Series of 2022	(20) Net Debt Service
Net Debt Service <i>(After State Reimbursement)</i>	6/30/2024	3,243,877	313,987	41,276	608,459	107,042	323,286	442,986	224,798	5,305,712
	6/30/2025	632,094	312,470	41,276	603,744	106,589	2,937,851	442,830	220,619	5,297,473
	6/30/2026	0	59,469	41,276	603,388	2,258,845	1,648,189	442,674	221,440	5,275,281
	6/30/2027	0	59,469	45,707	349,016	4,034,739	113,342	442,519	222,062	5,266,894
	6/30/2028	0	59,469	41,150	597,671	0	3,940,095	442,363	222,485	5,303,233
	6/30/2029	0	2,391,576	182,942	605,368	0	0	442,207	222,709	3,844,802
	6/30/2030	0	0	684,051	603,499	0	0	2,135,297	222,734	3,645,581
	6/30/2031	0	0	678,971	605,679	0	0	2,134,886	222,560	3,642,096
	6/30/2032	0	0	0	602,876	0	0	2,132,606	317,187	3,052,669
	6/30/2033	0	0	0	604,122	0	0	2,133,134	312,894	3,050,090
	6/30/2034	0	0	0	604,834	0	0	2,136,314	308,282	3,049,430
	6/30/2035	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,132,637	993,531	3,126,168
	6/30/2036	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,136,290	421,119	2,557,409
TOTALS	3,875,971	3,196,439	1,756,647	6,388,656	6,507,216	8,962,764	17,596,743	4,132,360	52,416,796	

If the district were to borrow **\$40M** in new debt we would need to increase debt service in the budget by \$373,497 per year for five consecutive years.

Issue Details	Principal Outstanding <sup>[1]</sup>	\$4,000,000	\$3,030,000	\$1,640,000	\$6,050,000	\$6,795,000	\$9,253,000	\$14,070,000	\$3,010,000	\$47,848,000
Purpose:	AR 11A	CR 14	AR 11B	CR 13	CR 12A	CR 16	DR portions of 17A, 17B, 20, 20A		NM	
Call Date:	Make-Whole	Make-Whole	Make-Whole	11/1/2024	Non-callable	Non-callable	Anytime		Anytime	
Reimb %:	13.11%	15.29%	25.21%	24.43%	15.67%	13.15%	14.29%		0.00%	
23/24 MARR%	45.14%	45.14%	45.14%	45.14%	45.14%	45.14%	45.14%		45.14%	
School Share:	94.08%	93.10%	88.62%	88.97%	92.93%	94.06%	93.55%		100.00%	
State Share:	5.92%	6.90%	11.38%	11.03%	7.07%	5.94%	6.45%		0.00%	
Purpose Codes: NM – New Money CR – Current Refunding AR – Advance Refunding DR – Debt Restructuring										

If the district were to borrow **\$20M** in new debt we would need to increase debt service in the budget by \$241,216 per year for five consecutive years.

[1] Outstanding principal as of February 26, 2024

\* Interest rates as of 2/26/24, preliminary and subject to change.

\*\* Value of 1 mill is \$2,593,731 as of August 2023.



# Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Athletic Feasibility Study Summary Presentation

MAY 17, 2023



## PROJECT GOALS

To develop a comprehensive master plan for WSSD's athletic fields and facilities that will:

- ~ *Identify the proper number of fields and facilities needed to accommodate current and future athletic programs.*
- ~ *Identify design concerns with WSSD facilities.*
- ~ *Account for equity amongst facilities, in accordance with Title IX*
- ~ *Identify potential safety issues with the fields and facilities and establish budgets to address those items.*
- ~ *Establish a phased approach to the recommendations.*



**multi-purpose field use on the campus exceeds the maximum use level by 515 events.** Using an average baseline of 47 events per field, **an additional eleven (11) fields are required to support the sports programs (both games and practices) and community use.**





**390 Middle and High School  
Track and Field Athletes**



**488  
Athletes  
Using King  
Field (M-F)**



The longer we delay, the more we will pay.

**Ban Ki-moon**

Indecision and delays are the parents of failure.

**George Canning**



# Upcoming District Dates

April 3rd	Facilities & Finance Committee Meeting
April 10th	Policy Committee Meeting
April 16th	Regular School Board Meeting
April 17th	Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
April 23rd	In-Service Day

