

SPS QUARTERLY

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Welcome to the first edition of SPS Quarterly, a newsletter designed to keep the community informed about what's happening in Stamford Public Schools (SPS).

Please share this information with your constituents, peers, and friends. And remember, you can also sign up to receive my weekly e-newsletter published on Fridays during the school year.

Thank you for reading and for supporting Stamford Public Schools!



Dr. Tamu Lucero
Superintendent,
Stamford Public Schools

Long Term Facilities Plan

SLAM collaborative presented a revised Master Facilities Plan to the Long-Term Facilities Committee during a public meeting on Thursday, October 20. The updated plan addresses facilities needs at each of our campuses over a 20-year period.

School facilities applications to rebuild Westhill High School and to rebuild Roxbury Elementary as a K-8 school were submitted to the state earlier this year. By June 30, 2023, an application will be submitted to build a two-campus school (K-4, 5-8) for students in the Lockwood Avenue, Cove, and Shippan neighborhoods who currently attend KT Murphy and Toquam Elementary Schools.



Community Conversation: Two-School Campus

SPS is planning a series of Community Conversations to discuss the proposed two-campus school. The first meeting is

Monday, November 28 at 7 pm in the media center at KT Murphy Elementary School. This meeting also will be accessible online via Zoom. The meeting will be presented with in-person and online Spanish interpretation.

Magnet School Lottery is Open

The SPS Magnet School Program was developed by the Stamford Board of Education to help manage enrollment and balance all schools to the district's +/- 10 percent integration standard while offering educational choice through unique programs and theme-based instruction. The 2023-24 SPS Magnet School lottery [application](#) is open.



Deadlines are as follows:

- Tuesday, November 15: Elementary and K-8
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023: High School
- Wednesday, March 1, 2023: Middle School

More information about the magnet program is available [here](#).

Community Conversation: SPS Family Session

The Parent-Teacher Council of Stamford and Stamford Cradle to Career present Community Conversations with Dr. Lucero throughout the school year. During these events, community members get to hear from the Superintendent and ask questions. A video recording of the October 17 meeting is available [here](#).

The next Community Conversation is **Thursday, December 1**. Details about this meeting will be announced in early November.



High School Info Sessions for 8th Grade Families

November 9 6:30 pm

Stamford Public Schools offers numerous options for students interested in specialized high school programs. These include the Agriscience and Junior ROTC Programs at Westhill High School, the Early College Studies and International Baccalaureate Programs at Stamford High School, and The Academy of Information Technology & Engineering inter-district magnet high school. Students can apply for these programs regardless of their districted high school. Eighth grade families interested in learning more about these programs should join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm via Zoom [here](#).

Career Pathways, Workplace Learning & Apprenticeships

SPS is engaged with the State of Connecticut and the National Center for College and Career Transitions (NC3T) to develop a Pathway System for career and life readiness. A Pathway System is the coordinated interaction of key components – including career development, dynamic teaching and learning, employer and community engagement, and cross-sector partnerships – designed to develop a high level of career and life readiness. Students connect learning to the real world and develop the knowledge, skills, and mindset to successfully enter the adult world of work, careers, and community life. Click here to visit the SPS Career Pathway webpage.



Quick Takes

- Cell Phone Policy:**
The Board of Education adopted a new [Cell Phone Policy](#). With limited exceptions, student cell phones may not be used, heard, or displayed during the instructional day.
- Free Student Meals:**
Stamford Public Schools was approved to offer all students FREE breakfast and lunch this school year. No forms are required. Families that need to prove eligibility for other programs such as exam fee waivers or reduced price camps and after school programs must complete the Household Income Survey available [here](#).
- School-Based Health Clinics Provide FREE Medical and Mental Health Services:**
SPS has partnered with [Family Centers](#) to provide full-service health centers at Westhill, Stamford High, Cloonan, Dolan/Toquam and Rippowam/AITE. These school-based health centers provide FREE, comprehensive on-site medical and behavioral health services to students. Parents must register for their children to use the health centers. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or view this [flyer](#).
- PT Council Meetings:**
The [Parent-Teacher Council of Stamford](#) is the 501(c)3 nonprofit umbrella organization for our school-based parent-teacher groups. The PT Council meets regularly throughout the school year to discuss topics of interest to SPS families. **The next meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.** These meetings are open to all SPS families. Email ptcouncil@gmail.com for the meeting link or click [here](#) to join the mailing list.
- Stamford All-School Musical:**
This fall's Stamford All-School Musical is Something Rotten, a crowd-pleasing musical comedy. Stamford residents ages 13 through 12 grade make up the cast, crew and orchestra of this production with the support of theatre professionals and volunteers. Now in its 15th Year, the Stamford All-School Musical will be presented December 2-3 and December 9-11 at Westhill High School. Tickets go on sale November 1. Click [here](#) for more information.
- We're Hiring!** Stamford Public Schools is looking for qualified teachers, paraeducators, security staff, and substitute teachers. If you know anyone who would be a good fit for our District, please encourage them to [apply](#).

Thanks for reading. For more information about Stamford Public Schools and up-to-date information on events and activities, visit our [website](#).