

2022-2023 Scranton School District Highlights



Academics

07

Added Advanced Placement courses now an option in the Cyber Academy

01

Completed curriculums for:

- K-12 Math, K-12 ELA, High School Art, Photography & Graphic Arts / Advertising

02

Began the Technology Education Pathway curriculum and pathway updates for implementation in the 2024-2025 school year

03

Planned out the 3 year implementation window for the integration of the new STEELS standards.

04

Updated, revised K-12 English Language Development (ELD) curriculum.

05

The inaugural year of our newly established STEMM Academy was executed with great success.

06

Worked with local colleges and universities to promote adding new dual enrollment courses.



Safety and Security



01

Established a Safety and Security department within the SSD, including the appointment of a Director of Safety and Security.

02

We ended the year with 23 armed School Security Officers, (five full-time District-employed SSOs, 18 seasonal/contracted SSOs) deployed across the District.

03

Purchased, installed and implemented Evolv metal detection screening systems at all secondary schools and implemented a five-person entry control point (ECP) screening model to maximize screening efficiency.

04

Secured a three-year contract with Cardinal Point Security Group for the provision of up to 20 contracted Safe School Officers (SSOs).

05

A mutual agreement has been reached with the SFT through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to introduce a revised middle school schedule. This revised schedule includes the addition of a study hall, allowing for a higher number of teachers to be present in the hallways for enhanced supervision

Budget and Finance



01

As a result of the enhanced financial situation, the SSD transitioned from Financial "Recovery" status to the "Monitoring" phase.

02

Successfully negotiated agreements, extensions and or amendments to all the collective bargaining and administrative agreements within the District until 2028.

03

Transitioned from the Business Privilege / Mercantile tax to the Payroll Preparation Tax

04

Successfully vetted, procured and implemented the OpenGov electronic procurement platform.

05

Successfully transitioned to a contracted payroll service

06

Hired an Assistant Business manager

Capital Improvements



01

Completed Phase 1 of the Neil Armstrong Project

02

Completed multiple roofing projects on-time and on-budget for multiple sites. Phase 1 of WSIS, Robert Morris, Frances Willard, and WSHS.

03

Board approved summer abatement package in the following buildings: Adams, Morris, WSIS, McNichols, SSIS, Prescott, WSHS, Willard, Sumner, and NEIS. If everything proceeds according to the plan, management plans for many buildings will become unnecessary.

04

Major renovation projects West Intermediate and Robert Morris.

05

District-wide HVAC initiatives, the replacement of elevators at WSHS, renovations for the STEMM Academy, and security upgrades spanning across the district.

Recruit and retain top-notch personnel while emphasizing the enhancement of staff morale.



01

Hired and Assistant Human Resource Director and an additional confidential secretary.

02

The utilization of our Financial Information System (FIS) is being maximized to a greater extent, incorporating clearance reminders for all employees.

03

Created a google form for that provides employee feedback

04

Negotiated agreements with all bargaining units have been reached, which should aid in the retention and recruitment of personnel and help to fill positions.

05

Implementation of "HR" on the road to gather feedback that is convenient to the employees.

Student Support Systems



01

Hired a Mental Health Supervisor K-12

02

Successful implementation of our Social emotional learning curriculum

03

Provided school counselors in our elementary schools.

04

Formed the Behavior Support Team which includes a District hired BCBA and four (4) contracted Social Workers.

05

Hired 3 additional school-employed mental health professionals to support our students social-emotional, mental, and behavioral well being.

06

Launched an *NEIU FLIGHT TEAM* for SSD and participated in a federally funded mental health program called *KOOTH*