

# Special Education and Pupil Services



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## 2023-2024

### Program Highlights

- ❖ NAEYC Accreditation
  - ❖ Completed Self-Study
  - ❖ Application for candidacy - January 2025
- ❖ Social/Emotional Programming at McAlister School
- ❖ Increased access to Transition Services for secondary students
- ❖ Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Training (6 hrs.)
  - ❖ Presented by the CT Center for School Safety and Crisis Preparation
  - ❖ School Social Workers, Psychologists, Counselors, Safety and Security Team
- ❖ District received “Meets Requirement” Status on its most recent Annual Special Education Performance Report from the CSDE

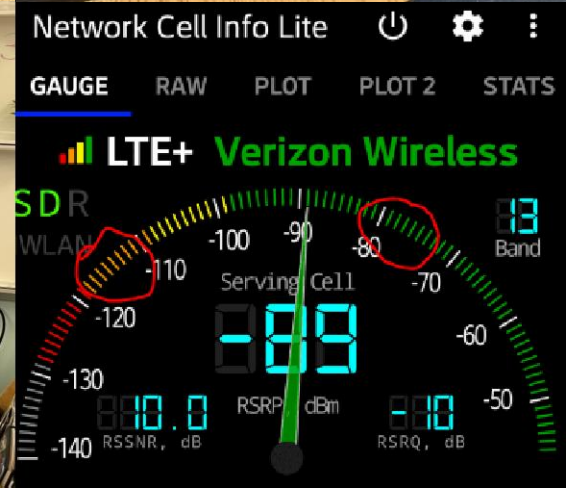
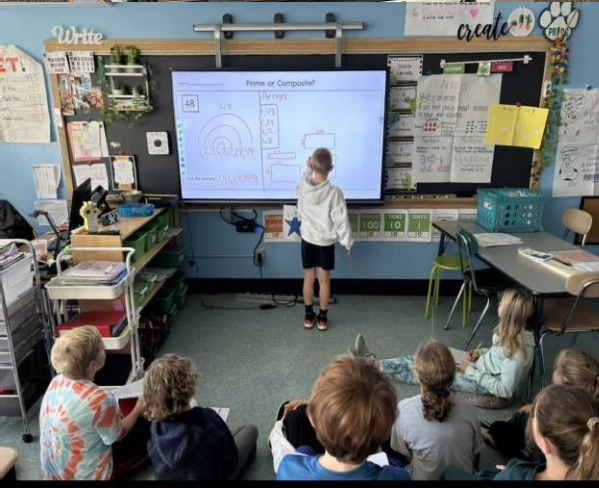
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### Budget Implications

- ❖ Increase of a 1.0 Special Education Teacher to support students in the AgriScience program at SHS
- ❖ Increase of .2 Physical Therapist (.8 to 1.0 FTE)
- ❖ Floating Nurse moved from Grant Funded to Operating Budget
- ❖ District Family-School Liaison moved from Grant Funded to Operating Budget
- ❖ Out of District Tuitions

# Technology



# School-based Technology

2023-2024

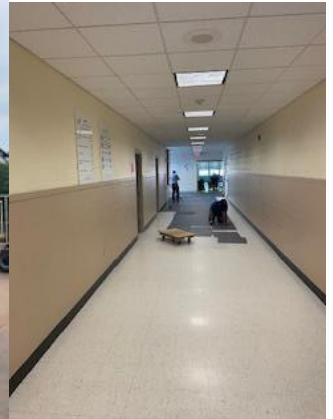
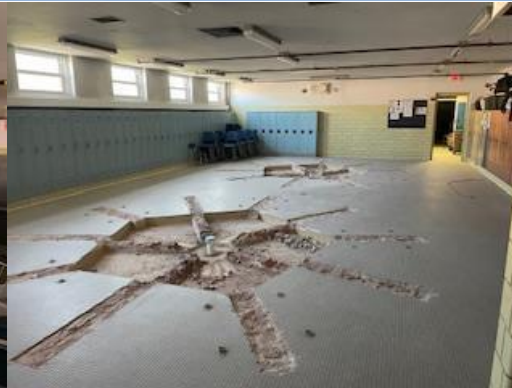
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- ❖ ViewSonic Interactive Boards– Grant Funded \$115,300 Capital Funding \$155,000
- ❖ Enhancement for Board Meetings – SHS Media Center – Grant funded \$7,250.00
- ❖ Implemented change in Cellular phones / Carrier – Cost reduction \$980.00 month – \$11,760 yearly
- ❖ HBI - Pathways program – Grant Award \$13,000 from HBI / \$8,000 Home Depot
- ❖ Installation of Cell phone repeaters at SHS (Grant funded) \$13,000
- ❖ Standardized laptops for admin/coaches
- ❖ Asset Management for all district issued devices
- ❖ Implementation of new student 1:1 monitoring suite
- ❖ Disaster recovery collaboration with CISA – bi-weekly testing
- ❖ Acquired housing authority for added support to department
- ❖ Data driven - Staff roles and responsibilities re-defined to align with processes
- ❖ SHS Tech Advisory Board of Students – Community Outreach – School policies
- ❖ New District-Wide Intercom System – Capital Funding

# Technology 2024-2025 Program Initiatives

- ❖ Further resource allocation – Future Ready Schools
- ❖ HBI implementation at SMS – Year 1
  - ❖ Collaboration / Planning with Kevin Mattia and Matt Dobi
- ❖ Digital memberships align with core curriculum strategies (Curriculum Dept)
- ❖ Reduction in costs for hosting fees in efforts to continue building internal solutions to fit school / district needs
- ❖ Reduction in Professional Development line item
- ❖ Accessibility training for all office support staff
- ❖ Increase in Curriculum Digital Memberships

# Facilities



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## 2023-2024

# Maintenance Highlights

### ❖ Key Highlights

- ❖ Safety and Security Enhancements - Districtwide
- ❖ Submitted Grant for HVAC Upgrades
- ❖ Continued Focus on Grounds Care and Maintenance
- ❖ Work flow process and efficiencies established to maximize labor force
- ❖ Continued to find savings looking to State Auction and other communities/Businesses for excess equipment
- ❖ Agriscience Storage Facility and Animal Barn

# Facilities

## 2024-2025

### Program Initiatives

#### ❖ Program Initiative

- ❖ Develop a new Work Order System with Information Technology
- ❖ Continue to build upon our Shared Services model with Public Works to find efficiencies and costs savings
- ❖ Continue to research grant opportunities to address school facility upgrades
- ❖ Ensure proposed and approved ACCE projects are completed to standard
- ❖ Partner with the Board of Education and Town to develop proposal for Suffield Middle School Project
- ❖ Implement Indoor Air Quality Reviews mandated to begin January 2024

# Athletics and Student Activities



# Athletics & Student Activities

## 2023-2024

## Program Highlights

### **Athletics**

- ❖ Multiple Conference Championships
- ❖ Multiple All League, All State and All New England Athletes
- ❖ Varsity Girls Soccer in State Championships
- ❖ SMS Girls Soccer CRAL League Quarter Finals

### **Clubs and Activities Key Highlights**

- ❖ Resurrection of SMS & SHS Ski Club
- ❖ Increased participation in multiple clubs and activities
- ❖ Addition of clubs at SMS and SHS
- ❖ Formalized Clubs and Activities Handbook for Advisors, Parents and Students

# Athletic Program

## 2024-2025

### Program Initiatives

- ❖ **Continued partnership with OT Sports** (formerly known as Hosiery Center of the South) in the rebranding of Athletic uniforms.
- ❖ **Establishment of engraved brick and paver fundraiser** to support large scale improvements to facilities.
- ❖ **Research and submission of multiple grants** to improve the overall athletic department.
- ❖ **Continued implementation of Suffield High School and League Sportsmanship Committee.**
- ❖ **Establishment of multiple ways to highlight and promote Middle School Athletics in the School and Community.**

# Athletic Participation

## ❖ Sports Teams

- \* SMS - 10 programs
- \* SHS - 40 programs

## ❖ Athletes

- \* SMS - 239 total
- \* SHS - 386 total

# Clubs and Activities

## 2024-2025

### Program Initiatives

- ❖ **Continue to research new and innovative clubs and activities based on interests of students.**
- ❖ **Increase promotion of current clubs and activities** through social media and school publications
- ❖ **Continued support of Advisors** on how to improve the overall achievement, engagement, and success of clubs and activities

# Clubs and Activities Participation

## Overall Clubs & Participant Information

- ❖ MIS
  - ❖ 4 clubs (refer to data sheet)
  - ❖ 200 participants
- ❖ SMS
  - ❖ 11 clubs (refer to data sheet)
  - ❖ 158 participants
- ❖ SHS
  - ❖ 29 clubs (refer to data sheet)
  - ❖ 487 participants

**Participation and Activity Frequency Data** (refer to data sheet)

# Athletics and Activities

## 2023-2024

## Highlights

### **Fall 2023 Athletic Awards**

- ❖ 21 All NCCC athletes
- ❖ 10 All State athletes
- ❖ 1 All New England

### **Fall 2023 League All Academic Awards**

- ❖ 93 Varsity Athletes with a GPA above 88%

### **Resurrection of the SMS & SHS Ski Club**

- ❖ 72 Students & 27 Volunteers

### **Added 3 new clubs to list of 45 Clubs/Activities**

- ❖ SMS Family Career and Community Club
- ❖ SHS Black Student Union
- ❖ Voices United