

Educational Programing

Community Engagement Committee



Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

3 Big Ideas

1. Focus on Learning
2. Collaborative Culture
3. Focus on Results

Teaching today is highly complex with many challenges.

It is too difficult for one teacher to do everything.



Looking Forward: Ways to reach our vision

Our students are
confident, well-rounded citizens
who positively impact their communities.

Excellence in All: Academics, Arts, Athletics

Every student has a place in our schools!



Range of Programs

- Infant / Toddler
- Pre-K
- K-12
- Building Grade Structure
 - 2 Elementary Schools (Grade PK - 5)
 - 1 School (PK-8)
 - 1 Middle School (Grade 6 - 8)
 - 1 High School



Age: 0 - PK

- High Scope Curriculum - Play Based Instruction
- Data: Students participating in Wawasee Early Learning programs are more likely to be ready to start Kindergarten with the skills they need.
- Current: 3 infant/toddler classrooms & 4 pre-k classrooms



Looking Forward: Pre-K programs

- Developmentally appropriate inside spaces
- Developmentally appropriate outside spaces
- Licensing infant/toddler classrooms



Elementary

- Focus on Reading and Math
 - Shifting to more phonics based reading skills (grades K-2)
 - Explore more science and STEM learning opportunities
- Communication among grade level teachers in all three buildings
- Guaranteed and viable curriculum (Math and English)



Looking Forward: Elementary

- Retrofitting Kindergarten classrooms to match current cognitive science knowledge
- Science and STEM spaces



Middle School Discussion

Over the past few years, there has been a growing necessity to examine the viability of maintaining two middle schools.

- A growing inequity of learning experiences between Milford MS and Wawasee MS
- Increasingly difficult to fully staff to meet the needs of students at Milford MS
- Limited opportunities for high ability / advanced learners



Middle School Comparisons

School Enrollments	
Milford Middle School	134
Wawasee Middle School	496
Number of Teachers (FTE)*	
Milford Middle School	11
Wawasee Middle School	32
Student / Teacher Ratios	
Milford Middle School	12.2 : 1
Wawasee Middle School	15.5 : 1

*Core, SPED, Encore



Middle School

- Similar programming, especially Core classes
 - Is becoming more difficult to schedule
 - Advanced programs
 - Encore Class Differences
 - Athletics
- Cross-building collaboration
 - Different preps/team times/meeting times
 - Milford is mostly singletons



Advanced Programming Challenges

High Ability Students by Grade at MMS		
Grade	Number of Students	Breakdown
6th	8	4 general / 4 math
7th	4	2 general / 1 math / 1 lang
8th	3	2 general / 1 math

Advanced Math MMS Students	
Grade	Number of Students
6th	10
7th	10
Algebra (8th)	12



Looking Forward: Middle School

- What does Middle School look like at Wawasee?



Alternative Programs

- High School alternative programing
 - Currently housed in “temporary” classrooms in separate building on campus
- Middle school alternative programing
 - Housed on campus (WMS yes/MMS no)
 - Housed off campus?
- Elementary school alternative programing?



High School: Graduation Pathways

Credits

- Core 40
- Academic Honors
- Tech Honors
- General

Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills

- Defined outcomes
based on experience

Postsecondary-Ready Competencies

- Honors Diplomas
- SAT/ACT scores
- ASVAB*
- Industry Certification
- Apprenticeship
- CTE Concentrator
- AP/DC courses

*ASVAB - Starting next year - It may only be allowed as a pathway for those going into the military (2022: 31 used ASVAB as a pathway; only 2 joined the military)



High School - CTE Concentrators

Current Concentrators

- Welding
- Veterinary Careers
- Building Trades
- Digital Audio/Video Media
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Tech
- Pre-Nursing
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Human Services
- Computer Tech Support
- Fire and Rescue
- Criminal Justice
- Power Up
- Automotive Services
- Marine Mechanics/Power Sports



Looking Forward: High School - CTE

Programs currently at capacity

- Welding
- Culinary Arts
- Auto Mechanics

Programs for future growth

- Health Science II
- Advanced Manufacturing



Questions & Clarifications



Reflection and Small Group Discussion

Based on the presentation tonight

1. What are you most excited about?
2. What are you most concerned about?

