



Springfield 2023-2024

Superintendent's Report

February 26, 2024

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Springfield Public Schools Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Mission:

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

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Report Overview

- Student Representative Report
- 2022-2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report:
Robert A. Hulsart & Company
- Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Reporting Period 1
- Board Agenda Highlights
- Community Updates
- Upcoming Events in Springfield

SSDS 2023-24

Reporting Period 1

New Jersey Department of Education Student Safety Data System (SSDS)

REVISED

Reporting Period 1: September 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

	Incidents in Progress	Incidents Completed	Total Incidents	Total Restraint/ Seclusion Incidents	Trainings Completed	Programs Completed
010-Jonathan Dayton High School	0	22	22	0	1	2
050-Edward V. Walton Primary School	0	2	2	0	1	0
060-Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School	0	12	12	0	3	3
070-James Caldwell Elementary School	0	0	0	0	1	16
090-Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School	0	4	4	0	1	17
010-Jonathan Dayton High School					4	0
February 26, 2024 Board of Education Meeting						

WALTON

Report Period 1 (September 1 - December 31, 2023)

Incidents (Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed)	0
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	0
Restraint/Seclusion	0
HIB Alleged	1
HIB Trainings	1
HIB Programs	0

CALDWELL

Report Period 1 (September 1 - December 31, 2023)

Incidents(Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed)	<i>0</i>
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	<i>0</i>
Restraint/Seclusion	<i>0</i>
HIB Alleged	<i>0</i>
HIB Trainings	<i>1</i>
HIB Programs	<i>16</i>

SANDMEIER

Report Period 1 (September 1 - December 31, 2023)

Incidents(Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed)	<i>1</i>
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	<i>0</i>
Restraint/Seclusion	<i>0</i>
HIB Alleged	<i>2</i>
HIB Trainings	<i>1</i>
HIB Programs	<i>17</i>

GAUDINEER

Report Period 1 (September 1 - December 31, 2023)

Incidents(Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed)	<i>1</i>
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	<i>0</i>
Restraint/Seclusion	<i>0</i>
HIB Alleged	<i>8</i>
HIB Trainings	<i>3</i>
HIB Programs	<i>3</i>

DAYTON

Report Period 1 (September 1 - December 31, 2023)

Incidents(Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons and HIB Confirmed)	<i>10</i>
Other Incidents Leading to Removal	<i>5</i>
Restraint/Seclusion	<i>0</i>
HIB Alleged	<i>2</i>
HIB Trainings	<i>1</i>
HIB Programs	<i>2</i>

Board Agenda Highlights

24-25 Pre-School Update

- Total Entries:
 - Pre K 4: 99
 - Pre K 3: 42
- 8 Classrooms Planned
 - Approximately 100 general education seats, based on number of early intervention inclusion students
- Lottery to be held on February 28
 - Staff members, who are residents, are given priority placement
 - Follow same process, random selection
- Email notification on March 1st
- Confirmation of enrollment March 28th
- Before & After Care Registration open on Monday, July 8th

Student Information System & Registration Updates

- Shifting from OnCourse to Genesis
- K-12 Registration System is being updated
- Watch our website & social media for details



In Our Schools

Walton, Caldwell, and Sandmeier students kicked off the Read-a-Thon today!



Thanks to Alex, Amelia, Emilina, and Tommy for their help on our video!

In Our Schools



FMG celebrates Black History Month by creating powerful displays, research projects in our classes, and our Diversity Club taking a segment on our Friday Morning Announcements to recognize the achievements of African Americans in our society



Members of FMG's Junior Model United Nations class traveled to Drew University for the Model UN conference with approximately 150 students from 6 schools.

In Our Schools



JDHS hosted a College Panel with representatives from Union College, Seton Hall University, SUNY Binghamton, Marist College, and Ramapo College



Thanks to our amazing JDHS peer leaders who led 8th graders through their first orientation! Welcome to JDHS Class of 2028!

Black History Month Celebration



Community Events

The Union County Human Relations Commission
and the Union County Prosecutor's Office
invite you to join us to talk about

Walking on Eggshells: Navigating the Language of Diversity

presented by the
New Jersey Division of Civil Rights

ZOOM PRESENTATION

MONDAY, MARCH 11

6:30-8:30PM

EDUCATORS
& STUDENTS:
CERTIFICATES OF
COMPLETION
WILL BE PROVIDED

A study by the organization, More In Common, shows that 80 percent of Americans believe "political correctness is a problem in our country."

Many people feel cynical about what they feel are the excesses of "wokeness" and "cancel culture."

Yet bias incidents are on the rise in many communities, and talking about issues related to diversity is more important than ever.

Join us to explore current research on inclusive language and why it is an important part of dismantling bias.

Through interactive exercises, participants will **unpack current terminology related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and discuss strategies for using the "language of diversity" in ways that promote understanding rather than division.**



The UCHRC was founded by the Union County Prosecutor's Office in 1991. The UCHRC addresses the issues of prejudice, bias, and racism as well as their impact on our local schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

FREE. No charge to attend.
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Register online at
www.ucnj.org/uchrc

Social Media and Mental Health: Guidance for Parents in Helping Young People to Avoid Pitfalls and Find Balance

Thursday, March 7, 2024 • 7:00pm



Webinar Moderator:
Christopher Lynch, PhD
Director of Pediatric Behavioral Medicine
Goryeb Children's Hospital
Atlantic Health System - Children's Health

Christopher Lynch, PhD

Dr. Lynch is a clinical psychologist and the director of the Pediatric Behavioral Medicine department of Goryeb Children's Hospital and Atlantic Health System - Children's Health. Through this department, Dr. Lynch oversees programs designed to build resiliency, enhance health outcomes, and improve the quality of life for children with health needs. In addition, he serves as a resource for the pediatric community at large and is involved in physician and resident training on mental health topics. Dr. Lynch also has an interest in anxiety management for children on the autism spectrum and has written two books on this topic. He promotes behavioral health in the community by providing talks and seminars to a wide range of audiences and also pens a blog for *Psychology Today*.

What you will learn:

Young people often spend hours per day on social media and with other forms of electronic entertainment. Excessive use of these activities can lead to a range of negative impacts on mental health, including depression, anxiety, and poor body image. In this webinar, Dr. Lynch will highlight these dangers and provide parents with guidance on how to help young people navigate social media without sacrificing their mental well-being.

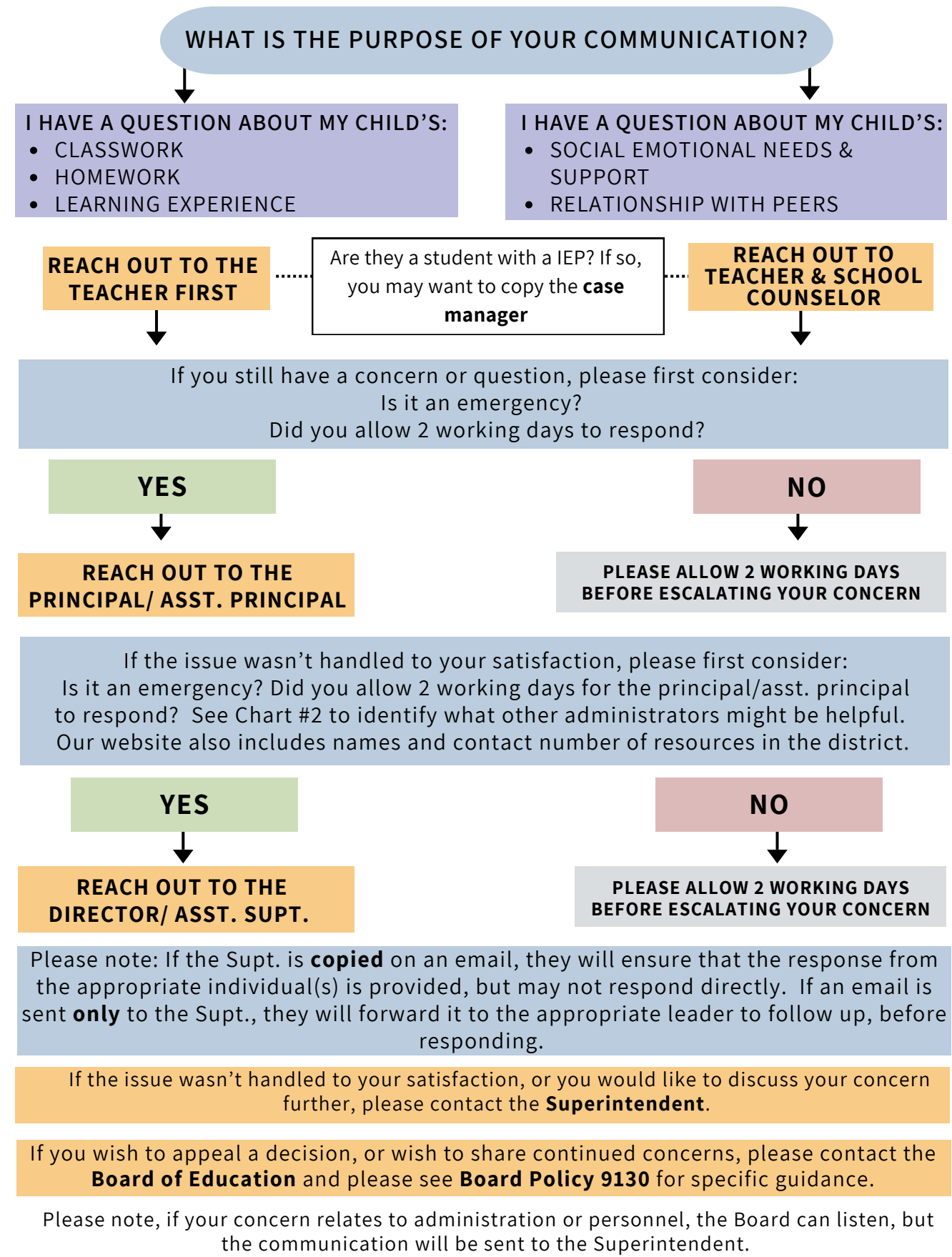
Registration: https://atlanticealth.zoom.us/join/wn_hjwh-blrXQouMsHWd7dxVDg



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Chain of Communication

Springfield Public Schools Chain of Communication Chart #1



Please note:

- Social media is not an acceptable venue for criticizing staff.
- Instead of engaging in hateful language regarding staff or students, direct your concerns and questions directly toward the appropriate administrator.
- Discussing specific students, even with veiled descriptions is problematic, especially in our small community.
- Be mindful of the impact your words have on our whole school community.

A Little Bit to Think About

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” -Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mark Your Calendars!

February 29th:

Office Hours with Dr. Goldberg
9:00 am- 10:30 am @ Chisholm

February 29th & March 1st:

PK-8 Conferences

March 29th-April 5th:

Spring Break



SACAGAWEA



MADAM C.J.
WALKER



ANNE
FRANK



HARRIET
TUBMAN



VIRGINIA
WOOLF



SHIRLEY
CHISHOLM

Springfield Public Schools
is proud to honor



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ANGELOU



MALALA
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Women's History Month

March 2024



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RIDE



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LOVELACE



MOTHER
TERESA



HELEN
KELLER



KATHERINE
JOHNSON