



## West Plains School District Board Update

February 19, 2019

### Academic Update

- **Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment** - District science curriculum revision is nearing its completion. Dr. Williams will provide a review for the board at the May 2019 board meeting. The district will continue to provide opportunities for parent choice by continuing with problem-based learning, traditional, and online offerings for our students.
- **Professional Development** - Tara Brown - On February 15, 2019, Tara Brown, "The Connection Coach", spoke to faculty and staff about her 30-year professional journey across the globe. She reinforced what we know to be true about the importance of building relationships.
- **Social Studies Symposium** - March 4, 2019, and April 5, 2019, several social studies teachers will travel to Ozark, Missouri, for the 4th Annual Social Studies Symposium. Teachers from across southern Missouri will collaborate to share innovative social studies instructional ideas.
- **Innovation Summit** - This year's **Innovation Summit** will be held May 28-29, 2019 at the Branson Convention Center in Branson, MO.
- **Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute** - The summer building-level principal and central office administrator summer workshop will take place at St. Charles, MO, from June 12-14, 2019. For three days, the team will have the opportunity to network with some of the most insightful minds in education.
- **Parents as Teachers** - Rebecca Richardson was hired as the district Parents as Teachers (PAT) facilitator. She has met with parents and children and will finish out the remainder of the 2019 spring semester.

### Set Tuition for 2019-2020

Each year, the board establishes a tuition rate to be charged for non-resident students attending the school district (primarily the high school). As a reminder, tuition is charged for these students because the funding for non-resident students is actually sent to the school district in which they reside rather than the West Plains School District that they attend. Tuition billing is how the district recoups the costs associated with educating non-resident students. The district uses a formula to calculate tuition that is based on actual cost per student as identified in the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The tuition rate for the 2019-20 school year has been set at \$7,890.79 per student. This reflects an \$18.32 decrease per student over the current year.

### Hires:

Molly Burnett – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
Mark Conway – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts  
Ashley Freeman – Special Education  
Betsy Holland – High School Science

### Resignations:

Lindsey Schwalm – Speech Language Pathology  
Jennifer Callahan – Title I Paraprofessional  
Jada Martin – Special Education Paraprofessional  
Tina Robinson – Special Education Paraprofessional

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 12th, 2019

*School board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at the West Plains School of Education Office, 305 Valley View Drive, unless otherwise posted.*