



Blueprint for Excellence

Board of Education Update

March 2024

Mission:

We develop the whole child to be a lifelong learner and a productive member of the global community.

Vision:

We are a district of choice offering exceptional opportunities to engage and excite our entire school community.

Core Values:

Academic Excellence

Strive for academic excellence in everything we do
Demonstrate professionalism, respect, and collective responsibility

The Student Experience

Be kind, caring, and welcoming
Create a safe, clean, and affirming environment
Provide an exciting and engaging student experience

Community Connection

Connect our work to our community



2024-2025
Budget Alignment to the
Strategic Plan

Curriculum & Instruction

Budgetary Highlights

Academic Excellence

- BOCES In-House PD:
 - 1) NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards
 - 2) Student Voice and Choice
 - 3) CBT Transition Support
- Materials and Supplies: Book Studies for Technology Integration and Addressing Mathematics Learning Loss

Student Experience

- Inservice: Cognitive Connections-Executive Functioning
- BOCES: Castle Learning

Community Connections

- Materials and Supplies: ENL Family Night
- Materials and Supplies: NYS Seal Programs

Stissing Jr./Sr. High School

Budgetary Highlights

- **Academic Excellence**

- Increase in Spanish Department – Curriculum / Books
- Additional AP/College Classes (Continuing to Explore Marist)
- 8th Grade Wheel student voice and choice

- **Student Experience**

- Reallocating funds to be more equitable by Department
- Speakers, presentations and outside opportunities for students
- Physical Education and weight room
- Continuing the Advisory program

- **Community Connection**

- Banners showcasing students throughout the campus
- Alternative Art Class – High School
(Building Community Connections Through Art and Lit)

Seymour Smith ILC

Budgetary Highlights

Academic Excellence

- Maintain current *Wonders*, blend *Eureka* and *Eureka Squared*
- Classroom experiences supporting literature –Science of Reading, Mystery Science
- Benchmark intervention resources
- Scholastic subscriptions

Student Experience

- Reallocation to support PBL materials – Catapult Engineering, Ice Cream Truck
- Updating available library and classroom library selections
- Computer Science & Digital Literacy platforms
- Science Investigation supplies
- ROARS awards

Community Connection

- School License for Parent Communication App
- Day-to-day school supplies, take home folder
- Career Day
- EXPO
- Parade of Lights float/Ag Day float
- Valentines for Vets

Cold Spring ELC

Budgetary Highlights

- **Academic Excellence**
 - Pre-k Science and Social Studies Bins
 - Enhancing ELA curriculum to align with Science of Reading with Decodable Readers for 1st Grade
 - Digital Materials for ELA
 - Updating informational texts in library
- **Student Experience**
 - Reallocating to continue PBL in primary grades
 - Build Computer Science experience with supplemental coding items
 - Cold Spring Principal
 - CUBS Awards
 - Pre-k T-shirts
- **Community Connection**
 - CS/SS Holiday Gathering to support local organizations (Nursing Homes, Mid-Hudson Regional Pediatric Unit)
 - Materials for 1st grade Art Show at local library
 - Student materials, replenished midyear as needed
 - Watermelon Welcome/ Pre-k Signing Day

Athletics

Budgetary Highlights

Purchases for 2023-2024

- Uniforms
- Football and Track & Field (Winter)
- Homerun Fences (Baseball/Softball)
- Maintain both Boys and Girls Varsity Golf teams

Budgeting for 2024-2025

- Uniforms – Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, Volleyball
- Purchase of Field Hockey Goals and Volleyball Nets

Planning Ahead

- Track Mats (High Jump/Pole Vault)
- Sound System
- New Scoreboards

Facilities

Budgetary Highlights

Excellence:

Our contribution to the Academic Excellence is like an old saying in my business: The Facilities Department sets the table so that educators and staff can teach students to be productive members in our communities.

Experience:

Our contribution to, "The Student Experience" is accomplished by providing a clean, safe, and nurturing environment that helps students get the most from their educational experience.

Connection:

We provide "Community Connection" every time a visitor enters one of our buildings during a normal school day, or for after school activities. Our maintenance mechanics, and custodial workers are well connected with our community, and most come from our community which helps create a sense of inclusion, and vested interest.

Transportation

Budgetary Highlights

Academic Excellence:

Our contribution to the Academic Excellence of our school district is a simple one: delivery of the students. Transportation makes it possible for our students to be at school everyday.

Community Connection:

We provide "Community Connection" through our school bus safety program and work with Bus Patrol to educate motorists on the passing of school bus lights.

Student Experience:

Our contribution to, "The Student Experience" are the relationships forged between the staff and their students, as well as the families. Those relationships allow a more familiar environment on the bus for students to feel safe in the custody of their drivers.

Pupil Personnel Services

What is PPS?

We are the staff who provide the services needed by individual students.

Where do we fit in the Strategic Plan?

We meet the needs of the whole child to help them become lifelong learners and productive members of the global community. We develop our students' skills to foster their independence and promote success in school and life.

Important Considerations:

- Least Restrictive Environment - What does inclusion look like?
- How do we gradually decrease support as students are ready?

Pupil Personnel Services

Academic Excellence

Review of 22-23 school year

Increase in CPSE; county contract for related services

Staffing

Teachers, Related Service Providers, Support Staff

Orton-Gillingham Training

NYSED Literacy Initiative for the Science of Reading

Graduation Pathways

Exploring increase of C-DOS Options

Pupil Personnel Services

Student Experience

Students receiving SPED services

Offer continuum of services through in district and out of district programs

Students with 504 Accommodation Plans

Addressing mental health concerns

Students receiving ENL services

Behavior specialist to support management needs

Assistive Technology

fosters independence in the classroom and encourages universal design for learning (UDL)

Pupil Personnel Services

Community Connection

Secondary Life Skills Classes

-Work study program, Coffee Cart, Unified Basketball

Astor Satellite Mental Health Clinic

ELL Family Night

Collaborations with neighboring districts

- Share our special education programs with other districts
- ENL Teacher and SLP Regional Roundtables
- Northern Dutchess Mental Health Collaborative

Pupil Personnel Services

PPS Goals Moving Forward

Academic Excellence

- Improve graduation outcomes through strengthened transition planning and use of pathways

Student Experience

- Decrease classification through targeted interventions to build skills and use of assistive technology to work toward independence
- Address rise in CPSE and 504 needs through mental health and behavioral services

Community Connection

- Continue to work with neighboring districts to create collaborative programs

Technology

Academic Excellence:

1. Management of resources to access information, including Internet connectivity, online databases, current events, and other forums for the research and development of critical thinking abilities.
2. Encouraging the Development of Digital Skills, Digital Literacy and Technical Skills essential for fostering future career paths.
3. Providing enhanced, personalized opportunities for learning through various Learning Platforms and multimedia content.

The Student Experience:

1. Providing access to educational resources of all kinds, from digital textbooks to a wealth of online resources, including interactive and multimedia content.
2. Helping to prepare students for future endeavors by developing digital skills in a Technology-rich learning environment.

Community Connection:

1. Collaboration in the maintenance and support of the SIS with the MHRIC, which provides parents with the opportunity to participate in their child's Academic progress in a timely and secure fashion.
2. Support for the Board of Education's outreach to the Community through online video production.
3. Providing and supporting online Survey Tools which allow the District to solicit and receive feedback on District and School initiatives.

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