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Tonight's Meeting

- Middle School Schedule
- Elementary Staffing Update
- Health and Wellness Plan
- Strategic Plan Check-In
- Summer Building Construction Projects
- Superintendent's Report





**MIDDLE
SCHOOL**
ALL PANTHERS, ALL IN.



Master Schedule Review 2023-2024

2023-2024 Schedule Overview



In November a group of 20 teachers pulled together to serve as part of the Middle School scheduling committee. This group met several times over the next few months to discuss various different options for our schedule, looked at area schools schedules, and discussed pros and cons of our current model. Throughout this process, we solicited feedback from department groups and came to consensus on central tenants that helped drive the schedule creation for 2023-24.

1. **Period length**
2. **Day Cycle**
3. **Quarter based classes**
4. **Panther Time**
5. **Teams**
6. **Lunch**



All Panthers, All in.

2023-2024 Schedule Overview



1. Period length - Periods will be 40 minutes in duration with 9 periods in the day. 1st and 9th period will have extra time to account for morning announcements and dismissal.

- a. [DRAFT 23-24 - Bell Schedule](#)
- b. 6th grade only will be running extended periods every other day in core classes.
 - i. [Draft - 6th Grader Schedule](#)

2. Day Cycle - There will be a 4 day cycle. Days will be labeled A, B, C, and D days. Moving from a 2-day cycle to a 4-day cycle will allow for labs to be added in for Living Environment. Except for Living Environment and Lab, all other classes will function the same as they do in a two day cycle. This is the same cycle our HS uses.

3. Quarter based classes - In 22-23, we are offering a handful of quarter based courses in off core classes. Off core classes will not be offered on a quarterly basis in 2023-2024. Off core classes will be offered on an every other day basis for a semester or full year. This will allow students to experience more of our arts and technology courses.

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4. Panther Time - We will be offering a new class at the 7th and 8th grade level. Panther Time will be an advisory style class. We will focus on building community, leadership skills, academic skills, and offering additional academic support. Teachers have been asked to participate in summer curriculum planning projects for Panther Time.

- a. Overview - 5-10 minutes of advisory style activities, 15-20 minutes reading/writing time, 10-15 minutes guided study.
- b. This class will be taught primarily by core teachers in grade 7 and 8 and will not be given a numerical grade.
- c. Some students may have this class everyday. Some students may not be scheduled into this class. This will largely depend on the needs and interests of the student.

5. Teams - We will be keeping teams at grade 6. Grades 7 and 8 will no longer be using the team model.

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6. Lunch - lunch will be divided into two sections per grade level period. With our updated cafeteria, we will be utilizing the new divider to transform our cafeteria into two spaces. Cafeteria A will hold about 200 students, Cafeteria B will hold about 100 students. Students will follow the schedule below for lunches. Students can use this 10 -15 minute “Study Hall” to check Schoology, agendas, or read.

Bell Period	Time	Cafeteria A Section	Cafeteria B Section
4th - 8th Grade Lunch	11:29-12:09 pm	Lunch A - 11:29-11:57	SH - 11:29 -11:42
		SH - 11:57 -12:09	Lunch B - 11:42-12:09



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Teacher Feedback

- Mrs. Christina Ramsperger -7th and 8th Grade Spanish, Scheduling Committee Member

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Questions?



Elementary Teacher Hiring Update

July 2023



New Positions:	3 UPK Positions: ● HH ● GL ● WR	<u>Status:</u> ● 1 section collapsed at each building; ● No new hires
Vacancies:	3 Elementary Positions: ● 2 - MM ● 1 - WR	<u>Status:</u> ● 2 filled (MM & WR) ● 1 search in progress (MM)
Summary:	6 positions	Net Staffing: -3





District Health & Wellness Committee

2023-24

Policy, Plan & Procedures Review

Board of Education Presentation
Wednesday, July 5, 2023



2023-24 District Policies to Review

- District Health & Wellness Committees has held monthly meetings since March 2023 to review and discuss the following District policies and procedures:
 - Comprehensive Attendance Policy & Procedures
 - District Wellness Policy

Each of the above must be reviewed every year and any recommended changes are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Recommended policy changes by BOCES drives discussion and leads work.



Members of the District Health & Wellness Committee

- *Barbara Baer, Lead/ High School Nurse*
- *Karen Barrett, Maplemere Senior Clerk*
- *Gilda Bonnevie, Glendale Nurse*
- *Marissa Dauria, Middle School Principal*
- *Karen DeLaPlante, Glendale Principal*
- *Donald Feldmann, Asst. Superintendent for Finance*
- *Marcy Gerlach, Athletic Trainer*
- *Shannon Hutchinson, Middle School Nurse*
- *Sarah Juico, Parent*
- *Christine Kasper, High School Physical Ed. Teacher*
- *Keli-Koran Luchey, High School Counselor*
- *Kailey McDonald, Board of Education*
- *Anne Nowak, Family Support Center Counselor*
- *Kristin Puff, Willow Ridge Nurse*
- *Mary Rao, Heritage Heights Teacher*
- *Deepa Saini, Parent*
- *Kristi Sajdak, Food Service Manager*
- *Gregory Smorol, Data Principal*
- *Jessica Stephens, Parent*
- *Yelena Suffoletto, Maplemere Nurse*
- *Brandon Woods, Middle School Counselor*



Comprehensive Attendance Plan Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Summer Communications About Student Attendance
 - Review process of Chronic Attendance Issue for Individual Student
 - Incorporate full-day UPK



Comprehensive Attendance Plan Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Communication sent home in Summer to stress importance of good attendance:
 - *A letter will be sent home to all students, including those that had attendance issues the school year prior, promoting regular school attendance as well as an excuse form that parents/guardians can fill out and sign in the instance of absence and/or tardiness. This form will be also available on the District website and the District will provide ways to make the form available for translation purposes.*



Comprehensive Attendance Plan Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Removal of Some Attendance Incentives:
 - *Attendance honor rolls to be posted in prominent places in District buildings and included in District newsletters and community publications.*
 - *Grade-level rewards at each building for best attendance.*
 - *Classroom acknowledgement of the importance of good attendance (e.g., individual certificates, recognition chart, bulletin boards).*
 - *Annual poster/essay contest on the importance of good attendance.*



Comprehensive Attendance Plan Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Review of Attendance Records:
 - *The review of attendance will be shared with teachers most closely associated with affected students.*



Comprehensive Attendance Plan Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Strategies to Meet Objects:
 - *Change Kindergarten in all instances to include UPK and attendance*



District Wellness Policy Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Elementary cafeterias & lunches:
 - *If lunches remain in classrooms, continue to codify that all elementary schools will be nut-free for the 2023-24 school year.*



District Wellness Policy Review

- Recommended Changes:
 - Addition to food allowed for classroom parties and celebrations:
 1. ***This will be the only food permitted; nurses will no longer review food not on the list.***



Questions?





Sweet Home Strategic Plan

2023 -2026



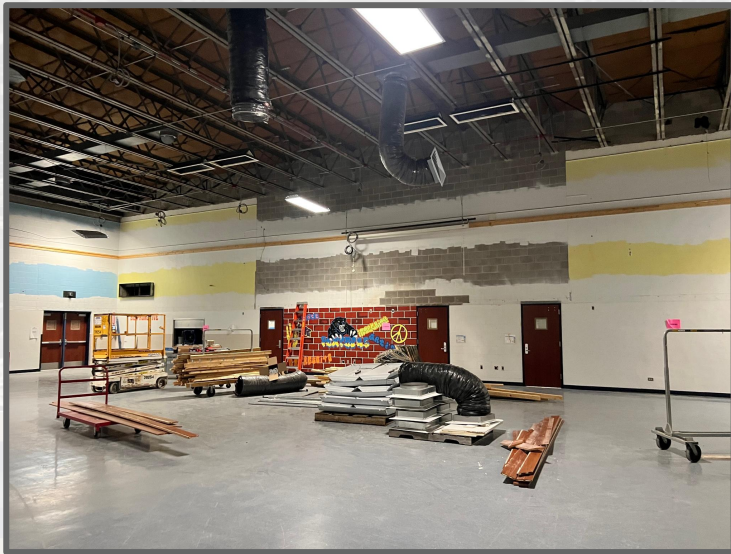
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Congratulations to the Class of 2023



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Summer Construction Update



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High School

Auditorium:	Stage floor, stage curtains, flooring installation, house and theatrical lighting, seats.
Senior Lounge:	Restoration of senior lounge to original condition, new store front/entry way.
Room 601:	Vinyl Graphic work on wall across from Main Office.
Rooms 400s/200s:	Removal of asbestos flooring, new floor and lights.

Middle School

Cafeteria:	Acoustical ceiling panels / clouds, wall partition, new projectors and screens (2), new flooring and lights.
Cafe:	Replacement of red quarry tile, new flooring, new cafe style furniture.
HVAC:	New chiller
Freight Elevator:	Restoration

Glendale

Window Replacement:	Work has begun to replace majority of windows throughout the building.
Locker Room renovation:	Work to move OT/PT into one side of gym locker room , other locker room will house both PE teachers and storage.
Music room:	Rooms will be renovated and include new flooring.
Cafe storage:	Rooms will be renovated and include new flooring.
Safety Glazing:	Main Entryway
Mass Notification System	Building Wide



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Heritage Heights

Most of the work is complete, few door replacements, HVAC fan work and upgrade to electrical panel.

Maplemere

Various Exterior Door Replacements

Window Replacements

Locker Room Renovation: Work to move music into one side of gym locker room, other locker room will house both PE teachers and storage.

Safety Glazing of Main Entryway

Mass Notification System

Willow Ridge

Most of the work is complete. Need to replace cabinet heaters in vestibule.



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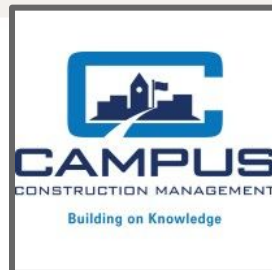
Thank you Tonawanda City Schools



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Planning for our Next Capital Improvement Project

- Met with principal and custodians at all 4 elementary buildings to discuss their Building Condition Survey.
- Exploring ideas to re-configure buildings to create additional space and to meet the needs of a 21st century learner and 21st century workforce. Must align with our strategic plan.
- Ideas for redesign and additions are being discussed.
- Meeting with Architects on July 26 to further develop scope of next project.



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SRO Program at Sweet Home



Thank you Officer, now Detective, Dave Awald!



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Superintendent's Report

Questions from the Board??

