Reflecting Success

A Year of Growth and Achievement in Our School District

2023-2024 School Year
Thank you!!!

- Staff
- Leadership Team
- Community Partners
- Students
- Parents/Guardians
Academic Excellence

Portrait of a Learner
- Introduction of **New Framework** to:
  - All Schools & Staff
  - All Vertical Leadership Teams (Deeper Dive)
  - Administration
  - Other Stakeholders
  - Start of Curricula Alignment to #POL

Equity
- **New** Student Equity Team at SHMS
- Participation of SHMS & SHHS Equity teams at local and regional conferences:
  - PRIDE Works
  - ACTION Network
  - NYU’s Equity Conference
Collaboration with *multiple new partners* to deliver *high quality opportunities* for all learners including:

**One World**
- *Global Competence*
  - Civic lessons
  - Virtual sessions & collaboration with classrooms around the world
- *Design Thinking*
  - STEM Collaboration
  - Project-based learning

**Westchester Youth Alliance**
- **Upcoming:** Arts & Activism Workshop

**Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center**
- Artifact-based history learning
Curriculum

K-5 Literacy Review Committee with SWBOCES
- 4 Days of Analysis of:
  - Curriculum
  - Alignment with Science of Reading
  - Pedagogical Practices
  - Resources

Instruction & Pedagogy
- Vertical Teams
  - All Content Areas
  - Strategy Work
  - Curriculum Alignment
  - Professional Development

- Instructional Walkthroughs
  - Data & Pedagogical Analysis
MTSS
- Continued Improvement of MTSS at All buildings
  - Regional Partnerships and Collegial Groups to support district’s initiative
  - Creation of MTSS Calendar

Schedules & Programming
- Analysis of Building Schedules
- New Schedules for Buildings:
  - 6-Day Schedule for W.I.
  - 24-25 Auditing for SHMS

Professional Development
- Opened 10 New Courses lead by TUFSD teachers through EWTC
- Joined Tri-State Consortium
Highlights
- 2023-2024 - NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete School of Excellence
- Winter Season Section One Wrestling Dual Meet Section One Champions
- 5 DII Section One Wrestling Champions

Facility Updates
- New HS Gym Floor
- New Banners in HS Gym
- New Padding HS Gym

Spirit of an Athlete: Volunteerism
- Athletic teams throughout the year volunteered time to serve the HS Food Pantry during each of the three seasons

Individual Successes
- All League, All Section, State qualifiers
Programming

- Introduced 3-5 STEM program
- Created K-5 STEM Sequence (for 24-25) with plans for capstone events K-12
- Piloted eSports at Middle School
- Expanded the Robotics Club (HS)
- Joined Regional Design Thinking Project w. STEM Foci (HS)

Partnerships

- Washington Irving designated as a Mercy STEM School
- Staff participated in the Mercy STEM Ambassadors program
Developed a comprehensive Data-Based Decision-Making Plan that identifies building and district data teams; multiple data points; process for analyzing data patterns, and a process for identifying building and district goals, including:

- Designed the District’s DATA PRIDE Protocol
- Trained Administrators & Staff on how to develop DATA-Analysis Cycles
- Started to Collect/ Monitor DATA Cycles from All Buildings
- Building & Expanding Our New Data Dashboard
English as a New Language Program

- **Support Reallocation**
  - Reallocated ENL staff from the elementary to address secondary needs.

- **Student Engagement**
  - Multiple Trips throughout the year
  - Participation of ELL Students in Student-Led Equity Summit.

- **Professional Development**
  - Co-teaching for ELLs
  - Instructional Planning
  - Language Objectives for all K-12 Vertical Teams

- **Data Analysis**
  - NYSESLAT data to drive instruction.
Registration
- Earlier application to secure cohorts

Expansion
- Planning & expansion of the Dual Language (DL) program from 2 → 4 sections starting in 24-25 SY

Professional Development
- American Reading Company literacy curriculum training for DL K-5 Pilot
- Biliteracy Training
- La Cosecha: Authentic DL Training for Staff

Assessment
- STAMP Benchmark for 2nd & 5th Grade DL Classes to gauge program quality

Resources
- Acquisition of Culturally Relevant curricula
K-12 SEL Vertical Team
Focus Area: Supportive School & Classroom Climates

- **Adult SEL** – after school yoga and pickleball for staff; Panorama staff climate survey (MS pilot)
- **Explicit SEL Instruction (and assessment)** – K-8 Second Step training and kickoff; DESSA & Panorama student surveys (MS pilot)
- **Bullying Prevention** – MS = Second Step; HS = Safe School Ambassadors
- **Restorative Practices** – Tier I = Intro to community building circles
- Updated our Code of Conduct
- Mental Health Awareness Month
Integrated Supports
- Mental Health
- K-2 Dental
- After-school programming, food and clothing support

Extended Learning Opportunities
- After-school programming
- Mentorship for girls
- Food education

Family and Community Engagement
- Back to School Bash
- Saturday Academy
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Financial literacy
- STEAM
Wasteless Horsemen Initiative
- Zero waste program #WastelessHorsemen:
  - John Paulding (K)
  - W.L. Morse (1-2 Grades)
- Infrastructure & Pedagogy
  - Immediate impact:
    - 40,000 fewer lbs of trash per SY
    - 56 parent volunteers
    - 96 color-coded bins installed
    - 716 Students engaged in recycling, composting & sorting out lessons

SPEAR [Students Promoting Environmental Awareness & Responsibility]
- Restart of Environmental & Sustainability Club at SHHS
  - Cleaning & Environmental Campaigns
  - Arbor Tree
• Enhanced the continuum of services
  - Addition of a 15:1 classroom
  - Piloted Unique Learning System in our 12:1:2 Classrooms
• Addition of a Bilingual Speech Language Pathologist
  - Enhance delivery of services for our bilingual learners
• Provided professional development on neurodivergent students in the school setting.
• Development of a Special Education Vertical Team
  - NYSED Blueprint for Improved Results for Students in Special Education
• Community Eligibility Provision status applied for and received. FREE MEALS for ALL STUDENTS!
  – One year extension also applied for and received.
• Completed required bidding process for Food Service Management Company
  – All compostable utensils for next year!
• Continued gaining valuable feedback from our PTA subcommittee on school meal nutrition
• Introduced our breakfast cart at the HS to allow students to gain access to Grab-and-Go Breakfast!
Facilities

JP
- Replaced Main Electrical Distribution Panel
- Replaced Fire Hydrant at the Main Entrance of the Building
- Added new Little Tikes Preschool playground area
- Completed painting of the Cafeteria and kitchen areas

Morse
- Resurface green resilient playground area
- Installed hookup for the OpenDoor Dental Van
- Completed new ventilation systems in the Castle/Art Room

WI
- Completed the Secure Vestibule Project, including additional ventilation systems in the building
- Split and renovate several classrooms for better space utilization

MS/HS
- Completed the HS Secure Vestibule Project
- Completed multi-year entire-building rekeying project
- Added additional security cameras in key locations
- Installed 4 additional bottle filler units
- Added additional cooling systems to internal classrooms
- Sound and Lighting Auditorium Project completed
- Library Renovation Project almost complete!
• Engaged our community to passed a bond to address significant space and facilities issues in all of our buildings
• Created Energy Performance Contract (EPC) to get additional needed facilities upgrades at no additional cost to our taxpayers
• Collaborated on the NY Forward Grant with the Village - will receive up to $1M to seeks to renovate the Morse Playground
• NYSERDA Grant submitted: Potential of approximately $11M to upgrade to more energy efficient systems
• Updated the interior of the Administration Building
• Plan to renovate the exterior space at the MS (grant) and science classrooms
- **Website**: Launched new district website
- **Branding**: New logos, cohesive branding
- **Newsletters**: Weekly Newsletters from the Superintendent and Building Leaders
- **Communications Committee**: Surveyed the community regarding ways we can improve.
- **Community Connections**: Printed newsletters sent to all residents (2), expanded social media reach
- **PR**: Various articles with school news shared in local papers: LoHud, Patch, etc
• We commissioned our first electric bus!
• Applied for and received $1,000,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for new electric buses
• Completed infrastructure study to determine capacity needs for building out electric fleet (cost of study ALSO covered by the grant).
• Extensively studied new start times possibilities and will roll out next year at WI and Morse
• Added the Remind app in the transportation office for better communication with families
• Entered into an agreement with Westchester County to install stop arm cameras on buses, at no cost to our taxpayers.
• Bus drivers and monitors trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid
• Mercy University - College Trips
• Open Door - Dental
• Family Services of Westchester, Student Assistance Services - Mental Health
• United Way - Afterschool Programming
• Feeding Westchester - Food Support
• 914 Cares - Books, Essentials
• G.O.O.D for Girls; Girls Inc. of Westchester - Mentorship for Girls
• Hudson Scholars - Enrichment
• Bethany Arts, Jacob Burns, The Pocantico Center, Westchester Children’s Museum - Arts & Culture
• Sleepy Coffee, Too: People with Disabilities
Grants

- Branch Alliance Grant (3 Years with Mercy University)
- $1 Million for new electric buses
- $17,000 for Girls Summer Leadership Program (Westchester County)
- After-School Grants (5 years each)
  - Washington Irving
  - Morse School
  - Sleepy Hollow Middle School
- NY Forward Grant: $1 million for Morse playground
- $70,000 Parent Leadership WCF grant
- ReCov Grant - Consortium with SW BOCES
Looking Ahead

• The Future is Bright!

• Thank you for your support!