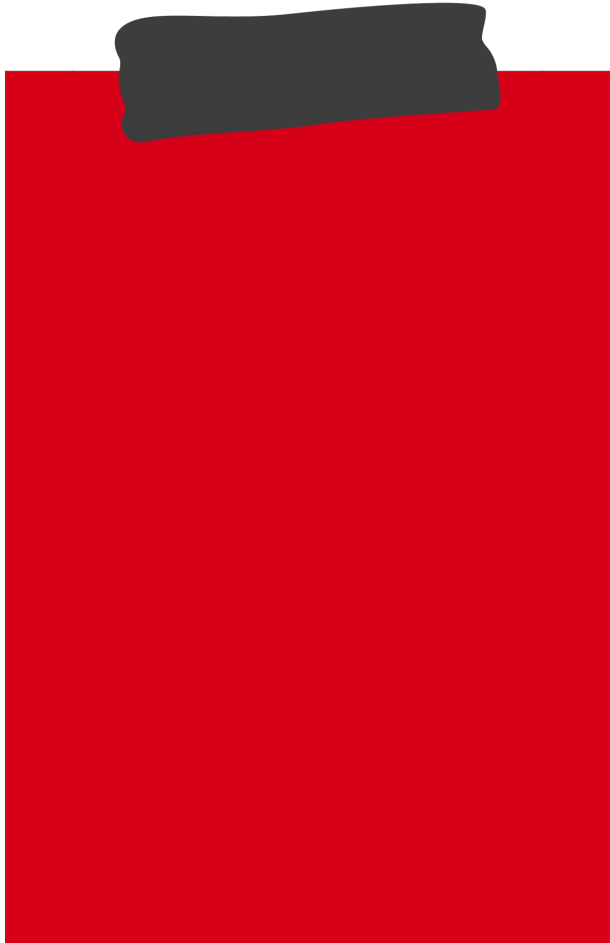




# Reflecting Success

**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



# Academic Excellence



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





# Professional Growth



## Curriculum

*K-5 Literacy Review Committee with SWBOCES*

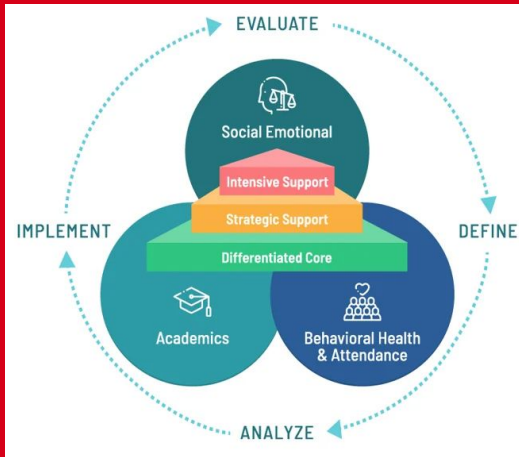
- 4 Days of Analysis of:
  - Curriculum
  - Alignment with Science of Reading
  - Pedagogical Practices
  - Resources



## *Instruction & Pedagogy*

- Vertical Teams
  - All Content Areas
  - Strategy Work
  - Curriculum Alignment
  - Professional Development
- Instructional Walkthroughs
  - Data & Pedagogical Analysis

# Improved Systems



## 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



# Athletics



## 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

# STEM



## 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*



# Data System



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

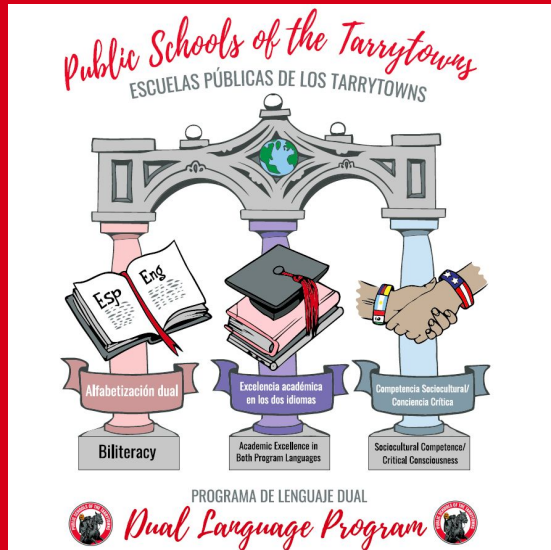
# English Language Learners



## 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.

# Dual Language K-5



## 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

- **A**merican **R**eadng **C**ompany 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

# Social Emotional Learning



## 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

# Community Engagement



## Integrated Supports

- Mental Health
- K-2 Dental
- Afterschool programming, food and clothing support

## Extended Learning Opportunities

- Afterschool programming
- Mentorship for girls
- Food education

## Family and Community Engagement

- Back to School Bash
- Saturday Academy
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Financial literacy
- STEAM

# Sustainability



## Wasteless Horsemen Initiative

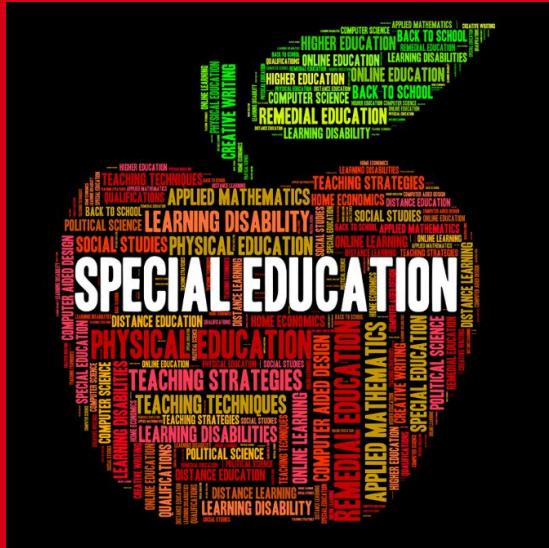
- Zero waste program #WastelessHorsemen:
  - John Paulding (K)
  - W.L. Morse (1-2 Grades)
- Infrastructure & Pedagogy
  - Immediate impact:
    - 40,000 fewer lbs of trash per SY
    - 56 parent volunteers
    - 96 color-coded bins installed
    - 716 Students engaged in recycling, composting & sorting out lessons

## SPEAR [Students Promoting Environmental Awareness & Responsibility]

- Restart of Environmental & Sustainability Club at SHHS
  - Cleaning & Environmental Campaigns
  - Arbor Tree



# Special Education



- **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

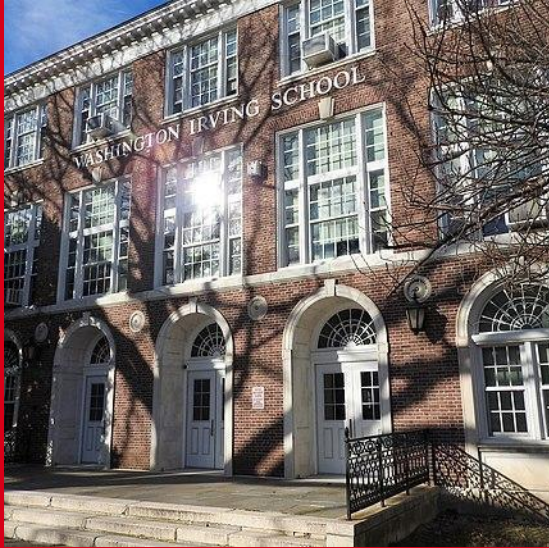
# Food Service



- 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

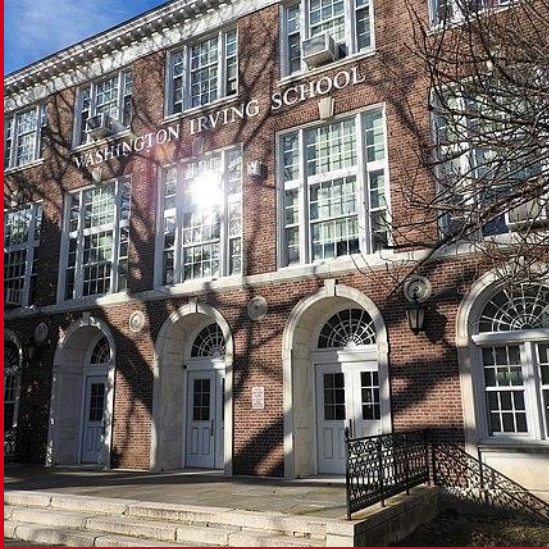
## WI

- 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!

## Facilities, cont'd



- 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

# Communication



- **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

# Transportation



- 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

# Partnerships



- **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





- **The Future is Bright!**
- **Thank you for your support!**