

# PPS/WSD Educational Partnership

May 11, 2021









# WSD/PPS Educational Partnership Agenda

- 1. Opening Remarks—Sylvia Wilson and Ed Donovan, Board Presidents (5 minutes)
  - Historical Timeline
- 2. Spotlight on Westinghouse Stephan Sereda, Principal (8 minutes)
- 3. New Agreement (10 minutes)
  - Process Dr. Linda Iverson, WSD Superintendent
  - Proposed Changes Matthew Hoffman and Ira Weiss, District Solicitors
- 4. Question & Answer Period (60 minutes)
- 5. Next Step: Requesting Approval at June Legislative Meetings

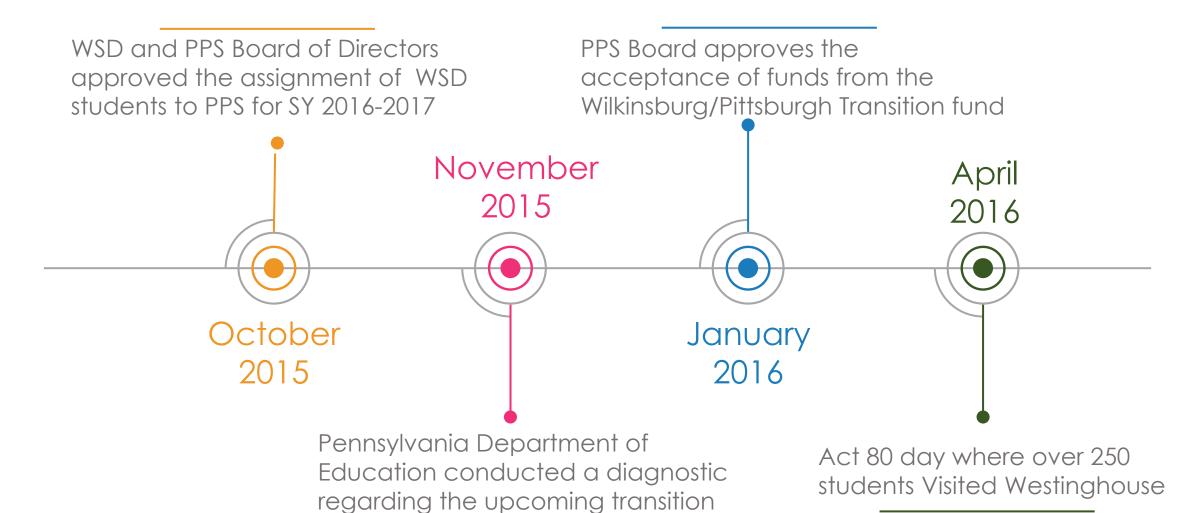




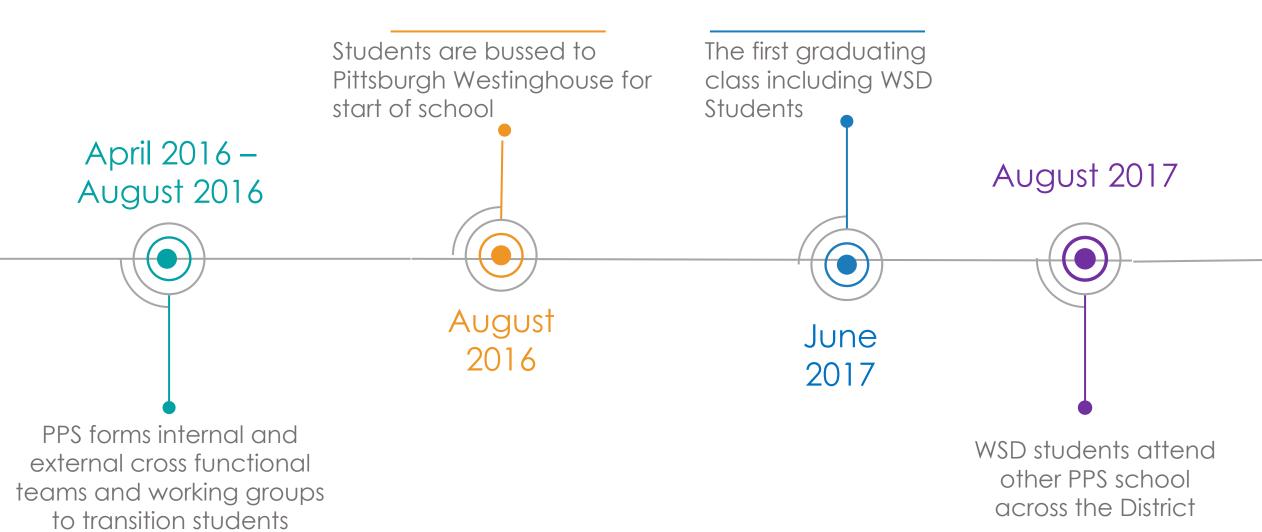
The "why" behind the original partnership and why we want to continue?

Remarks from School Board Presidents

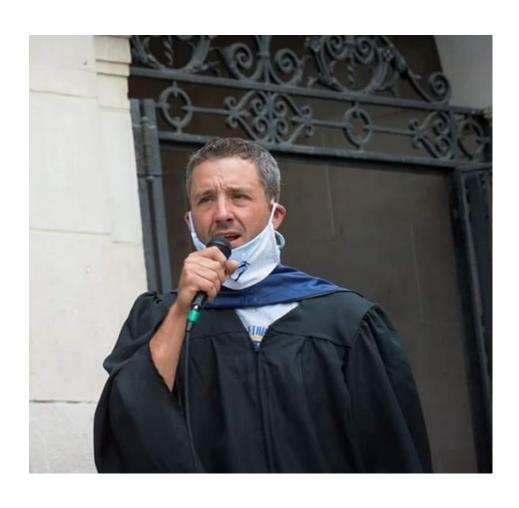
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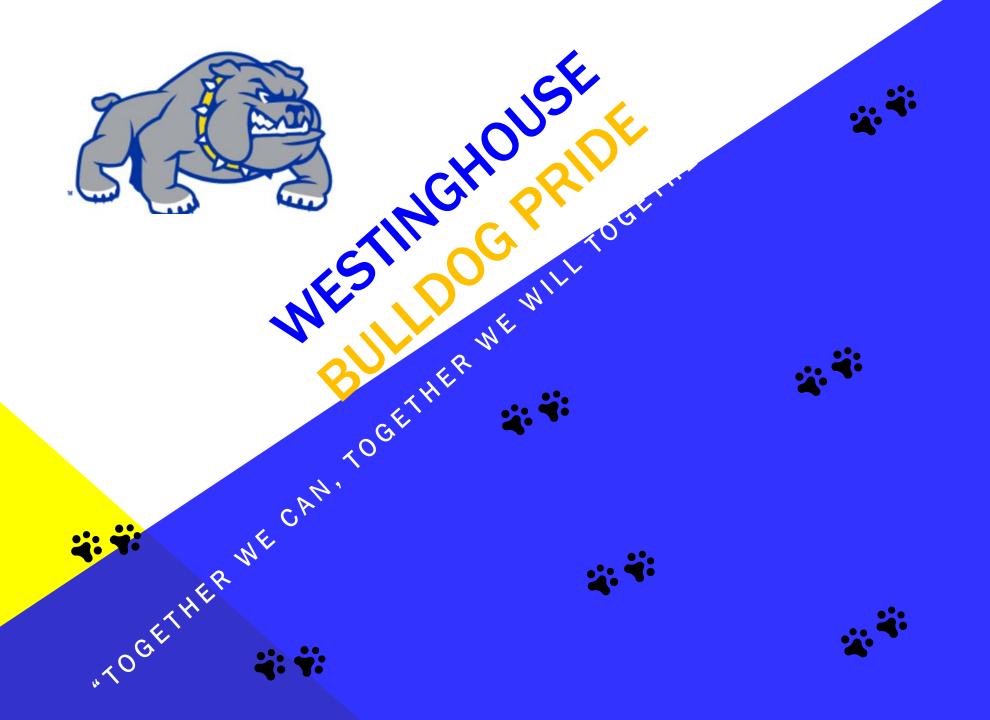


Westinghouse Spotlight



# Mr. Stephan Sereda Principal





## **VISION FOR PITTSBURGH WESTINGHOUSE**

"Students will learn, explore, set and meet their goals in a student-centered educational environment that builds on their individual talents in preparation for their future."



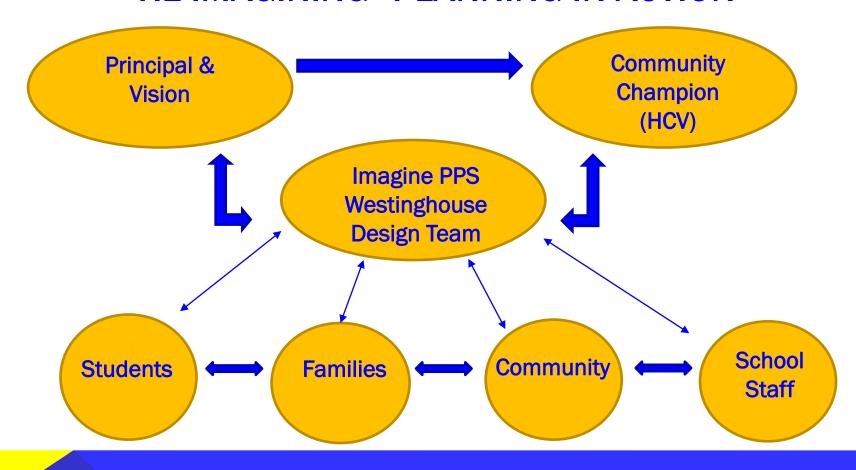
# BRINGING THE VISION TO LIFE "RE-IMAGINING" THE HOUSE!

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Community schools offer a personalized curriculum that emphasizes real-world learning and community problem-solving. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone – all day, every day, evenings and weekends. (communityschools.org)





#### "RE-IMAGINING" PLANNING IN ACTION



## **THREE MAIN FOCUS AREAS**



Climate Academic Outcomes

Culture

# STEM Westinghouse

Middle School Students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will be able to pursue their interests through year-long courses Technology and Coding, as well as extended Science opportunities through FIRST Robotics.

		Core	E	Electives	
	Math	Science	Computer Science	Addtional Electives	
6th	Math 6	Science 6	STEAM 6	Gym	
			Tech Ed 6	Art	
7th	Math 7	Science 7	STEAM 7	21st Century Skills	
			Tech Ed 7	Adventure Spanish	
8th	Algebra I	Science 8	STEAM8	AVID	
			Tech Ed 8	Gym	
				Entrepreneurship	
				Science Club	
				Wood Working	

From grades 9-12, interested students will continue enrichment; while undecided students can continue to explore a focus in high level Math and Science.

	STEM 9-12				
	Math	Science	CS Pathway	Related Electives (9-12)	
9th	Algebra I	Biology w/ Lab	Intro to Comp Sci	Apps Games/ Finance	
	Geometry			CTE: Wood Working	
10th	Geometry	Chemistry	Cyber Security (22-23)	CTE: Video Production	
	Algebra II			CTE: Entreprenuership	
11th	Pre-Calculus	Physics	AP Computer Science Prin	CTE: Vis Comm I, II	
	Algebra II			Astronomy	
		Tech and			
		Environmental	AP Computer Science A (22-		
12th	Calculus	Science	23)	Forensics	
	Pre-Calculus	AP Biology		Music Tech I, II	
	Financial				
	Algebra	Forensics			



### **CULINARY CLASS COOKING FOR STAFF EVENT**



# An Equity-Focused, College Preparatory Initiative



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Wilkinsburg Parent Survey

- 60% of respondents strongly agree or agree that Westinghouse High School is meeting all academic needs of their child.
- 64% of respondents strongly agree or agree that their child was academically prepared to enter the Pittsburgh Public Schools community.
- 72% of respondents strongly agree or agree that the teachers encourage children to work hard at school.
- 61% of respondents strongly agree or agree that their child is treated with respect at Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- 61% of respondents strongly agree or agree that their child is engaged in the classes offered at Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- 56% of respondents strongly agree or agree that they are happy with the level of communications that they receive from Pittsburgh Public Schools.

New Agreement Development

# **Committee Structures**

#### **Standing Committees:**

- PPS/WSD Cross Functional Committee
- Planning Committee
- Broad Stakeholder Committee

# Subcommittees created to develop the new agreement:

- Communications
- Student Data and Enrollment
- Sixth Grade Transition
- Special Education
- Finance and Billing

Changes to the Agreements

#### **Changes to the Letter of Agreement:**

- Extends agreement to 2026-27 school year (5 years).
- Student can apply for magnet programs in 6<sup>th</sup> grade for acceptance in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Tuition for 2021-22 school year will be \$10,317. Increase based on the Act 1 index as determined by PDE.
- Bolsters transition supports.
- Improves Enrollment Practices.
- Defines Data Sharing process.

# Changes to the Supplemental of Agreement (primarily Special Education):

- Additional fees for Service for Students with Disabilities are clarified.
- PPS will bill directly for Medicaid Reimbursements.
- Tuition for Students Placed at Center Schools is Different Depending on the Program.

**Questions and Answers Joint Board** 

#### We have 60 minutes reserved for this section:

- Board Members will be called on in Alphabetical Order.
- Each Board Members should be prepared to asked a question and follow up question.
- Additional questions should be submitted in writing to your Superintendent. All questions will be answered and shared with both Boards.

