

Dear WCS Staff, Families, and Community Members,

I hope you've had an amazing summer filled with memorable moments with family and friends! Students come back to school tomorrow, August 14th, and our entire staff is excited to make this the best year ever for students!

The 2024-2025 school year looks to be an exciting one for students packed with many opportunities for engagement. Our district calendar is a key resource that connects our families and community to the events happening in our schools. The 2024-2025 District Calendar has been mailed to all homes in Wyoming and it can also be accessed in the following link - [2024-2025 District Calendar](#). (If you'd like an additional copy of the printed calendar, please send your request to [info@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:info@wyomingcityschools.org).) The most up-to-date event listings are available on the online district calendar available [here](#). Please don't hesitate to contact our schools or the Wyoming City Schools Central Office if you have any questions about these events.

Below, you will see several highlights from the regular Board of Education meetings that took place over the summer on Monday, June 24, and Monday, July 29. I'll continue to share information after our meetings to connect you with important updates.

You will find links to agendas and more for our June and July meetings below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- June 24th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- July 29th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber

**Primary Facilities Update** - The Wyoming Board of Education has approved a resolution directing the Hamilton County Board of Elections to place a 7.98 mill, 37-year bond issue on the November 5, 2024, ballot to raise \$72.5 million for the new construction of three primary schools. [The Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Plan](#) includes:

- Three new K-4 school buildings on each of the current school sites.
- Solutions to the limitations of our current buildings as prioritized by the Wyoming Primary Schools Facilities Committee.
- Alignment with the community's preferred direction as identified by a statistically representative survey.

With the passage of the 7.98 mill bond issue, the cost to a homeowner would be \$279.21 annually for each \$100,000 of the market home value as determined by the Hamilton County Auditor. The actual financial impact is projected to be \$161.61 annually

for each \$100,000 of market home value (or 4.62 mills) due to the proactive work Wyoming City Schools has done to pay off the 1998 Wyoming High School Bond Issue debt early - reducing the millage paid by Wyoming homeowners by 3.36 mills at the end of 2024.

Community Forum #4 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 3 at Wyoming High School. The Community Forum will include information about:

- [The Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Plan](#)
- Conceptual building plans
- Bond levy information

[More information about the master planning process can be found here.](#)

### **CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STUDENT THERAPY**

During the summer, we partnered with [MindPeace](#) to facilitate the process of choosing a new lead mental health partner to address critical mental health needs for students. MindPeace completed a mental health needs assessment with stakeholder input. In this needs assessment, Wyoming stakeholders recognized a need to increase access to a continuum of on-campus mental health services. After an interview process of potential providers, we are excited to welcome Cincinnati Children's Hospital to fill this critical role. We are currently working with Cincinnati Children's Hospital to identify therapists who will be working within each of our school buildings and will provide continued updates. Please reach out to your school counselor if you have any questions.

### **WCS Intervention and Special Education Audit**

The Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC) will conduct a comprehensive audit of our intervention and special education services to ensure alignment in our vision and practices, accountability, and the delivery of high-quality, equitable services to students with disabilities. This initiative seeks to assess the effectiveness of programs, identify areas for improvement, foster a culture of continuous improvement within the district, and maintain the trust of stakeholders. In the coming weeks, we'll share more details about this process and how you can be involved. We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged throughout this entire process.

**2024-2025 Textbook Adoption** - New high school and middle school social studies textbooks were approved for use in the upcoming school year. The links to the presentations for these new resources are below:

- [High School Social Studies](#) (timestamp 1:23:32)
- [Middle School Social Studies](#) (timestamp 1:37:23)

**2025-2026 District Calendar** - The Board of Education had a second review and approved the 2025-2026 District Calendar. A few of the highlights from the linked calendar include a school start date of August 13th, winter break for students from

December 20th - January 5th, spring break from March 21st - March 29th, and a final day for students on May 28th.

### **New Staff**

The spring and summer months have been exciting as we have identified the new staff members who will be working with students this year. We appreciate the engagement of our staff to identify the very best candidates to support our students and we are looking forward to the incredible impact these individuals will have on our students, staff, and Wyoming School Community! [Learn more about our new staff members here.](#)

