

Dear WCS Staff, Families, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year in Wyoming City Schools! Thank you to our students, staff, and families for the planning and preparation that went into making this such a successful start. We're looking forward to an incredible year of learning and engagement opportunities for students. Below are just a few of the images that we captured as students returned to school.



Below are several highlights from the regular Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024. I'll continue to share information after our meetings to connect you with essential updates.

You will find links to the agenda and meeting video from the August BOE Meeting below. At this meeting, the minutes for the July 29th BOE meeting were approved and those are also linked below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- August 26th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber

Primary Facilities Update - Mike Ruetschle of Ruetschle Architects shared the plan for the Primary Facilities Community Forum #4 that was scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd. [This link \(August BOE Meeting: timestamp 8:27\)](#) will take you directly to this portion of the meeting video. During the Community Forum, we reviewed all aspects of [The Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Plan](#), including:

- existing building conditions,
- facilities planning process,
- options that have been considered,
- community survey results,
- temporary school sites,
- project schedule,
- project budget,
- and the final approved master plan.

Primary Facilities Community Forum #4 took place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, at Wyoming High School.

- The video from Community Forum #4 is available through [this link](#) or by visiting: <https://youtu.be/4GbCgC7y8YM?si=e0zXMcRwQyXQ2pGU>
- All information related to the master planning process can be found by visiting: <https://www.wyomingcityschools.org/wcsfor-community/wps-facilities>.

Citizens Advisory Committee - The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is a voluntary group of Wyoming residents and Wyoming City Schools staff members who participate in studies and investigations in areas identified by the Board of Education. Study groups then report findings and suggestions to the Board of Education. Additionally, these committee members assist in maintaining active and informed school-community relations by discussing general educational issues affecting the community of Wyoming.

During the meeting, the Board of Education discussed the two studies planned for the upcoming school year. Study summaries are included below. Thank you to the CAC members for their engagement and work to make recommendations that support the students, staff, and families of Wyoming City Schools!

Social Media and Its Impact On Students and Families

This study examines the impact of social media on students and families, focusing on insights from the book *The Anxious Generation* and the Netflix mini-series *The Social Dilemma*. The study explores the challenges and implications of social media usage on student health and family dynamics. The outcome of this study will be the development of a comprehensive presentation that will be delivered to the CAC, the Board of Education, and the community during a WCS Parent Partnership Presentation. This presentation will provide evidence-based insights and practical strategies to address the effects of social media on families, fostering informed discussions and actions within the school community.

Best Practices For Students/Staff Utilizing Temporary Instructional Spaces

The Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Plan calls for the construction of three new primary facilities on the current school sites. During the 18-month construction process for each school, temporary classrooms and building spaces will be employed for our primary students and staff. This study aims to identify and establish best practices for optimizing the educational experience and maintaining high standards of teaching and learning in these temporary instructional environments. The findings will guide the district in ensuring students and staff can adapt effectively to these interim spaces, minimizing disruption and maximizing educational outcomes throughout the construction period.

Intervention & Special Education Audit Update - Stakeholder Surveys

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality, equitable services to students, the Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC) will be conducting a comprehensive audit of the Wyoming City Schools intervention and special education services. This audit aims to ensure that our vision, practices, and accountability measures are aligned with the needs of our students. A critical first step in this process is gathering feedback from all stakeholders, including staff and school families with and without prior experience in intervention and special education.

To facilitate this step in the process, online surveys will be distributed through direct email to stakeholders on Friday, September 20th. This survey will remain open until Friday, October 4th. The data collected will play a crucial role in identifying key topics and areas for further exploration by the Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC). Your participation is invaluable as we work together to assess the effectiveness of our current programming, identify areas for improvement, and foster a culture of continuous improvement. We sincerely appreciate your engagement and continued trust in this important process.

2024-2025 Board of Education and Superintendent Committee Assignments - The Board of Education approved committee assignments for the upcoming school year. This has traditionally been done during a BOE January Planning Meeting. However, the work of these committees typically follows the school year calendar and this change will allow the current committee structure to be in place for the entire 2024-2025 school year. Regular updates for these committees will continue during all BOE Regular Meetings.

Approval of Volunteers - We approved current volunteer applications for the 2024-2025 school year. In all, we had 23 pages of volunteers who have applied to support students in many ways. This speaks to the fantastic support and engagement of our family and community members. Thank you, Wyoming, for the incredible partnership that supports our school district!