




Committee of the Whole

November 6, 2024

Academic Affairs and Mental Health

A faded, light-colored illustration in the background shows a person's silhouette holding a laptop computer in their right hand and a heart in their left hand. The person is wearing a blue shirt and orange pants. The heart is orange and appears to be glowing or being held gently. The overall style is soft and illustrative.

PVAAS

2024 Growth Scores by Grade Level - PSSA Math (Grades 4-8)



Notes: 5th Grade Math demonstrated the 4th highest growth score in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!

Overall, across grades 4-8 Math, Danville had the 4th highest composite growth in the CSIU.

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2024 Growth Scores by Grade Level - PSSA ELA (Grades 4-8)

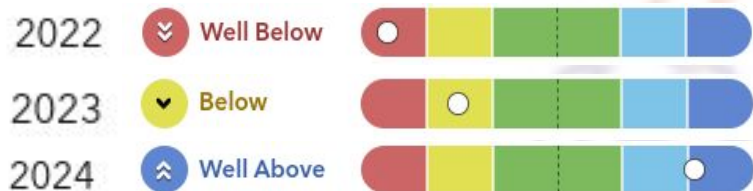


Note: Across grades 4-8, Danville had the highest composite growth in the CSIU.

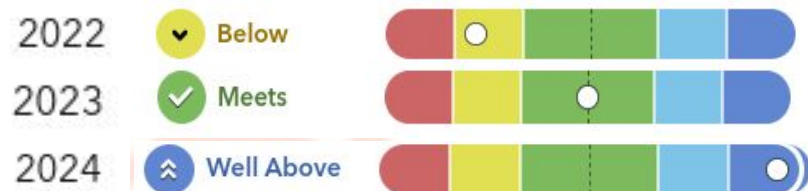
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3-Year View of Across Grade Levels' Growth - PSSAs (Grades 4-8)

PSSA Math - 4-8



PSSA English Language Arts - 4-8



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2024 Growth Scores in Keystones - Literature

Keystone Algebra I	2023	N/A	 Meets	
	2024	N/A	 Well Above	
Keystone Biology	2023	N/A	 Above	
	2024	N/A	 Well Above	
Keystone Literature	2023	N/A	 Meets	
	2024	N/A	 Meets	

Act 13 Building Level Score Indicators

Building Level Score

The Building Level Score will provide a quantitative academic score based upon a 100-point scale to represent the overall academic performance of each school in Pennsylvania.

Academic Achievement

ELA	15 points
Math	15 points
Science	10 points

Academic Growth

ELA	15 pts
Math	15 pts
Science	10 pts

Other Academic Indicators

Attendance Rate	10 pts
Graduation Rate	10 pts

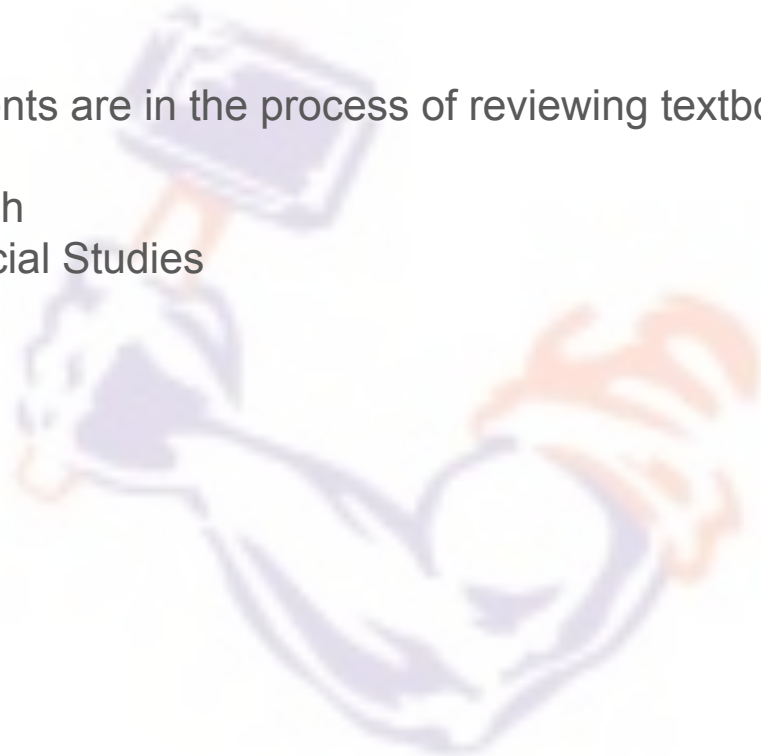
*Absent a Graduation Rate, Attendance Rate is 20 Points.

If a school is missing a data element, the denominator will be changed to no longer reflect the 100-point scale. For example, a K-3 school with no PVAAS data will have a total of 50 points.

New Textbooks

The following departments are in the process of reviewing textbooks for next school year:

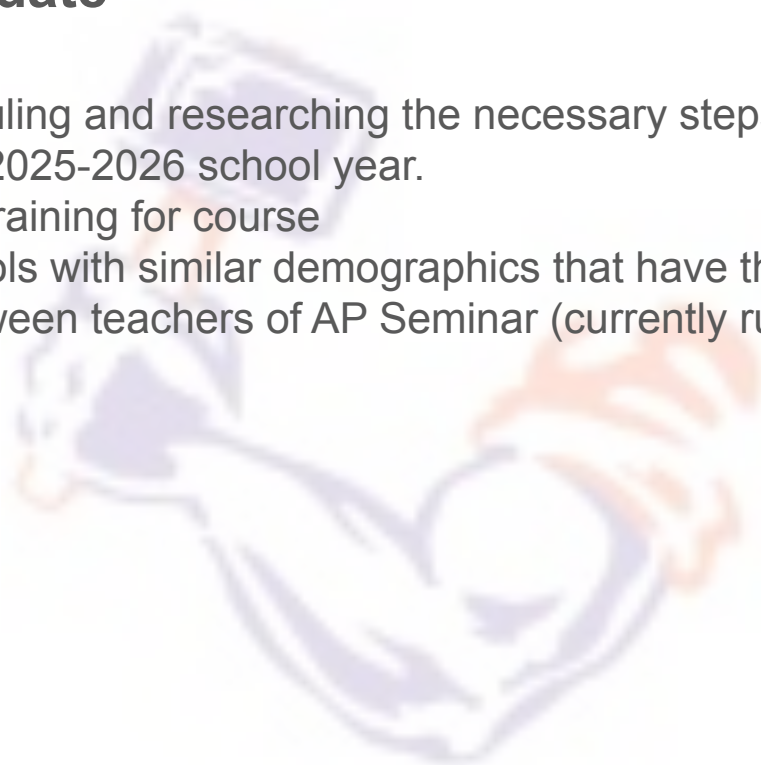
- Secondary Spanish
- Middle School Social Studies



AP Research Update

We have begun scheduling and researching the necessary steps for full implementation of AP Research in the 2025-2026 school year.

- Includes teacher training for course
- Site visits to schools with similar demographics that have the course in place
- Collaboration between teachers of AP Seminar (currently running) and AP Research



MediSprout Contract





Finance

Foundation

- Contact made with Beard Legal Group
- Reviewing bylaws of other entities
- Reaching out to other Business Managers
- The Board took action on April 10, 2024 to approve the necessary preliminary steps on the part of the Administration to properly and legally establish a non-profit foundation for the Danville Area School District.



Conrad Siegel Quote

Background Information

- Annual Reporting of the Affordable Care Act for the 2024 calendar year
- Mailing of all form 1095-C to eligible employees
- Service from Conrad Siegel since 2018
- Same annual service fee as in past years
- Inflationary increases for additional services which are only utilized if needed at the request of the Danville Area School District
- Historically have not utilized the additional services

CS Trust Representative

Background Information

- The District may appoint up to three trustees with the CS Trust
 - Board Representative Category
 - Central Administrative Representative Category
 - Employee Representative Category
- Two openings currently in Central Administrative Category and Employee Category
- Seeking approval of Lance Mabus for the Central Administrative Category
- Anticipate a representative for the Employee category prior to the spring CS Trust meeting.

Audit and AFR Update

- 2022-2023 Audit draft anticipated by November 30, 2024 with issuance by December 16, 2024.
- Seeking approval for a letter of engagement with Klacick & Associates for the 2023-2024 Audit.
- Seeking approval to extend the agreement with Doreen Secor through June 30, 2025.
- Appointment of a Treasurer through the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year on June 30, 2025.
- Will request extension of the 2023-2024 AFR through December 31, 2024 upon receipt of the letter of engagement from Klacick and Associates.
- Will revise the 2022-2023 AFR if final adjusting journal entries are made in conjunction with the conclusion of the 2022-2023 audit.

Act 1 Index

- Base rate for 2025-2026 is 4.0%
- Seeking approval of the Act 1 Resolution to not increase real estate taxes above the Act 1 Index for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Historical Rates for Danville
 - 2025-2026 4.0%
 - 2024-2025 6.1%
 - 2023-2024 4.1%
 - 2022-2023 4.0%
 - 2021-2022 3.5%
 - 2020-2021 3.0%
 - 2019-2020 2.7%
- Base Rate - Calculated by PA statewide average weekly wage increases and Federal employment cost index for elementary/secondary schools
- Adjustment above base is based on the market value/personal income aid ratio. If the MV/PI AR is greater than 0.4000 the Act 1 index is adjusted upward by the sum of 0.75 and the MV/PI AR.

PDE 363

Cyber Charter Tuition Rates for 2024-2025 set by the PDE-363

- Updates to the law for 2024-2025
 - Special Education ADM was previously assumed to be 16% of student body ADM
 - Starting January 1, 2025, the special education cost factor is based off the greater of the special education ADM or 16% for a District.
- Tuition rates based on 2023-2024 expenses submitted to PDE prior to the November 1, 2024 deadline
 - Regular Education \$13,694.62
 - Special Education \$27,877.11 (\$14,182.49 over RE)
 - Special Education (1/1/2026) \$26,375.48 (\$12,680.86 over RE)
- \$100M in 2024-2025 Budget for the Cyber Charter Transition fund as state reimbursement for cyber charter costs.
- Danville's expected share is \$48,499.00.

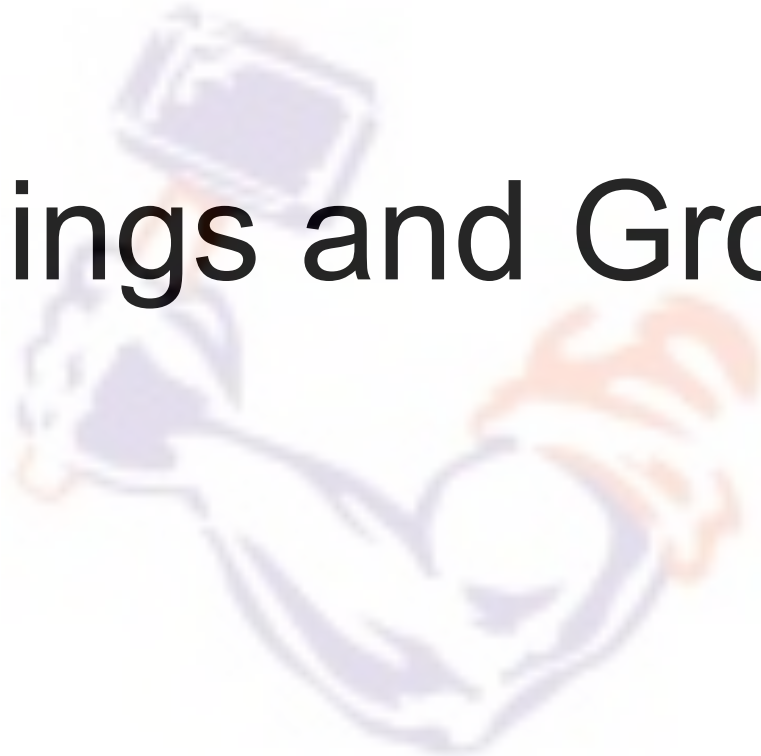
Long-Range Planning



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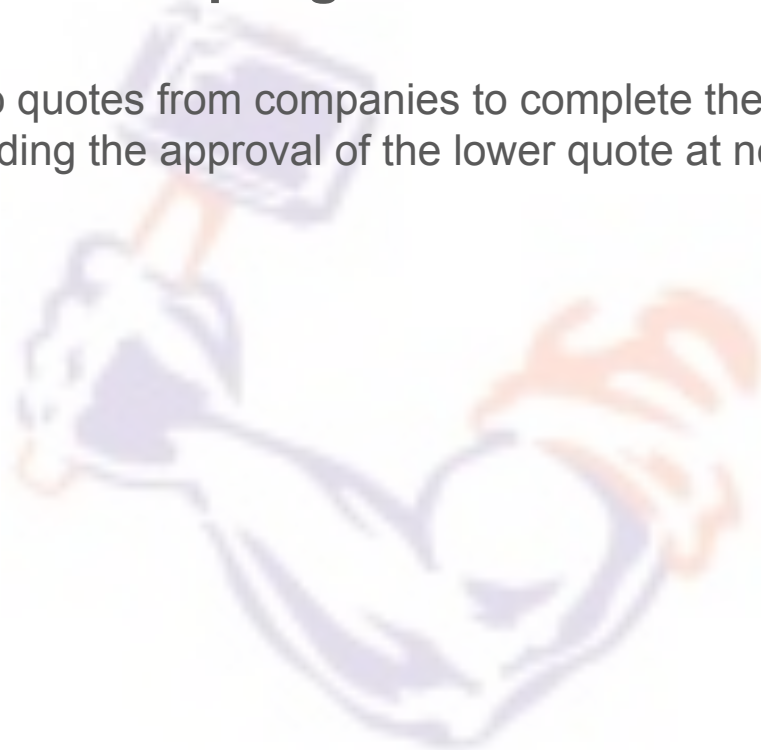
- Updated design for usage of athletic fields
- Significant progress in discussions of renovations and/or additions
- Will be presenting an updated enrollment study, plan for usage of athletic fields, and plan for building options on Dec 4th.

Buildings and Grounds



Tennis Courts Core Sampling

- Have received two quotes from companies to complete the work
- Will be recommending the approval of the lower quote at next week's meeting



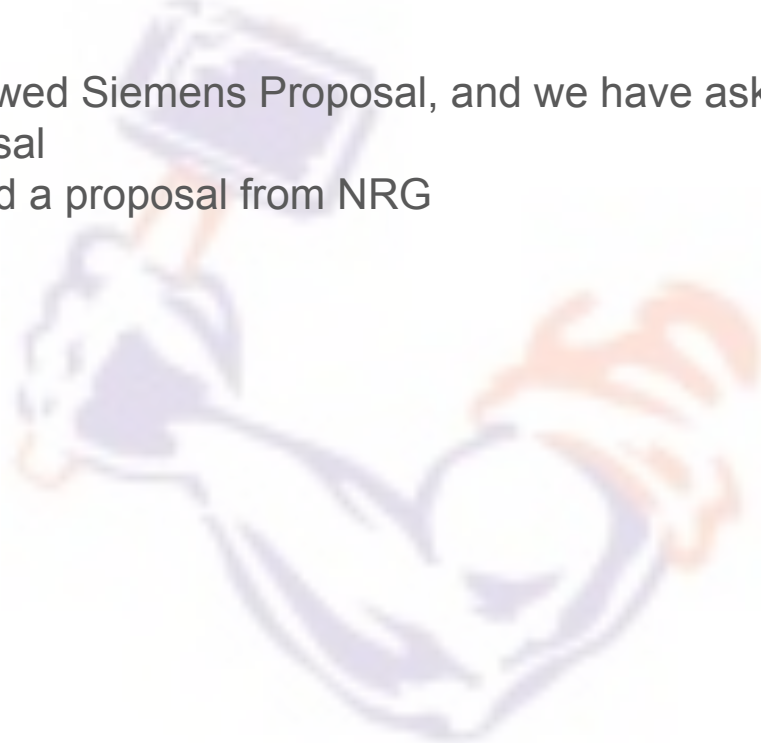
Planned Maintenance Agreement

- Have provided the board with the updated McClure proposal which has been reviewed by our solicitor



Service Agreement Proposals for Fire Alarm Systems

- Solicitor has reviewed Siemens Proposal, and we have asked Siemens to make revisions to proposal
- Have also received a proposal from NRG



Athletics & Extracurriculars



End Zone



Junior High Girls' Volleyball

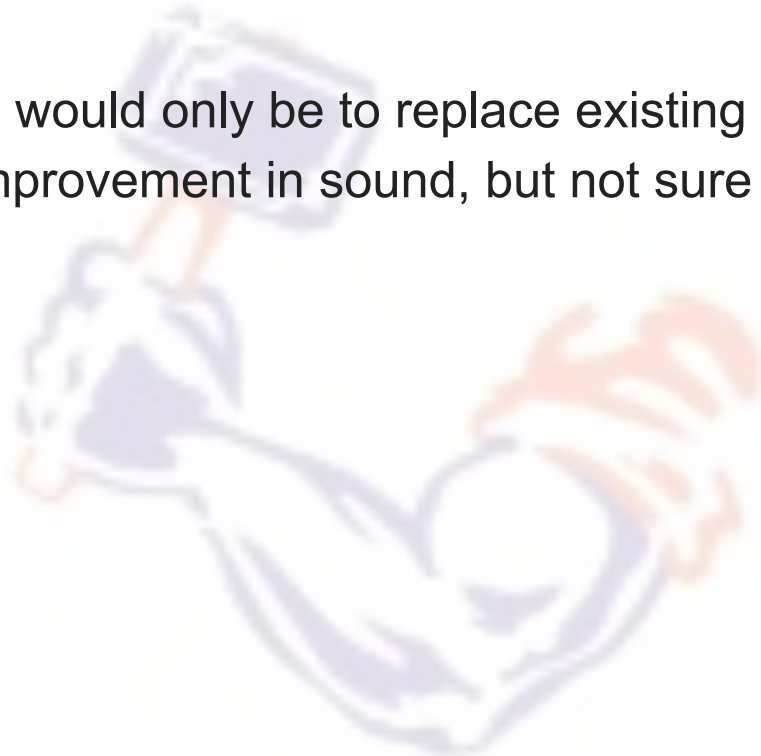
- Williamsport and Central Mountain have middle school girls' volleyball
- Additional programs in Schuylkill County area
- Some programs in Northern Tier as well as Wyoming Valley Conference
- We currently have a popular volleyball club program
- Could look at a limited schedule with some home and home arrangements and possible tournaments

Junior High Girls' Wrestling

- Currently, we have one Junior High Girl who has fully committed to participating with approximately 5 others who have expressed interest
- Dual meets would be very difficult with few girls
- Communicating with PIAA about allowing a small number of girls to participate in Girls' Tournaments - more information to come shortly
- Need to focus on providing as many opportunities as we can

Press Box Speakers

- Quote provided would only be to replace existing “bullhorn” speakers
- Should show improvement in sound, but not sure to what extent



Change in PIAA Policy for CTE Students

- A. Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend all of their classes on a full-time basis at a public school in another public school district, the student may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student will participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited. NOTE: Absent an agreement between public school districts, a student seeking eligibility at a school other than their school district of their residence will have their eligibility determined under Article VI, Transfers, Residence, and Recruiting, Section 4, 5, or 7, of the PIAA Bylaws.

Art Club



Personnel



Potential Positions for Approval at the November 2024 Meeting

- Filling open club positions
 - SPM Advisor
 - Winter Weight Room Supervisor
 - Health Careers Club Advisor
 - Assistant Forensics Coach
- Building Lead replacement
- Continued assignment for a staff member to serve on the MARC board
- Reading Specialist
 - 3 candidates / 3 interviews
 - Selection committee of Dawn Haas, Nicole Del Gotto, and Molly Nied
- Elementary Teachers
 - 1 full time position and 1 long-term sub position
 - 7 candidates / 7 interviews on Thursday, November 7
 - Selection committee of Jenna Beiter, Gianna Earp, Nicole Del Gotto, Jason Moser
- Interviews this week of a custodial position and a custodial supervisor position

Winter Coach Approval

- List provided for Winter Sports

