

Dear WCS Staff, Families, and Community Members,

I hope you enjoyed a Thanksgiving holiday filled with family, friends, and cherished moments. As we approach the final stretch of the first semester, our excitement grows as we continue to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students. Together, we look forward to finishing the first half of the school year on a high note, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our school community.

Below are several highlights from the regular Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Monday, November 25, 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 November BOE Meeting below. At this meeting, the minutes for the October 28th BOE meeting were approved, and they are also linked below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- October 28th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- November 25th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber

Five Year Forecast - Reviewed each year (in November and May), the Five Year Forecast includes three years of historical financial data and five years of forecasted data for the District's general operating fund.

- [Click here to see the latest Wyoming City Schools Five Year Forecast.](#)
- Please use the following link to see Treasurer Ronda Johnson present the forecast highlights - [Five Year Forecast: November 2024 BOE meeting \(timestamp 1:12\)](#).

Committee Updates - Board of Education and Superintendent Committees focus on work in specific areas and play a critical role in updating the Board of Education and the Wyoming community on these particular topics. As these committees meet, information is shared monthly during the Board of Education meetings. Committees are listed below, and this month's committee reports can be viewed through the following link - [Committee Updates: November BOE Meeting \(timestamp 23:23\)](#).

- Belonging and Inclusion Collaborative
- Citizens Advisory Committee
- District Leadership Team/Student Achievement
- Facilities Committee
- Finance Committee

- Policy Review Committee

Primary Facilities Update - Thanks again to the Wyoming Community for the incredible support in passing the Primary Facilities Bond Issue! New primary facilities will bring wonderful learning opportunities for all students long into the future! We're excited to have already started work to make this happen, and several recent actions are listed below.

During the meeting, the BOE approved two important resolutions:

- **Resolution Certifying to the County Auditor the Amount of the Voted Property Tax to be Levied and Collected For the Purposes of Paying Debt Charges for 37 Years** - Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Elections has 21 days after the date of an election to certify the election results. This resolution certifies the placement of the tax on the 2024 tax duplicate for first collection in 2025.
- **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of School Improvement Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes Not to Exceed \$15,000,000** - The Board authorized a small issuance - approximately \$15 million - of tax anticipation notes before the end of 2024. (Issuing the bonds is a lengthier process that is likely to occur in early Spring 2025.) With these notes, the Board can begin the statutory process for selecting an architect, with the first step of sharing a Request for Qualifications from architecture firms.

The draft project schedule includes:

- **January-December 2025:** Hilltop School Design Phase
- **January 2026-July 2027:**
 - Elm School & Vermont School Design Phase
 - Hilltop School Construction - Hilltop students in temporary school at WHS
- **August 2027:** *Hilltop School opens*
- **July 2027-December 2028:**
 - Vermont School Construction - Vermont students in temporary school at WHS
 - Elm School Construction - Elm students in temporary school at WMS
- **January 2029:** *Elm School & Vermont School open*

Kathy Hoeffler Retirement - Kathy Hoeffler will be retiring in February 2025. Kathy was hired in 2004 as the WHS Principal's Administrative Assistant. She spent her entire Wyoming career supporting the high school and has served as the Class Advisor for grades 10, 11, and 12 over many years. Thank you, Kathy, for supporting our high school students, staff, and families!



Administrator Update - Jamie Hayner was approved to continue in the role of Wyoming Middle School Interim Assistant Principal until June 30, 2025. Thank you to Mrs. Hayner for the incredible support she's providing to the students, staff, and families of WMS! We anticipate starting the search for a new WMS Assistant Principal with a job posting scheduled for January. The selected candidate will start at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Current WMS Assistant Principal will not be returning from leave. Mr. Hicks joined the staff of Wyoming Primary Schools as Assistant Principal in 2017 and became the Assistant Principal at Wyoming Middle School in 2022. We thank him for his leadership and wish him continued success.

Overnight Field Trips - Student engagement is a critical component for student success. One of the exciting ways Wyoming students engage in learning well beyond the walls of our classrooms is participation in school-sponsored travel. These excursions provide our students with incredible opportunities for academic growth and personal development. The trips below are just a couple of examples of the great opportunities that have been approved for students for the current school year:

- WMS Model United Nations Conference - Columbus, Ohio: April 27-29, 2025
- Ohio Junior Classical League Convention - Columbus, Ohio: March 7-9, 2025

Thank you to our staff members and chaperones for making these learning opportunities possible for Wyoming students. This is the 20th year that Teacher Todd Wegenhart has led Wyoming Latin student participation in the Ohio Junior Classical League Convention and the 15th year that WMS Teacher Nick Allen has taken middle school students to this Model United Nations Conference!

Intervention and Special Education Audit - Wyoming has partnered with the Hamilton County Educational Service Center (HCESC) to complete a full review and audit of our intervention and special education practices to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth. The process began this summer, and included a stakeholder survey and interviews in the fall. The audit report from the HCESC is scheduled to be finalized and shared with the district in late December. An overview of the report's findings and recommendations will be reviewed during the January Regular Board of Education meeting and highlighted in the Superintendent Update following that meeting.