



SWEET HOME CENTRAL
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Superintendent Report

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2024 - 2025

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Tonight's Report:

- Congratulations Heritage Heights!
- SmartSchools Investment Plan
- Superintendent Report

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Congratulations Heritage Heights!! Leader in Me Lighthouse School!



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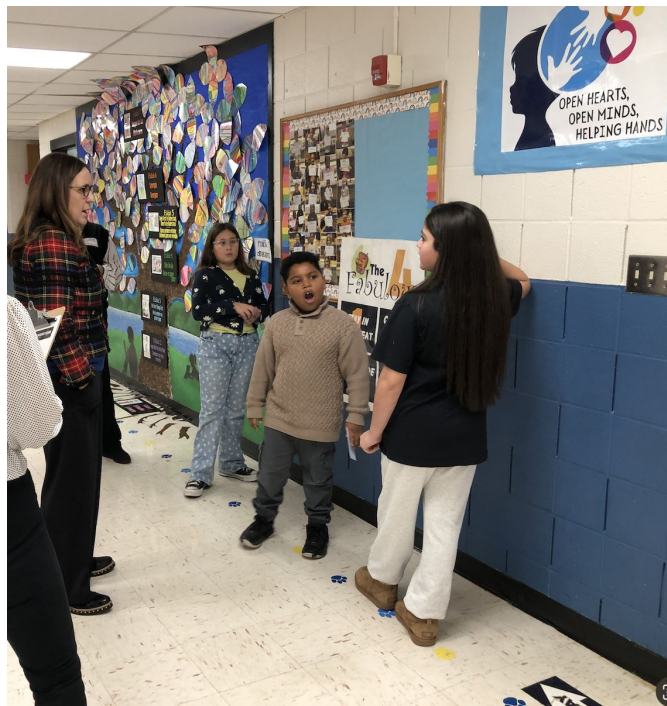
Every Student, One Community, Ready for the Future.

— Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 —



Heritage Heights - Lighthouse School

- Lighthouse School
- Certification Process
- Lighthouse Teams
 - Adult
 - Student
 - Parent

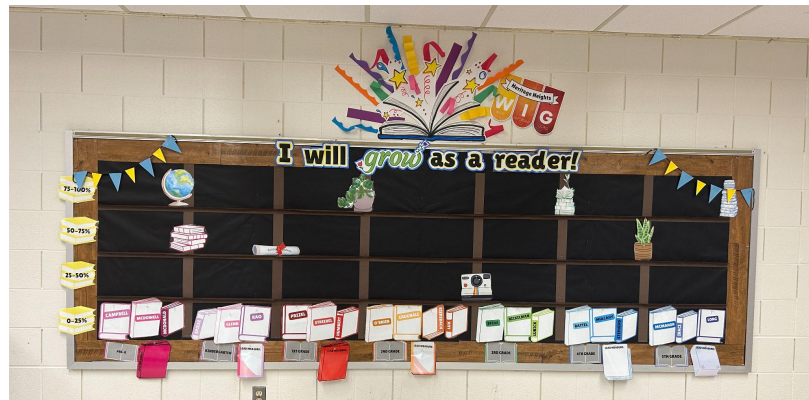
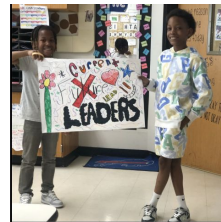


Lighthouse Advisors

- Certification Process
 - Collaboration with coach Gary McGuey
 - Student, Adult and Parent Lighthouse Teams
 - Schoolwide Mission Statement, WIG, Building/Classroom Scoreboards, Action Teams, Leadership Roles, Leadership Notebooks, Direct Teach Lessons, Integrated approaches
 - Evidence Binder
 - Review Team

Paradigm of Leadership

At Heritage Heights, we strive to instill within our students that in order to successfully lead, you have to learn how to follow. Leading is not always done from the front but at times it can be done from the side or the back in order to meet others at their point of need. We have many opportunities for students to be leaders at Heritage through teaching the 7 Habits, classroom leadership roles, the Lighthouse Team and diverse Action Teams. This creates opportunities for students to find their passion in leading their own learning in a variety of different areas. Our students strive to model the leadership skills of the 7 Habits and grow as individuals both inside and outside of the building.



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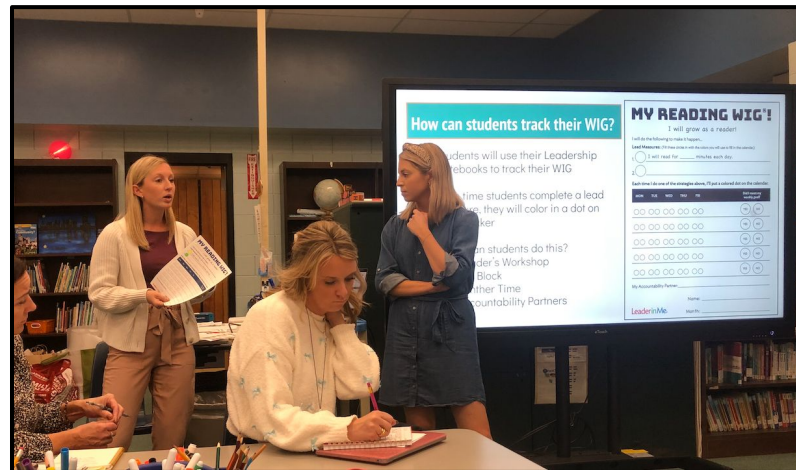
Review Report

● Glows

- Leadership: Principal and Coordinator Development, New & Ongoing Staff Learning
- Culture: Physical and Social Emotional Environment, Leadership Events, Lighthouse & Action Teams, Leadership Roles
- Academics: School Goals, Team Goals, Leadership Notebooks

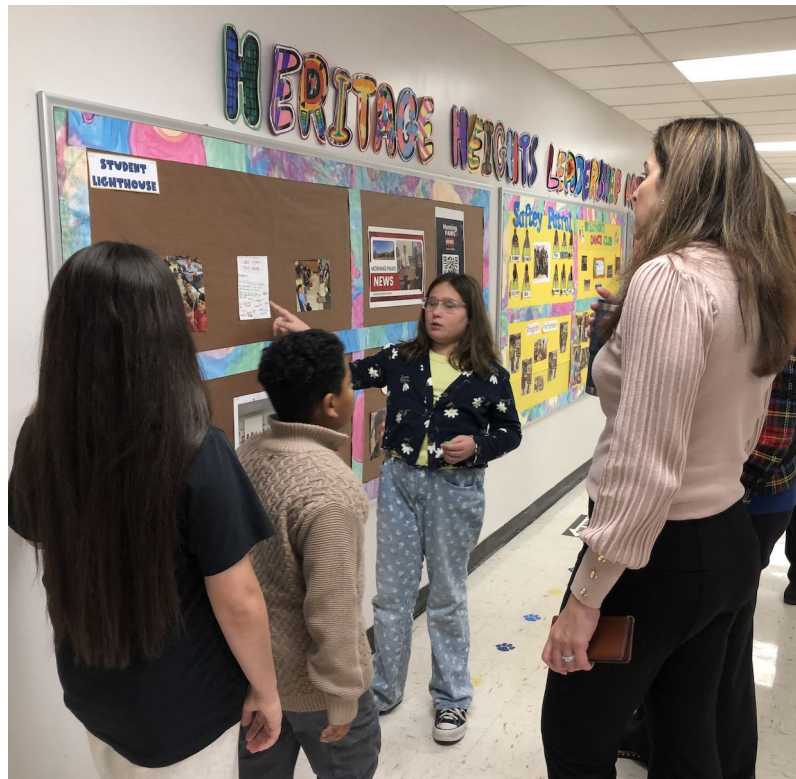
● Grows

- Leadership: Family & Community Partnerships, Direct Lessons
- Culture: Student Voice
- Academics: Individual Goals



Student Lighthouse

- What does a Student Lighthouse Team do?
- WIG
 - I will grow as a reader.
- Emotional Bank Account
 - Deposits and withdrawals
- Lighthouse Review
 - Tour of building
 - Leadership Notebooks
 - Meeting our team



Adult and Parent Lighthouse

Adult Lighthouse:

- Continue finding ways to integrate Leader in Me into our daily classroom lessons and routines
- Help decide how to celebrate Lighthouse School certification
- Work with Student Lighthouse Team to plan Leadership Day

Parent Lighthouse:

- Vision Boards





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Smart Schools Investment Plan

**February 4, 2025
Sweet Home CSD
UPDATE**



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Overview – Smart Schools Bond Act

- Passed in 2014-15 New York State budget and approved statewide by voters in 2014 General Election
- \$2 billion in funds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity
- April 2024 – Executive Budget shifts review from Review Board to an administrative process overseen by NYSED to expedite reviews.
- Sweet Home Central School District initial allocation of Smart Schools Bond Act funding: **\$1,891,997.**



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Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

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Eligible Smart Schools Projects

- 1. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities;**
- 2. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities, including but not limited to interactive whiteboards, computer servers, and desktop, laptop, and tablet computers;**
- 3. Construct, enhance, and modernize educational facilities to accommodate prekindergarten programs and to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers; and/or**
- 4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses, including but not limited to video surveillance, emergency notification systems, and physical access controls.**

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Sweet Home Smart Schools 2025 Plan

- Allocation for Interior Door Hardening Project: **\$551,415 Sweet Home High School and/or Middle School**
- Requested and approved deallocation for student devices in November 2024
- Interior and classroom doors will be hardened with card access based locks.
- Communication to the doors will be accomplished via the use of dedicated wireless hubs.
- These new locks will be registered to and managed via the existing door access system, which will be upgraded to the latest software version and to accommodate the increase in the number of doors monitored.
- Plan for door hardening project has been vetted through District Safety Committee.

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Anticipated Timeline for Proposed Project

- **February 4, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan presented to BOE**
- **February 12, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan approved by BOE**
- **February 12- March 13, 2025 - Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan posted for review on the district website for 30 days**
- **March 18, 2025 - BOE/Public Meeting & Hearing**
- **March 18, 2025 - BOE Approval of Final Plan, submission to SED by April 1st, 2025**
- **April - June 2025 - SED Approval**
- **July 2025-September 2025 - Procurement / Completion of Work**

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Questions from the Board



ANY QUESTIONS?



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Sweet Home Budget Workshop

- **Saturday, February 8**
- **8 a.m.**
- **Vergils Community Center at District Office**

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Building Use Committee Update



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Transportation Situation

- 15 Minutes More of Instruction
- Driver Shortage continues at Crisis Levels
- Recommending a change in the structure of runs.

Proposal Includes:

- High School and MS to have similar bell schedules
- Grades 6-12 ride the bus together to and from school, on the same run, fill buses
- Runs in this order:
 - High School, Middle School, All Four Elementary Schools on the Same Schedule
- Recommended Walking Radius of .25 Miles for Elementary Buildings



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- **Potential Benefits of MS Change:**

- Middle School students would have more time in the afternoon to participate in extracurricular activities.
- MS students could also be at home in the afternoon to care for their younger siblings.
- More MS teachers could host after-school activities.
- Elementary run as the last run of the day and all on one schedule will help eliminate delays.
- Closer to goal of re-establishing after-school runs to pre-covid levels.
- Eliminate the staggered elementary schedule.
- Little impact on current elementary times.

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Proposed Start/End times for 2025/2026

24/25 Times

High School

7:25 - 1:54

Middle School

9:15 - 3:45

Elementary 1

8:30 - 2:15

Elementary 2

9:00 - 2:45

25/26 Proposal

High School

7:19 - 2:05

Middle School

7:40 - 2:24

Elementary

8:55 - 3:10 (depart bldg. 3:15)

Notes:

- Periods in HS go from 40 to 42 minutes. Same at MS.
- Elementary enhanced ELA, Math and S/E instruction
- HS/MS teacher contact time for students goes from 6:29 mins to 6:44 mins.
- Elementary teacher contact time for students goes from 6:15 mins to 6:30 mins.
- Teacher LOD is 7:15 mins at all schools.

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Areas of Note:

- **Began discussing publicly last year once SHEA contract was ratified, especially the 15 minutes of additional instruction time.**
- **Discussed at PTO/PTA/PTSA Meetings at all Buildings this fall and winter.**
- **Wrote about a potential change in the Amherst Bee and SH Source.**
- **Sent two rounds of email notices to families, one on January 15 and one on January 17 for a total of 10,048 emails sent.**
- **68 email responses from parents for a response rate of .01 percent.**

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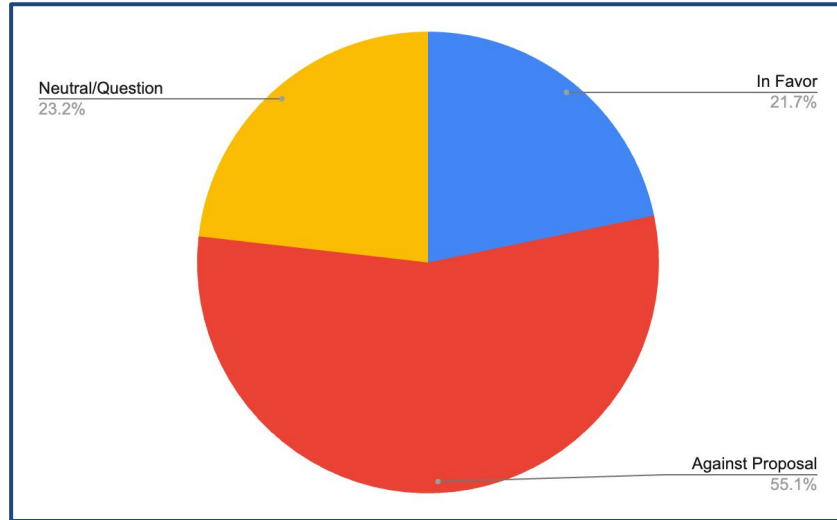
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Total Email Respondents = 68

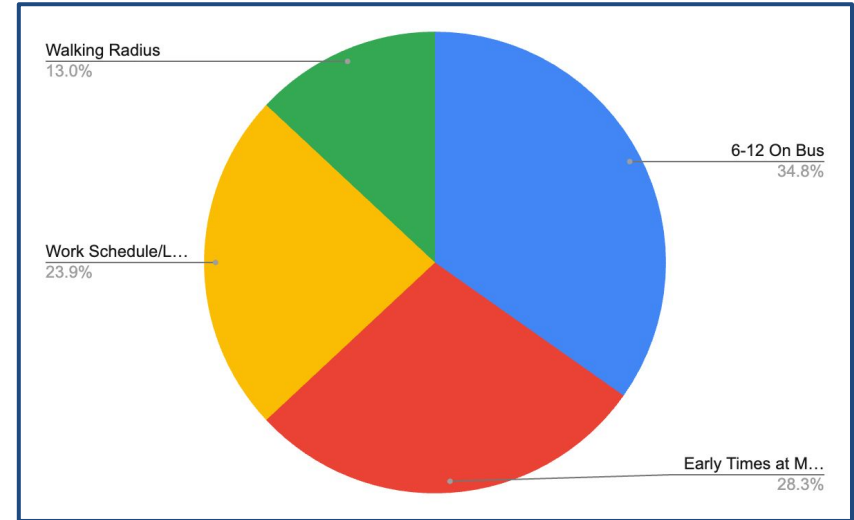
Favor: 15

Against = 38

Neutral = 16



Main Concerns for those Not in Favor of Proposal



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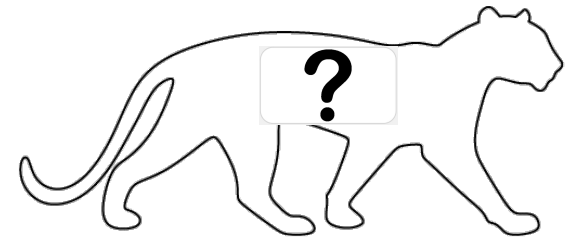
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The “Official” Sweet Home Panther Process

- Contest has been announced. Student winner will receive a \$500 scholarship in their senior year from SHDFS.
- Students vote on the top 10 concepts. All buildings represented.
- Graphic Artist hired to professionally develop the concepts.
- Community votes on 10 finalists concepts at Budget Day on May 20.
 - Students and residents allowed and encouraged to vote



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