

Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Superintendent District Update
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ESSER III Funds Update

20% for Learning Loss

This year, 97 students were able to attend camp, fully reimbursed by the district, giving them experiences that will enrich their education and personal growth. We also covered 56 sessions of Bearcamp and filled every single spot in our Camp Invention sessions, all thanks to this remarkable funding. On top of that, we held extensive professional development opportunities this summer, made possible by the ESSER III grant funding. Nearly 200 of our staff members participated in dozens of sessions, both in person and online, covering a wide range of critical topics including math, reading, trauma-informed practices, leadership, and safety training.

This incredible coordination would not have been possible without the laser focus and hard work of Heather Cummings, Kathy O'Blenes, Dr. Kelly Mask, and especially our key facilitator, Dr. Katey Hills. Their dedication behind the scenes during the last six months to coordinate this monumental program, alongside the support from the entire SAU team, has been instrumental in making this a resounding success.

80% HVAC Project: CLS; CS; OCS

I am pleased to report that the grant-funded HVAC project is nearing completion. The vendor, TRANE, began work at Crescent Lake School in June, proceeded to Carpenter School, and is currently working at Ossipee Central. We are encouraged by the progress and are happy to inform you that the project remains on schedule. For your convenience, a link is included below where you can view pictures documenting the progress at various stages throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued support as we work to enhance our schools' facilities.

[HVAC 2024 Folder](#) of pictures of progress at all three schools.

Strategic Plan Update

I am pleased to provide an update on the progress of our strategic plan goals and strategies across the four focus areas: Academic Achievement, Student Wellness, Culture of Belonging, and Family & Community Communication and Engagement. In alignment with our Academic Achievement focus area, we will establish a Multipathways Taskforce this fall to explore and expand diverse educational pathways for our students. For Student Wellness, we plan to present data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and other district sources to support the proposal for a Director of Student Wellness during the upcoming budget process in November. Regarding our Culture of Belonging initiative, the Equity Taskforce has partnered with Great Schools Partnership to conduct an equity audit, which will inform the development of an equity

plan this year. Our coaches are actively collaborating with the team, and we have sent members to conferences in March and over the summer to prepare for this critical work.

In the area of Family & Community Communication and Engagement, we have successfully implemented ParentSquare as our communication platform. Additional activities, including a survey, the formation of a parent advisory group, and the development of a comprehensive communications plan, are scheduled for this month and next. These efforts are further detailed in a separate memo to the Board. All related activities will be communicated and tracked through Qualtrics on our website, as shared in our previous update and reiterated below for your reference. Thank you for your continued support as we advance these essential initiatives.

Communicating Strategic Plan Progress (Previously Shared)

A significant part of our strategic plan involves transparent communication with our stakeholders. To this end, we have secured grant activities that will allow us to share our progress comprehensively on our district website. We are excited to announce that we will be utilizing Qualtrics, a powerful data compilation tool, to gather, analyze, and present data related to our strategic plan.

The following are examples of how this data will be communicated:

1. **[**Public Dashboard / District at a Glance \(linked example\):**](#)** This will provide an overview of key metrics and indicators, offering stakeholders a snapshot of our district's performance and progress. It will include data on enrollment, attendance, graduation rates, and more.
2. **[**Academic Dashboard \(linked example\):**](#)** This dashboard will focus on academic performance metrics, including standardized test scores, reading and math proficiency levels, and other critical academic indicators. It will help us monitor and report on the effectiveness of our learning loss mitigation efforts and other academic initiatives.
3. **[**Strategic Plan Data Dashboard \(linked example\):**](#)** This comprehensive dashboard will track our progress against the specific goals and objectives outlined in our strategic plan. It will include data on various initiatives, such as student achievement, school climate, community engagement, and operational efficiency.

These dashboards will be accessible on our district website, providing real-time updates and fostering transparency with our community. The use of Qualtrics will ensure that the data is accurate, up-to-date, and presented in a user-friendly manner.

Overnight Field Trip Notifications

Notification of overnight field trips will be included in the monthly District Update. There are no overnight field trips to report at this time.