

Dear WCS Staff, Families, and Community Members,

As we have entered the fourth quarter and are approaching spring break, I want to take a moment to recognize the dedication and perseverance of our students, staff, and families. The year has been filled with growth, achievement, and collaboration, and I am grateful for the commitment and energy that make our schools a thriving learning community. As we enter this final stretch, we have an opportunity to build on our progress, celebrate our successes, and remain focused on finishing the year strong. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the months ahead!

Below are several highlights from the regular Board of Education (BOE) meetings on Monday, January 27, 2025; and Monday, February 24, 2025. I'll continue to share information after our meetings to connect you with essential updates.

You will find links to the agendas and videos from the January and February BOE Meetings below. At the January meeting, the minutes for the December 16 BOE meeting were approved, and they are also linked below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- December 16th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- January 27th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- February 24th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber

WCS Special Recognitions - Celebrating the success of the students and staff of Wyoming City Schools is central to the mission and vision of our strategic plan. We kicked off the January meeting with First Semester Celebrations, our opportunity to recognize just some of the many accomplishments of our students, staff, and community from the primary, middle, and high schools over the first half of the current school year. You can view these exciting celebrations [here](#) ([January 2025 BOE Meeting - timestamp 2:04](#)). Our next Semester Celebration opportunity will occur at the May 19th BOE Regular Meeting.

Committee Updates - The 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 topics. As these committees meet, information is shared monthly during the Board of Education meetings. Committees are listed below, and committee reports for the past two meetings can be viewed through the following links: [January Committee Reports \(timestamp 1:19:00\)](#) and [February Committee Reports \(timestamp 0:56\)](#).

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

Retirements - The Board approved the retirements of a number of staff members during the January and February meetings:

- June Grubb will be retiring at the end of the school year. June came to Wyoming in 2020 as our Education Management Information System (EMIS) Coordinator and has provided support to our Central Office and all building teams. An EMIS Coordinator is essential to a school district as they ensure accurate and timely data reporting, which directly impacts funding, compliance, and informed decision-making to support student success. We wish June a wonderful retirement!
- Congratulations to Jennifer Klein who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Jennifer began her work in Wyoming in 2011 and has served as a 4th grade teacher, elementary principal, and middle school principal. We appreciate her leadership and congratulate her on her upcoming retirement!
- Congratulations to Julie Plitt on her upcoming retirement at the end of the school year! Julie started in Wyoming in 2007 and has taught health and physical education at middle and high school. She has also been a class advisor, volleyball coach, and member of the Building Leadership Team. We appreciate the incredible support she has provided to Wyoming students!
- Ann Shively will be retiring at the end of the school year after 36 years in Wyoming supporting our students, staff, and community! Ann began her work in Wyoming in 1989 as a Physical Education Teacher and has worked in the high school and middle school, but most of those years were in our primary schools. She has been a Department Chair, Building Leadership Team Member, and Mentor for other teachers. Thank you, Ann!



Policy Updates - One of the major tasks of a school board is to review and update Board Policy periodically. During the January meeting, the Board of Education reviewed many policy changes. These changes were then approved during the February BOE Regular Meeting. You can view the discussion of the policy updates during the January meeting through this link: [January BOE Meeting \(timestamp 1:23:29\)](#).

Primary Facilities Updates:

- **Construction Manager at Risk** - During the January meeting, I reviewed the ongoing work of the primary facilities team to plan for the construction of our new schools and the next critical step of identifying a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR). The district reviewed the qualifications of all firms that have shown interest in this project, and we identified the following three firms to be interviewed: Conger, HGC, and Turner. I'm excited to share that after the interview process, we selected HGC to move forward with pre-construction services.
- **Resolutions Related to the Construction of New Primary Facilities** - At the January Meeting, Treasurer Ronda Johnson reviewed multiple resolutions related to funding the construction process, including resolutions authorizing the issuance of school improvement bonds and a resolution consolidating bond issues. You can view these updates during the meeting through this link - [January BOE Meeting: timestamp 1:50:53](#).
- **Community Partnership** - After the bond levy passed on November 5, Friendship United Methodist Church (FUMC) reached out to offer a portion of their facility for use as temporary classrooms during the construction phase of the Wyoming Primary Schools (WPS) Facilities Project. After meeting with the congregation and neighbors of the church and the City of Wyoming, and conducting studies to evaluate and determine safe and efficient operation on and around the site, the plan for temporary instructional spaces has been adjusted. Thanks to FUMC, its congregation and neighbors, and the City of Wyoming, Wyoming City Schools will be able to:
 - Provide our primary students with improved temporary spaces for learning during the construction phase of our WPS Facilities Project.
 - Shift a portion of the budget from temporary schools toward greater investment in our new primary schools.
 - Adjust and shorten the overall timeline for the WPS Facilities Project.
 - Avoid displacing the high school softball team during construction.This community partnership has moved the anticipated date for completion of construction from January 2029 to June 2028.
- **Master Planning Process** - You can view all updates to the Master Planning Process and the construction of our primary facilities in the following link - [Master Planning - Primary Schools](#).
- **Bond Sale** - District leaders were in New York at the end of last week to price and sell the bonds for our Primary Facilities Project. Despite uncertainty surrounding the financial markets the past few weeks, we received \$87.9 million in orders for our \$72.5 million bond issue, meaning demand for the bonds exceeded supply. This strong interest in our bonds resulted in an overall lower

interest rate! We were excited to see buyers from several local Cincinnati financial institutions.



Wyoming City Schools Treasurer Ronda Johnson, Superintendent Tim Weber and Board President Jeanie Zoller.

- **Design Process** - The first Design Workshop for the new Wyoming Primary Schools project took place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the Hilltop School Gym. The Design Process Workshop Series has been developed to engage the Wyoming Community in the design of our new K-4 primary schools! The goal is to design each school so that it reflects the identity, values, and needs of the immediately surrounding neighborhood, while aligning with district priorities and exhibiting the unity of the Wyoming Community as a whole. A total of nine workshops are planned with three sessions held at each school. The next workshop is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Hilltop School. While all meetings are open to the public, each workshop will focus on the specific school where it is held. Design schedules are staggered to allow for the same 4-month engagement process to occur for each project. For more information about the design process, [click here](#).

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. An overview of the report's findings and recommendations was reviewed during the January meeting. You can view the slide show from the meeting [here](#).

Administrator Updates:

- **Appointment of Director of Pupil Services** - Wyoming Primary Schools Principal Dr. Gina Kirchner was appointed to the position of Director of Pupil

Services and will begin this role this summer. As a dedicated advocate for students and an incredible instructional leader, Gina has consistently demonstrated a strong ability to build meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families. Her collaborative approach, tireless work ethic, and expertise in developing systems have positively impacted our primary schools, ensuring that all students receive the support they need to succeed. With a proven ability to engage staff and families while providing high-quality professional learning experiences, Gina is well-prepared to lead our district's efforts in intervention, special education, and student support services.

- **Appointment of Wyoming Middle School Assistant Principal** - Wyoming Middle School Interim Assistant Principal Jamie Hayner was recently approved to become the Wyoming Middle School Assistant Principal this summer. Jamie joined Wyoming Middle School in 2009 as a sixth grade English Language Arts teacher. She has also served as a sixth grade social studies teacher and Cowboy Bell teacher. She graduated from Ohio University and has a master's degree in educational leadership from The Citadel. We are excited for Jamie's leadership and continued support for the students, staff, and school community of Wyoming Middle School!

Draft 2026-2027 District Calendar

The draft district calendar for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the Board of Education as a first read this month. You can view this calendar in the following link - [Draft 2026-2027 District Calendar](#). This calendar is unique in that it falls within the middle of the primary school construction process.

With the current construction timeline, Hilltop School will be completed by December 2026, and Vermont School will begin construction in January 2027. During the winter break of the 2026-2027 school year, Hilltop and Vermont students will be transitioning into different buildings (Hilltop students from Friendship United Methodist Church [FUMC] to their new school building and Vermont students from Vermont School to temporary instructional spaces at FUMC). For this reason, this draft calendar has a three-week winter break to allow for additional time for our staff to facilitate building moves. To make this possible, the start of the school year is one week earlier than typical. Future calendars will follow a more typical structure for starting date, winter break, and ending date.