

Dear WCS Staff, Families, and Community Members,

As we head into the home stretch of the school year, there's great energy building across our schools. May is filled with meaningful moments - from student projects and performances to the everyday wins that happen in our classrooms and hallways. It's a time to lean into all the progress we've made and keep pushing forward together. We're looking forward to our students and staff making the most out of the final weeks of the school year. We've got a strong finish ahead!

**All are invited to our Hilltop School Open House at 6 p.m. tomorrow - May 13 - followed by our second Hilltop School Design Workshop at 6:30 p.m. that evening. And please mark your calendars for the Hilltop School Building Retirement Open House 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 22.**

Below are several highlights from the regular Board of Education (BOE) meetings on Monday, March 31st, 2025, and Monday, April 21st, 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 March and April BOE Meetings below. At the April meeting, the minutes for the March BOE meeting were approved, and they are also linked below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- March 31st BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- April 21st BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber

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### **[2026-2027 District Calendar](#)**

The 2026-2027 District Calendar was approved during the April meeting. This calendar is unique due to the primary facilities construction timeline. 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 school year starts one week earlier than typical. Future calendars will follow a more typical structure for the starting date, winter break, and ending date.

### **Anticipated Change to 2025-2026 District Calendar**

We anticipate changing the date for May Fete 2026 on the calendar for next school year. May Fete 2026 is anticipated to take place on Friday, May 15 (rather than Friday, May 22). This change is being considered due to concerns shared by the Parent School Association, the City of Wyoming, and Wyoming City Schools about the feasibility of staffing, volunteer participation, and attendance if May Fete were to be scheduled on the original date, which is the Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend. The Board of Education will vote on the change to the calendar at the May BOE Meeting later this month.

### **WPS Principal Search Update**

Jenn Earhart has been named the next Principal of Wyoming Primary Schools by the Wyoming City Schools Board of Education.

Mrs. Earhart brings 25 years of education experience to Wyoming Primary Schools. She is currently a School Counselor at Indian Hill Primary School. Previous positions include Interim Building Principal at Indian Hill Primary School, School Counselor at Loveland Primary School, and 3rd Grade Classroom Teacher and Intervention Specialist at Mason City Schools. Mrs. Earhart's prior accomplishments include building a robust student support framework, strengthening early childhood literacy programs, and contributing to her school earning a state STEM designation.



Mrs. Earhart became a primary school educator because she believes deeply in the formative power of early childhood education.

“Fostering a nurturing and supportive student-centered culture that prioritizes whole-child development is my highest priority,” said Mrs. Earhart. “Time and again, I’ve seen how high-quality instruction, responsive intervention, and a safe, supportive environment can transform a child’s trajectory. What we do in the primary years matters profoundly.”

Mrs. Earhart has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and a Master’s Degree in School Counseling. She also earned certificates in Principal Licensure and Special Education Leadership from the University of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Earhart was selected from a talented candidate pool in a competitive process that included input and participation from staff and community members.

Mrs. Earhart’s contract will begin August 1, 2025, with up to 10 paid transition days prior to the start of the contract. Current Wyoming Primary Schools Principal Gina Kirchner will become the Wyoming City Schools Director of Pupil Services this summer.

### **Primary Facilities Update**

The master planning process has continued to progress, leading to the beginning of construction in August of 2025 with Hilltop School. Please see the essential updates with this work listed below.

- Community Design Workshops - The first Design Workshop for the new Wyoming Primary Schools project occurred at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the Hilltop School Gym. This Workshop Series has been developed to engage the Wyoming Community in designing our new K-4 primary schools. The goal is for each school to reflect the identity, values, and needs of the immediately surrounding neighborhood while aligning with the overall vision for facilities in Wyoming City Schools. Nine workshops are planned at this time, with three sessions held at each 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. The next Hilltop Design Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Hilltop Primary School with an Open House immediately before the workshop at 6:00 p.m. You can see more details about these workshops at the following link - [WCS Master Planning - Design Workshops](#).
- Student Feedback Sessions - Architect Mike Ruetschle recently met with Hilltop 3rd and 4th grade students and Wyoming Middle School 5th and 6th grade students during our Primary Facilities Focus Group Sessions. Our students were outstanding in identifying many considerations for the design of our new buildings. On top of that, thanks to Mike Ruetschle for answering our students' questions about his role as an architect. We have some students who are very much interested in this career path! We also captured the insights of our 7th-12th grade students through the use of a survey. Thank you to our students for their thoughtful responses.



**Special Presentations (0:00:53)**

Several presentations were shared during the April board meeting, including a Great Oaks update, a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) study presentation on Social Media, World Language textbook presentations, and a state biennium budget presentation. The timestamp above will connect you with the beginning of these presentations. To see the CAC study presentation on Temporary Instructional Spaces from the March meeting, click [March BOE Meeting \(0:07:55\)](#). You will also find descriptions of the CAC studies below. Thank you to our staff and Wyoming community members who participated in these informative presentations!

- **CAC Study: [Best Practices For Students/Staff Utilizing Temporary Instructional Spaces](#)**

The Wyoming Primary Facilities Master Plan calls for constructing three new primary facilities on the current school sites. During the 18-month construction process for each school, temporary classrooms and building spaces will be employed for our primary students and staff. This study aims to identify and establish best practices for optimizing the educational experience and maintaining high standards of teaching and learning in these temporary instructional environments. The findings will guide the district in ensuring students and staff can adapt effectively to these interim spaces, minimizing disruption and maximizing educational outcomes throughout the construction period.

- **CAC Study: [Social Media and Its Impact On Students and Families](#)**

This study examines the impact of social media on students and families, focusing on insights from the book *The Anxious Generation* and the Netflix mini-series *The Social Dilemma*. The study explores the challenges and implications of social media usage on student health and family dynamics. The outcome of this study will be developing a comprehensive presentation that will be delivered to the CAC, the Board of Education, and the community during a [WCS Parent Partnership Presentation](#). This presentation will provide evidence-based insights and practical strategies to address the effects of social media on families, fostering informed discussions and actions within the school community.

### **State Biennium Budget Update (1:16:36)**

During the April BOE meeting, District Treasurer Ronda Johnson shared an update on the biennium budget process, including current legislative proposals from the Governor and the Ohio House of Representatives that will reduce state funding for Wyoming City Schools and public schools across Ohio. The presentation is viewable through the timestamp link above.

### **Policy Update (1:17:24)**

One of the most critical tasks of our board members is to create policy that guides our school district now and in the future. During the March meeting, several policies were discussed as a first read, and many of these policies were approved during the April second read. You can access this portion of the meeting using the timestamp above.

## **Retirement**

Congratulations to Veronica Robinson (VRob), who will retire at the end of the school year! VRob has taught in Wyoming for 28 years and has taught Algebra, Honors Advanced Algebra II, and Geometry. She has also been involved in other areas of the school, including Project Lead, the Intervention Assistance Team, 9th Grade Advising, ACES, Math Department Chair, and Brothers and Sisters United. Congratulations to VRob on her upcoming retirement! We will celebrate VRob and our other retiring staff members at our May BOE Meeting on Monday, May 19, at Wyoming Middle School.

