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**Pottsville Area School
Board Reflects on
St. Clair Partnership,
Looks Ahead**



Pottsville, PA — August 26, 2025 — At

Wednesday's Pottsville Area School District Board of Education meeting, Board Member Stephanie Buchanan shared a presentation on the history of the district's long-standing partnership with the St. Clair Area School District.

For more than 35 years, Pottsville and St. Clair students have learned, performed, and competed side by side. The tuition agreement, first signed in 1989, has created shared opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts, while also building friendships, families, and traditions that make both districts stronger.

The board presentation traced key milestones, including the original 1989 agreement, the 10-year contract signed in 2015, and recent extensions. With the current contract set to expire in June 2028, St. Clair has issued a request for proposals from districts, with responses due in September. Pottsville intends to respond.

"What makes this partnership so important is the culture we've built together," said Linda Wytovich, Board President. "We are one community — our students, staff, and families are part of one school family. We hope to find a way to continue a fair and sustainable path forward and we hope St. Clair is equally committed to continuing this partnership."

Buchanan emphasized that while contracts and tuition structures may change, the culture at the heart of the partnership will endure. The board reiterated its commitment to maintaining civil dialogue and to pursuing a long-term plan that is in the best interests of both students and taxpayers.

As the district looks ahead, leaders reaffirmed the guiding principle that has sustained this partnership for decades: once you're part of the Tide, you're always part of the Tide. The full presentation can be viewed on the district's website:

https://resources.finalsite.net/videos/t_video_mp4_480/v1755883412/pottsvillek12paus/exmqhsmprpegbvegnynt/Presentation-8-20-2025.mp4