

SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Report

November 18, 2025



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Tonight's Topics

- **Thank you Sweet Home Employees**
- **Superintendent Conference Day**
- **Capital Project Vote/Update**
- **Sweet Home Music Calendar**



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EMPLOYEE “MEET THE BOARD” NIGHT

All Sweet Home Employees were invited to have a casual conversation with the Board of Education before our regular session.

When: November 18

Time: 5 p.m.

Where: Vergils Community Center



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Superintendent Conference Day

November 4th, 2025



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Overview of Offerings

01

Elementary Literacy - Science of Reading Shifts

02

Districtwide Departments - Music, Art, Counseling, PE/Health, Related Services, Librarians

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Secondary Departments - Business, Technology, World Language, FACS, Math, Sci, SS, ELA

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Teacher Aides - De-escalation Strategies

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Restorative Practices - Everyone, Differentiated, Building a Foundational Understanding of RP

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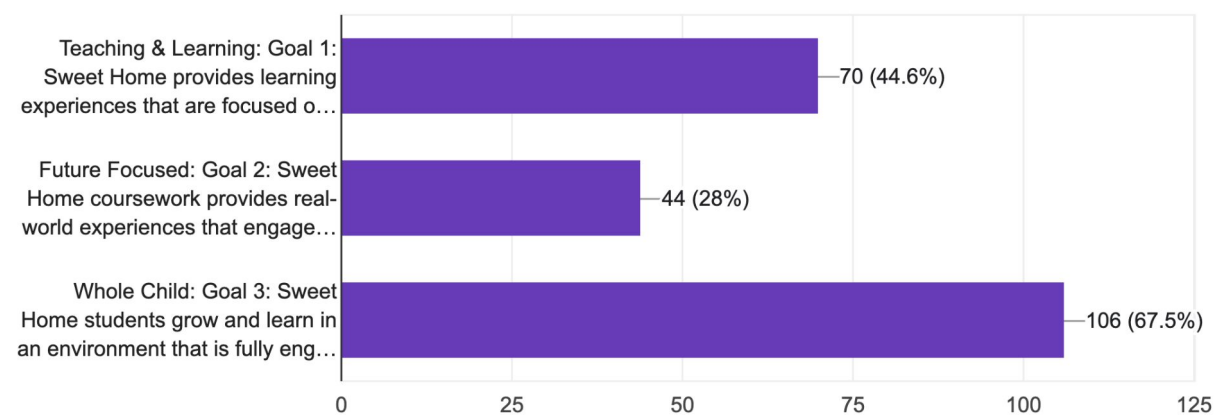
Culture - Relationship Building - Building Leader Choice

Overview of Results

- 157 responses to the survey at the end of the day
- 28% reduction in absences
- Several connections to supporting the Strategic Plan

Please select the Strategic Plan Goal(s) that you feel most closely aligned to the professional learning you engaged in today.

157 responses



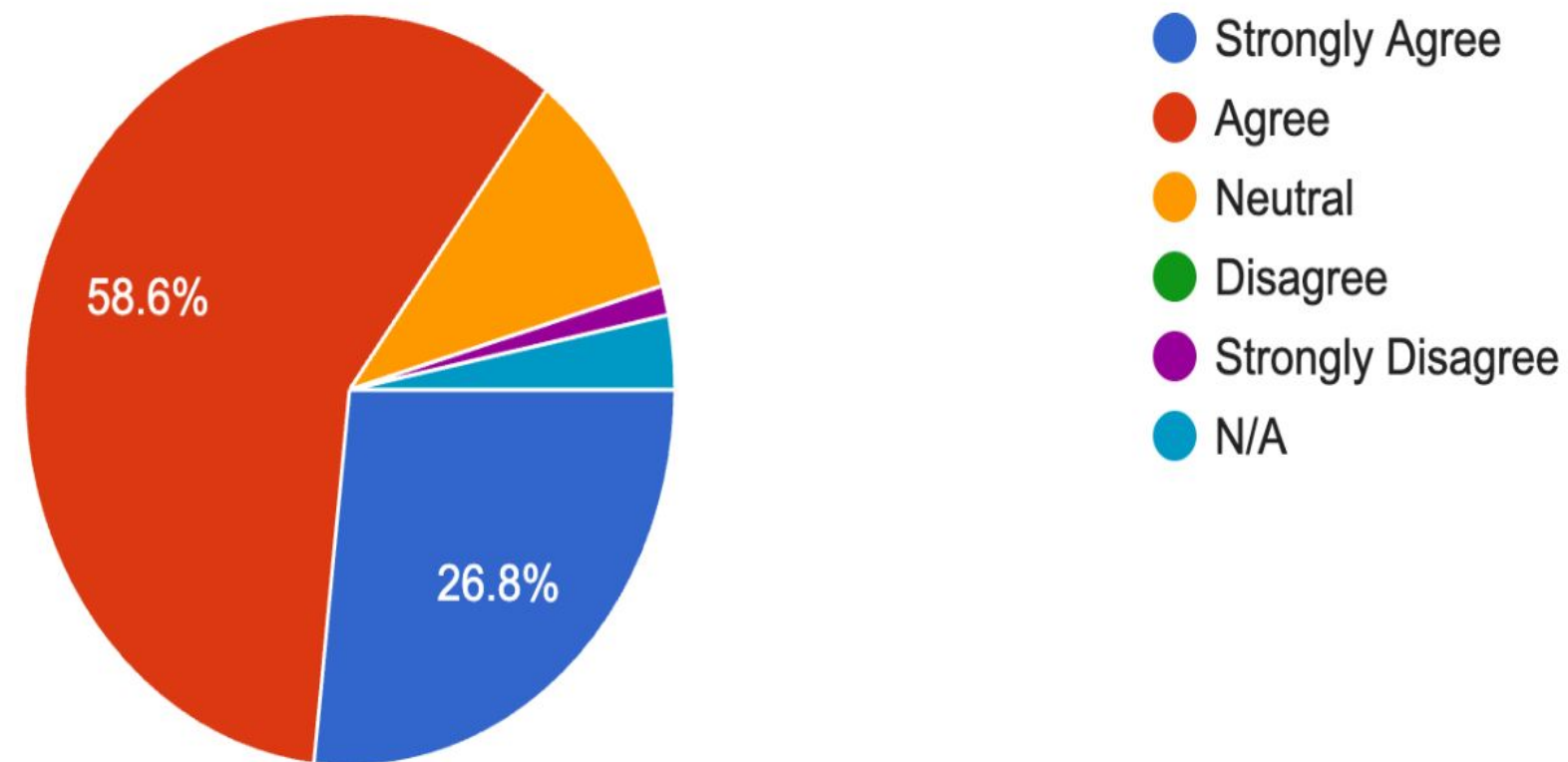
Range of Topics

- Continued Development of shifts for the Science of Reading in Literacy across all elementary schools - continued work on the attestation from New York State for early literacy
- Vertical alignment for counseling across the district, focused on career readiness, student management and an emphasis on major transition periods such as from 8th to 9th grade
- Increasing engagement in special subjects, district-wide art show planning, and alignment for music and PE/Health
- Unpacking what we know about the Portrait of a Graduate for core subjects
- Culture/ team building
- Major emphasis on establishing a foundational understanding of Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices

The information I gained from the Restorative Practices will support my instructional practices.

157 responses



- 85.4% SA/A
- 10.2% Neutral
- 1.3% DA, 3.2% NA

Planning for Future SCD

Feedback is anonymous but specific to grade level and subject

Please share any additional feedback on today's sessions, including suggestions for future SCD topics that would support your instructional practices.

- I had a very positive and productive days with my colleagues.
- Opportunities to meet with both our department and then our entire building staff are welcome and worthwhile! Thank you
- Loved the presenters from Restorative Practices/Justice, But there just wasn't enough time to dive into the content and get to practice conflict resolution on our own. It would have been great to work through more examples! Loved the literacy + Science of Reading information... Our literacy coaches are brilliant and there's always so much to learn from them!
- Thank you for the circle time. I needed that more than I realized.
- Great circle experience
- This was the best PD day I have had in my 5 years in Sweet Home. Great job everyone involved!
- I appreciated having time to meet with my department and actually have time to plan for department events.
- I enjoyed all aspects today. I feel like I gained more insight on restorative circles. Also, it was nice to reconnect with fellow colleagues discussing across the board grading policies for Science. It was nice to end the day with a healthy walk outside to connect with colleagues.
- The overall theme of the day seemed to be belonging, being respectful, and cherishing the students and staff- happy to be part of the Sweet Home family!
- I'd like to study and learn more about conflict resolution and restorative justice/practices and how that can be implemented in the primary grades.
- I would really love having training and coaching that is geared toward the exceptional classrooms and how to teach the curriculum in reading and math to multiple abilities and levels at one time.
- A suggestion for another SCD is additional department time because we did talk about electives and project learning and how can we build service learning into classes for portrait of a graduate, as well as the idea of advisory. So the conversation was productive and it has been quite a while since we have had time like that as a department.
- We would really benefit from having more time working with the teachers in our department across both buildings.
- Our discussions regarding the "science of reading" reinforced that we are right on track with our literacy work, and provided time to explore areas in which we could further improve.
- The instructors for our afternoon session made the most of our short time together (with a large group of people). They balanced background with hands on practice and discussion. I would love more PD opportunities to delve deeper into restorative practices.
- Restorative Practices: very positive - would welcome more in depth training that is specific to different developmental levels, neurodiverse populations, and for different purposes. Thank you.
- I truly believe in the work of restorative practices. The presenters at the elementary level were very smart, however, the way in which the info was presented was very "secondary." In the future, we would like to see the presentations geared more toward the elementary level so it is most effective for elementary teacher



QUESTIONS?



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Capital Project Vote

December 16, 2025



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Capital Project Town Hall Events

Monday, November 24

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: High School Auditorium

Wednesday, December 10

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Middle School Auditorium

PROJECT BREAKDOWN

PROPOSITION #1 | \$55.2M

Focuses on additions to Maplemere, Heritage Heights, and Glendale Elementaries to add 10 total classrooms for growing enrollment, as well as critical maintenance upgrades touching all buildings.

TAX NEUTRAL

PROPOSITION #2 | \$35.3M

Additional enhancements to elementary spaces including existing classroom renovations, gym upgrades, and corridor improvements, as well as turf replacement and athletic facility improvements.

ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

Proposition #2 includes a one-time increase of \$64 per the average \$250,000 home value

Proposition #2
cannot be
approved without
a positive vote on
Proposition #1

Presentation Link:

<https://www.sweethomeschools.org/capital-project-details>

Sweet Home Music Concert Season



November and December Events

November 13	Symphony Orchestra Concert Chorale Wind Ensemble	HS	7:30
November 19	Concert Orchestra Mixed Chorus Symphonic Band Jazz Ensemble	HS	7:30
November 21-22	Sr. High Area All State	Fredonia	
December 2	Gold Orchestra 6th Grade Orchestra 8th Grade Orchestra	MS	7:00
December 3	Gold Band 8th Grade Band	MS	7:00
December 9	7th Grade Chorus	MS	7:00
December 10	Maplemere Chorus Willow Ridge Chorus	HS	7:00
December 11	Glendale Choir 7th Grade Orchestra	MS	7:00
December 15	HS Chamber Orchestra Concert Chorale HS Bands	Amherst Baptist	7:00
December 16	6th Grade Band 7th Grade Band	MS	7:00
December 17	Heritage Heights Winter Concert	HH	6:30
December 18	8th Grade Chorus	MS	7:00

<https://sites.google.com/sweethomeschools.org/shmusicdepartment/home>

Dollars for Scholars Meat Raffle



MEAT RAFFLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM • FIRST SPIN @ 7:00PM

**ST. LEO THE GREAT
PARISH CENTER**

865 SWEET HOME ROAD • AMHERST, NY 14226

**SWEET HOME DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Advanced Reservations Recommended
\$10.00 per person pre-sale / \$12.00 at the door
Table of 8 \$75.00
Only 275 tickets will be sold!!

Includes Beer, Wine & Pop
Bring your own snacks!

Please call:

Lyn Custodi 716-250-1424

Email: lcustodi@sweethomeschools.org

Bring your dollar bills to win a variety of meats!
Gift Card Raffle • 50/50 Raffle
Bring a cooler for your winnings!

WIN A \$250 WEGMAN'S GIFT CARD

2 WINNERS!!!

\$5 PER TICKET / 3 FOR \$10

CALL 250-1424 FOR TICKETS!!



WHO: Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars

WHAT: Bi-Annual Meat Raffle

WHEN: Friday, December 5, 2025. Doors
open at 6 p.m. First spin at 7 p.m.

HOW: Call (716) 250-1424 for tickets and
information.

*Advanced reservations are highly
Recommended. \$10 pre-sale and \$12 at the
door. Tables of 8 are \$75. There will be a
50/50 drawing, gift card giveaways and a
basket raffle. All proceeds benefit senior
scholarship awards.

Congratulations Anne Nowak

Family Support Center Coordinator

- Winner of the School-Based Professional Impact and Leadership Award.
- Award was given at today's SMART Youth Mental Health Summit.
- Summit is intended to bring together experts, practitioners, and advocates to share knowledge and strategies to improve mental health and wellness across our region.



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