

Dear WCS Families, Staff, and Community Members,

October and November have brought a wonderful blend of learning, celebration, and community connection to Wyoming City Schools! From the accomplishments happening each day in our classrooms to the fall events that continue to bring us together in spirited tradition, our district has enjoyed an exciting and meaningful season. Thank you to our dedicated staff, our engaged families, and our incredible students for the passion, pride, and support that make Wyoming such a remarkable place to learn and grow.

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

- October 27th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#), [Minutes](#), and [Video](#)
- November 24th BOE Meeting: [Agenda](#) and [Video](#)

Sincerely,

Tim Weber
Superintendent

Facilities Committee Updates

The Wyoming Primary Facilities Project continues to make exciting progress. Several key updates discussed during the October and November meetings are included below:

- Hilltop School Demolition - All Hilltop buildings have now been demolished, debris has been removed, and the site has been cleared. Crews have completed vegetation removal and the demolition of remaining slabs and foundations in preparation for construction to begin.
- Hilltop School Groundbreaking Ceremony - On Monday, November 24, students, staff, families, residents, and alumni gathered to celebrate the official groundbreaking for Hilltop School! This milestone event was a wonderful reminder of our community's strong support and shared commitment to the future of our primary students.



- Elm School Design Workshop - On October 15, we hosted Elm School Design Workshop #2 for staff and community members. Participants reviewed updated design concepts and provided feedback directly to our architect, Mike Ruetschle. All input collected during these workshops continues to guide refinements to the Elm design.



- Elm School Design Presentation to the Board of Education - During the November Board meeting, Mike Ruetschle reviewed the process that has helped to shape the current design for Elm School. At the time of this presentation, two design workshops for Elm School had been completed and preliminary designs have been shared with the City of Wyoming's Architectural Review Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. Our third Elm School Design Workshop is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 8, at Elm School. [Click here to view the presentation to the board \(timestamp: 4:59\).](#)

- Vermont School Design Workshop - The first Vermont School Design Workshop was held on Monday, November 10, with strong participation from staff, families, community members, and city leaders. The feedback gathered is instrumental as the design team begins shaping initial concepts for the new Vermont Primary School. A second workshop is anticipated in January or February.



- BOE Facility Approvals - The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of GMP Amendment 1.1 with HGC Construction for the Hilltop Early Site Package in the amount of \$1,709,104.

HGC Construction completed subcontractor bidding for the Hilltop Early Site Package with positive results - bid totals came in approximately \$94,000 under budget, reflecting about a 5% savings for this portion of the project. Cost efficiencies were realized due to minimal rock excavation and value engineering efforts. Minor cost increases in retaining walls and utility work were offset by these savings. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Amendment 1.1 is finalized at \$1,709,104.

[Revised 2026-2027 Calendar](#)

A revised 2026-2027 district calendar was reviewed during the November Board meeting, following updates to the construction timeline shared in the [November issue of Hammers & Horseshoes](#). A copy of the revised 2026-2027 calendar is available through

[this link](#). The Board Meeting calendar discussion can be viewed through [this link \(timestamp: 1:07:49\)](#).

- The updated construction schedule now shifts the completion of Hilltop School from winter break of the 2026-2027 school year to the summer of 2027.
- Under the original plan, a longer winter break was required to allow the following student and staff transitions:
 - From Friendship United Methodist Church (FUMC) temporary site into the new Hilltop building
 - From Vermont School into the FUMC temporary site
- Because those mid-year transitions will no longer be necessary, the revised calendar restores a more typical academic schedule:
 - School year start date moves a few days later in August
 - Winter break is adjusted to two weeks, aligning with our traditional calendar structure
- The Revised 2026–2027 Calendar will be presented for second read and approval at the December 15 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

Five Year Forecast

At the October planning meeting, the BOE adopted the fall update of the Five Year Forecast. For the first time since passing the last operating levy in 2017, the district is in a position of deficit spending with expenditure growth outpacing revenue growth. The recently approved forecast points towards the need for an operating levy in 2027 for collection beginning January 1, 2028. To review the Treasurer's presentation, click [here](#). To view the entire five year forecast report, click [here](#).

Donations

We are incredibly grateful for the generous support provided by our greater school community through recent donations to Wyoming City Schools. These contributions, whether directed toward academic programs, student experiences, or staff support, have a direct and meaningful impact on teaching and learning across the district. The ongoing commitment from our families, alumni, local organizations, and community partners enhances opportunities for students, strengthens the work of our educators, and reinforces the collaborative spirit that makes Wyoming exceptional. Thank you for continuing to invest in the success of our students and the future of our schools.

Policy First Read

One of the major tasks of a school board is to periodically review and update Board Policy. During the October meeting, the Board of Education reviewed several policy changes that will be recommended for approval during the December BOE Regular Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, December 15th. You can view the discussion of the policy updates during the meeting through [this link \(timestamp: 12:33\)](#).

Celebrating Our Outgoing Board of Education Members on December 15

Please gather with us to honor Wyoming's outgoing Board of Education Members - Kara Broderick, John Feldmeier and Heather Yee - at 6 p.m. Monday, December 15, at Wyoming Middle School. The event will include light refreshments and take place in the Bob Yearout Professional Development Room in the middle school's Learning Commons. The gathering will wrap up prior to that evening's Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Wyoming City Schools Central Office Conference Room.