

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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Wyoming Valley West School District

Interpreting
December 17, 2025

REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING – December 17, 2025

Approved **Real Estate Property Tax Exemption** through the Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission to the following:

❖ Ronald Glycenfer

Approved **Letter of Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 to provide **Title I Services** at **Wilkes Barre Academy** from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Approved **Letter of Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and The Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit #19 to provide **Title I Services** at **Triboro Christian Academy** from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Approved **2025-2026 Interdistrict Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Wilkes Barre Area School District for **Title I Services** for academically eligible students who reside within Wyoming Valley West School District boundaries but attend **St. Nicholas/St. Mary's School**.

Approved **2025-2026 Interdistrict Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Wilkes Barre Area School District for **Title I Services** for academically eligible students who reside within Wyoming Valley West School District boundaries but attend **Al Noor Islamic Academy**.

Approved **2025-2026 Interdistrict Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and Wyoming Area School District for **Title I Services** for academically eligible students who reside within Wyoming Valley West School District boundaries but attend **Wyoming Area Catholic**.

Appointed the following Board Members to represent Wyoming Valley West on the **West Side CTC Joint Operating Committee**:

Term to Expire 2026 – Nicholas Wilson

Term to Expire 2027 – Janet Cussatt

Term to Expire 2028 – Joshua Bellio

Alternates: (1) John Perfetto (2) Mark Kobusky

Appointed **2026 PSBA Pride & Promise Contact, Alternate, and Regional Representative**:

Pride & Promise Contact - Brian Dubaskas

Alternate - Nicholas Wilson

PSBA Liaison - John Perfetto

Appointed Mark Kobusky **Plymouth Public Library** Representative; Alternate – John Perfetto.

Appointed John Nicholson **Hoyt Public Library** Representative.

Set **January Work Session/School Board Meeting** date, **January 14, 2026** at 7:00 p.m.

Approved **Resolution** that the Wyoming Valley West School District will not raise 2026-2027 taxes above its Act 1 index of 5.1%.

Approved **Dual Diagnosis Agreement** between the Luzerne Intermediate Unit and Wyoming Valley West School District for Dual Diagnosis Therapeutic Services for the 2025-2026 school year; \$155.00/day; specified student.

Approved **Independent Contractor Agreement** between Wyoming Valley West School District and John Rosick for utility-worker training services, effective immediately.

Approved Agreement with the **Municipality of Kingston** for two School Resource Officers (SROs), effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029.

Approved Agreement with **Plymouth Borough** for two School Resource Officers (SROs), effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029.

Approved Agreement Extension with **Larksville Borough** for a School Resource Officer (SRO), effective January 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026.

Accepted the resignation of **Tim McGinley**, Wyoming Valley West School Board Director, effective January 1, 2026.

Approved Statement of Work from **CyberRisk Services**; \$140.00/hr., effective immediately.

Approved purchase of **Safety and Security Radios** from **FirstNet**, \$111,834.72. (Price includes radios, belt clips, and 3-year subscription; 100% Grant Funded)

Approved **excused absences** November 1, 2025 – November 30, 2025.

Accepted the following **resignations**:

❖ **Alexis Walski** – Cleaner, State St., effective August 15, 2025.

❖ **Dorothy Rasmus** – Clerk, Third Ave., effective January 2, 2026.

Appointed the following **new hires; \$16.00/hour**:

❖ **Jessica Luton** – Emotional Support Aide, Middle School, effective November 17, 2025.

❖ **Vanessa Luton** – Learning Support Aide, Middle School, effective December 2, 2025.

❖ **Monica Miller** – Computer Aide, State Street, effective December 2, 2025.

❖ **Eskarlette Rivas** – General Duty Aide, Dana Street, effective December 15, 2025.

Approved **Professional Contract Status** (Tenure) to the following Teacher:

❖ Rebecca White

Medical Leave **Emp. #238476**, effective December 2, 2025; returning December 12, 2025.

Childbearing Leave, **Emp. #412628**, effective January 21, 2026; returning TBD.

Approved the following **transfer of positions**:

❖ **Lourdes Torres** – from cleaner Middle School to Matron/Middle School, effective December 11, 2025. (full-time position)

❖ **Christopher Hogan** – from Utility to Custodian/Third Ave., effective December 11, 2025.

Approved the following **Co-Curricular** position for 2025/2026 school year:

All School Musical Technical Directors – Brian Stiles; Dennis Lee

Approved Sabbatical Leave, **Emp. #151646**, effective December 2, 2025, returning the first day of the 2026/2027 school year.

Accepted resignation, with regret, **Danielle Shannon**, Kindergarten Teacher, Dana Street, effective January 30, 2026.

Approved the following termination, **Emp. #148674**, effective December 11, 2025.

Appointed, **Laura Olexy**, Language Arts Teacher Grade 7, Middle School, effective immediately, \$46,500.

Accepted and approved the following as presented: **Bills for Payment, Finance Manager's Reports and Treasurer's Report.**

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Work Session/Regular January Meeting - Wednesday, January 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM