DASD Committee of the Whole

February 4, 2026

Forging strong connections that nurture the whole student and empower them to reach their full potential.



Academic Affairs and Mental Health

DPS Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: NWEA MAPs - ELA

Grade	BOY Achievement 25-26	MOY Achievement 25-26	Total Growth Percentage	MOY Growth 25-26
ALL GRADES 1-2	Median Percentile- 61st	Median Percentile- 66th	5+	Median Percentile- 63rd
Grade K	N/A	Median Percentile-71st	N/A	N/A
Grade 1	Median Percentile- 64th	Median Percentile- 68th	4+	Median Percentile- 67th
Grade 2	Median Percentile- 58th	Median Percentile- 64th	6+	Median Percentile- 58th

DPS Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: iReady- Math

Grade	BOY *One Grade Level Below 25-26	BOY On Grade Level or Above 25-26	MOY On Grade Level or Above 25-26 (k-2)	Total Growth Percentage
Grade K	N/A	N/A	63%	N/A
Grade 1	72%	19%	51%	32+
Grade 2	64%	18%	42%	24+

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LV Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: NWEA MAPs - MATH

Grade	BOY Achievement 25-26	MOY Achievement 25-26	Total Growth Percentage	MOY Growth 25-26
ALL GRADES	Median Percentile- 59th	Median Percentile- 69th	10+	Median Percentile- 68th
Grade 3	Median Percentile- 62nd	Median Percentile- 72nd	10+	Median Percentile- 67th
Grade 4	Median Percentile- 62nd	Median Percentile- 60th	-2	Median Percentile- 51st
Grade 5	Median Percentile- 52nd	Median Percentile- 70th	18+	Median Percentile- 84th

LV Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: NWEA MAPs - ELA

Grade	BOY Achievement 25-26	MOY Achievement 25-26	Total Growth Percentage	MOY Growth 25-26
ALL GRADES	Median Percentile- 63rd	Median Percentile- 68th	5+	Median Percentile- 63rd
Grade 3	Median Percentile- 63rd	Median Percentile-73rd	10+	Median Percentile- 64th
Grade 4	Median Percentile- 57th	Median Percentile- 60th	3+	Median Percentile- 60th
Grade 5	Median Percentile- 62nd	Median Percentile-69th	6+	Median Percentile- 64th

DMS Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: NWEA MAPs - MATH

Grade	BOY Achievement 25-26	MOY Achievement 25-26	Total Growth Percentage	MOY Growth 25-26
ALL GRADES	Median Percentile- 61st	Median Percentile- 73rd	12+	Median Percentile- 78th
Grade 6	Median Percentile- 54th	Median Percentile- 70th	16+	Median Percentile- 76th
Grade 7	Median Percentile- 67th	Median Percentile- 76th	9+	Median Percentile- 81st
Grade 8	Median Percentile- 59th	Median Percentile- 72nd	13+	Median Percentile- 80th

DMS Mid-Year Data: MOY 25-26 Compared to BOY 25-26: NWEA MAPs - ELA

Grade	BOY Achievement 25-26	MOY Achievement 25-26	Total Growth Percentage	MOY Growth 25-26
ALL GRADES	Median Percentile- 55th	Median Percentile- 55th	0	Median Percentile- 52nd
Grade 6	Median Percentile- 54th	Median Percentile- 50th	-4	Median Percentile- 46th
Grade 7	Median Percentile- 55th	Median Percentile- 60th	5+	Median Percentile- 57th
Grade 8	Median Percentile- 55th	Median Percentile- 59th	4+	Median Percentile- 53rd

Special Education Monitoring

What is Special Education Monitoring?

- Every six years the Bureau of Special Education (BSE) monitors all school districts in the state to ensure that they are complying with federal and state special education regulations and are improving performance outcomes of students with disabilities.
- It guarantees that all students with disabilities in Pennsylvania receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Special Education Monitoring

The Purpose & Benefit

Ensures Compliance:	Monitoring helps ensure that LEAs and other programs comply with federal and state laws and regulations.
Drives Continuous Improvement:	Monitoring fosters an ongoing commitment to improving program outcomes and services over time.
Identifies Areas of Growth:	The evaluation process helps to pinpoint patterns of issues, guiding targeted interventions and policy revisions.
Promotes Accountability:	It provides a structured framework for accountability within the educational system by establishing clear standards for performance.

Special Education Monitoring

The Process

- **Phase 1:** Preparation & Self-Assessment: The school district is notified and completes a Facilitated Self-Assessment (FSA).
- **Phase 2:** Data & Document Review: The BSE reviews student files, data submissions, and other documents.
- **Phase 3**: On-Site/Virtual Visit: The BSE team conducts interviews with staff, parents, and administrators and may conduct file reviews and classroom observations.
- **Phase 4:** Findings & Corrective Actions: The district receives a report with findings and must create a Corrective Action Verification Plan (CAVP) if non-compliance is identified.

Special Education Monitoring

DASD's Results

- 10 major reporting categories
- Over 200 specific indicators that are individually rated
- Only 3 out of those 200 indicators were noted for improvement
  - Parent Surveys
  - Teacher Surveys
  - PSSA / PASA Participation

Subject & Grade	DASD Participation Rate	State Participation Rate
ELA - 4th Grade	94.4%	93.90%
ELA - 8th Grade	97.6%	88.60%
ELA - 11th Grade	90.90%	86.80%
Math - 4th Grade	97.30%	93.90%
Math - 8th Grade	95.10%	87.90%
Math - 11th Grade	87.90%	86.80%

Special Education Monitoring

Next Steps

- One year to make improvements in the 3 areas indicated from the report
  - Parent Trainings
    - Update Website
    - Online Trainings
  - Teacher Surveys
    - February Professional Development on Special Education
    - Ongoing throughout the year
  - PSSA / PASA Participation
    - Developing a plan to encourage participation
    - Will be based on the 24-25 PSSA / PASA Participation

Dual Enrollment Opportunities at DHS



Advanced Placement (AP) at DHS

Dual Enrollment & Articulation Agreements

DHS Program of Studies

22 AP Courses Offered at DHS

English & Language Arts

112 AP Seminar
113 AP Research
123 AP Language & Composition
132 AP Literature & Composition

Social Studies

220 AP U.S. History
235 AP U.S. Government & Politics
234 AP Economics (Micro & Macro)

Mathematics

329 AP Precalculus
332 AP Calculus AB
333 AP Statistics
334 AP Calculus BC

AP CollegeBoard Advanced Placement Program

Science

412 AP Biology
422 AP Chemistry
433 AP Physics C
925 AP Environmental Science

Computer Science

585 AP Computer Science

World Languages

609 AP French Language and Culture
624 AP Spanish Language and Culture

Arts

725A AP Studio Art 2-D
725B AP Studio Art 3-D
7111 AP Drawing

- **54%** of students taking at least one AP course at DHS
- **36%** of students scored 3 or higher = college credits earned
- **14%** completed 5 or more AP courses = demonstrating exceptional dedication

AP Honor Roll Gold Status

AP Highlights

- **213** Students are taking at least one AP course this year.
- A total of **467** AP Exams will be taken this Spring.

- If a student pays approximately $90 for an AP Exam, they save approximately $900 per 3-credit class (at Commonwealth U tuition rate)
- As a whole, Danville families could save approximately **$420,000** in tuition costs.

Dual Enrollment & Articulation Agreements

2025-26 DHS Articulation Agreements

College Credit Awarded When DHS Student Enrolls at College/University

Delaware Valley University

DHS Course	DVU Course
Honors Veterinary Science [912]	CASE: Principles of Agricultural Science-Animal
Botany Honors [918A]	CASE: Principles of Agricultural Science-Plant

Luzerne County Community College

DHS Course	LCCC Course
International Relations Honors [242]	International Relations [POS 213]
Criminal Justice [243]	Intro to Criminal Justice [CJU 130]
Honors Spanish IV [623]	Elementary Spanish [SPA 101]

2025-26 DHS Dual Enrollment

College Credit Awarded While DHS Student Remains at DHS

Penn College of Technology

DHS Course	PC Course
Honors Construction Hand & Power Tools [923]	Construction Hand & Power Tools [BCT 103]
Social Media Marketing [504]	Social Media in Business and Society [BIM 120]

Harrisburg University of Science & Technology

DHS Course	HU Course
Accounting I [501]	Accounting [MEBA 225]
Marketing [505]	Marketing [MEBA 230]
Entrepreneurship [551]	Intro to Business and Entrepreneurship [MEBA 110]
Intro to GIS / Drone Science [905]	Remote Pilot Certification and Applications [GSTC 107]

2026-27 DHS Dual Enrollment

College Credit Awarded While DHS Student Remains at DHS

Lackawanna College

DHS Course	LC Course
English 11 [120]	College Writing [ENG 105]
English 12 [130]	Introduction to Literature [ENG 110]
Psychology [236]	Intro to Psychology [PSY 105]
Sociology [238]	Intro to Sociology [SSC 105]
Introduction to Calculus Honors [331]	College Algebra [MAT 120]
Probability & Statistics [339]	Intro to Stats & Data Analysis [MAT 135]
Honors Chemistry [421]	General Chemistry I / Lab [CHM 120/121]

Lackawanna College Highlights

- Student pay $300 per 3-credit course which is normally $1,875 per credit at LC
- **86** Students took **194** Classes in 24-25 SY

- Compared to LC = **$247,000** Saved
- Compared to Commonwealth U = **$135,000** Saved

2024-25 ACE Program

DHS Student Travels to Commonwealth University Campus to Earn Credit

- 32 DHS Students Enrolled at CU
- 117 courses taken by DHS students.
- Approximately **$1,000** per 3-credit Course; DHS Students pay about $350 per 3-credit course.
- Compared to Commonwealth U = **$76,000** saved

What's Next?

- Expand Dual Enrollment opportunities for all DHS students
- Encourage students to participate in programs that align to their future plans.
- Educate students and families about the many dual enrollment programs available at DHS.

DHS Program of Studies

Program of Studies Highlights

- Dual Enrollment Opportunities (p. 10-13)
- New English Course Offerings in Grades 11 & 12
  - **Intro to Creative Writing*** (p. 21)
  - **Intro to Film Studies*** (p. 23)
  - **Public Speaking** (p. 24)
  - **Journalism** (p. 24)

Program of Studies Highlights

- New Business & Computer Courses
  - **Introduction to Business** (p. 42) will serve as an entry into the Entrepreneurship CTE
  - **Introduction to Game Design** (p. 43)
  - **Introduction to Python Programming** (p. 43)

Program of Studies Highlights

- New Capstone Experiences
  - **Entrepreneurship CTE** (p. 44)
  - **Ag Sciences CTE** (p. 62)
  - **Ag Mechanization CTE** (p. 62)

Program of Studies Highlights

- **Diversified Occupations** (p. 65)

  Students enrolled in a Coop Education placement will also be enrolled in a DO class. This class will help prepare students for the world of employment.

  Among many other tasks and skills, students will develop a professional resume, practice high level cooperation, effectively communicate in the workplace, and demonstrate collaborative “soft skills” that are essential for work success.

Program of Studies
Next Steps

- Hold Parent & Student Information Sessions
- Counselors visit English classrooms to explain the Scheduling Process
- Counselors meet 1 on 1 with students
- Students schedule courses over two-week period
- Schedule Preview for students on May 26th

Comprehensive Planning



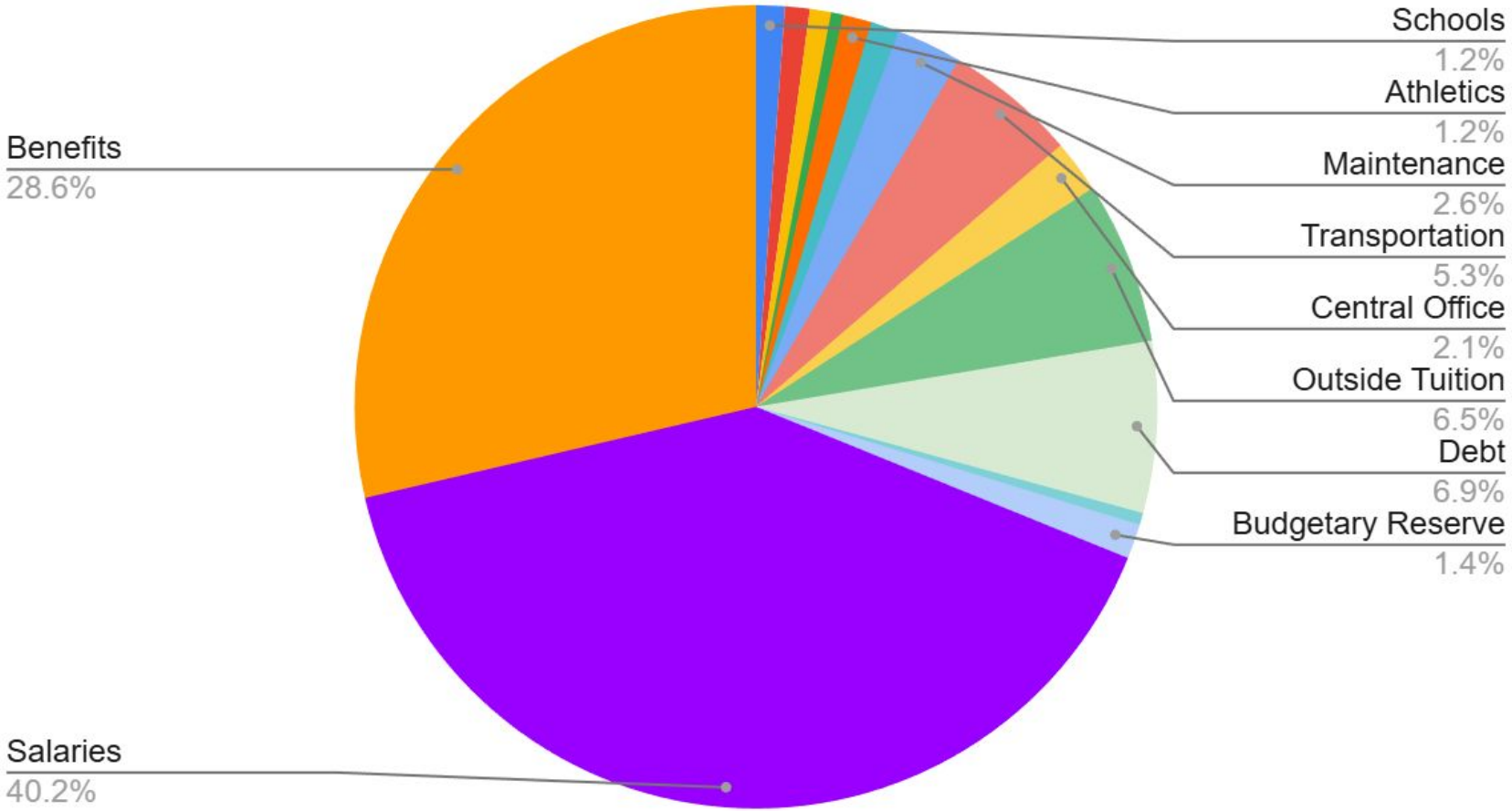
Finance

Bond Issue Review and Discussion

- State Approved the District's Plan Con Part J Audit
- Updated Reimbursement Rates:
- Series A of 2018 - 23.08% (Temporary was 26.59%)
- Series of 2022 (Refinance of 2017A) - 37.36% (Temporary was 36.32%)
- Cash Reimbursement - $1,328,723
- Net Impact of Completing Part J - $1,249,855

2026-2027 Expenditures

DASD Budget Categories



2026 Tax Year - Tax Collectors for Each Municipality

- Cooper - Donna Heath (Deputy - Chas Bartholomew)
- Derry - Joanne Betz
- Liberty - Judy Robbins
- Mahoning - Marlene Gunther
- Mayberry - Jeanie Wesner
- Valley - Cindy Holdren
- Washingtonville - Joanne Betz
- West Hemlock - Lesley Yeich
- Danville - Chas Bartholomew
- Riverside - Ruth Peck
- Rush - Cheryl Elmer

Resolution for the Public School Facilities Improvement Grant

Letters of Engagement with Klacik

2025 Tax Collector Audit and 25-26 Financial and Single Audit

- Financial and Single Audit Fee - $29,100
- Tax Collector Audit Fee - $10,000

School Police Car

Update on Energy Agreements

- Under exclusive agreement with Provident Energy from 2023-2024 school year
- Natural Gas - Reviewing price options to extend current agreement through June 2027. Current agreement ends on June 30, 2026.
- Electric - Existing contract is in place through June 2027.

Update on AHERA Inspection Agreement

- AHERA - Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
- EPA-accredited inspections required every three years
- Periodic surveillance every six months
- ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC
- Total fees: $22,614

CSIU Preliminary Budget

Long-Range Planning

Long-Range Planning Committee Update



Buildings and Grounds

Contract with Bowmans



Personnel

Personnel Updates

- Junior High Girls' Soccer Coach
- DMS Secretary
  - 7 applicants / 7 interviews
  - Interview team of Tom Hiravi, Heaven Reinard, and Jonathan Adams
- Long-Term DMS PE Substitute
  - 1 applicant / 1 interview
- School Police Officer
  - 3 applicants / 3 interviews
  - Interview team of LaRue Brion, Bruce Densberger, Molly Nied, Tom Hiravi, Dave Snover, and Lance Mabus
- DMS Art Teacher
  - 2 applicants / 2 interviews
  - Interview team of Tom Hiravi, Maggie Roberts, Heaven Reinard, Molly Nied, & Jeff Lynch