Springfield 2025-2026

Superintendent's Report

March 23, 2026

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Springfield Public Schools Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Mission:

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

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Report Overview

- Student Representative Report, Bella Silva
- Board of Education Ethics Presentation, Jaclyn Morgese, Board Counsel
- SSDS Data Snapshot
- Addressing Chronic Absenteeism
- Developing our Strategic Plan
- Agenda Highlights
  - 25-26 School Calendar Revised
- Calendar of Events
- Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget

SSDS Incidents, Trainings and Programs

2025-2026 - Reporting Period 1

School	Incident Total	Violence	Vandalism	Substances	Weapons	HIB Alleged	HIB Confirmed	Other Incidents Leading to Removal	Trainings	Programs
EVW	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	5	4
JCS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5
TLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15
FMG	5	1	2	0	0	4	2	1	1	5
JDHS	12	6	1	3	0	7	2	6	5	4
Total	21	7	3	3	0	14	8	8	18	33

HIB Training: Instruction and/or practice activities specifically designed to prepare someone to implement a program or strategy, fulfill a responsibility, or implement a skill proficiently.
HIB Program: Events, plans, systems, or a series of scheduled organized activities or procedures under which action may be taken toward a goal. A single event should not be considered a program unless it meets the criteria in this definition.

Chronic Absenteeism

Grades K-12	2024-2025 ESSA Rate	Current Rate as of 3/18/26
James Caldwell School	13.6%	13.5%
Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School	12.3%	12.1%
Edward V. Walton Elementary School	13.5%	14.6%
Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School	8.0%	11.1%
Jonathan Dayton High School	16.0%	14.2%

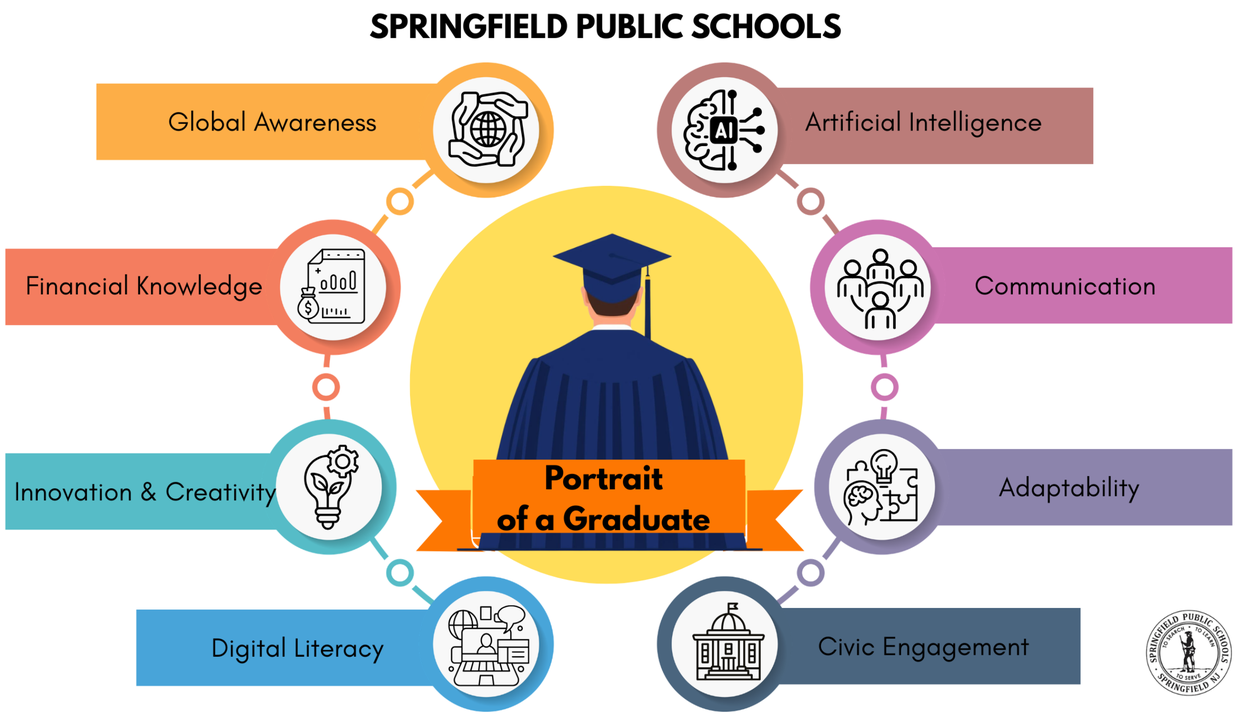
Chronic Absenteeism is missing 10% or more of the school year. 18 Absences = 10%

Schools will be communicating with families:

- What is driving frequent absences?
- How can we ensure families understand the importance of school attendance?
- 1/2 days count as full days!
- Our ratings include our absentee rate
- 1 day of elementary school = over 5 hours of academic instruction!
- We have time to lower this rate, how can we count on you to get your child to school?

2026-2029 Strategic Plan Development

- Portrait of a Graduate
  - Survey shared
  - 170 Responses to date
  - Open through April 15th
- Community Surveys
- Data Tools
- SMART Goals
- Superintendent Office Hours
- Draft Presentation: July 2026



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Unsung Hero



Congratulations
Julianna Keller-Orlando

2026 NJSBA Union County
Unsung Hero Award
Recipient

March 11, 2026

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In Our Schools

8th Grade Junior Model UN



FMG Students National Civics Bee Finalists!



9-to-5 the Musical at JDHS!

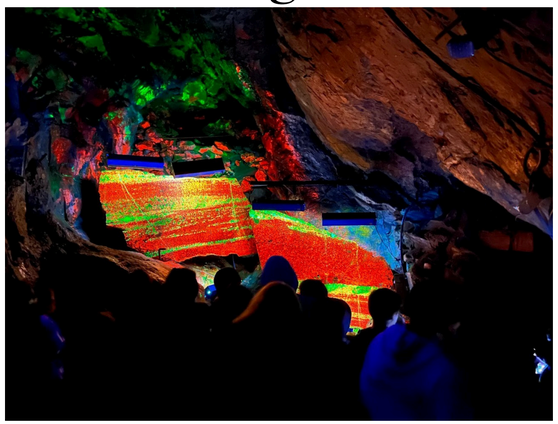




Heroes & Cool Kids



6th Grade Visits Sterling Mine!



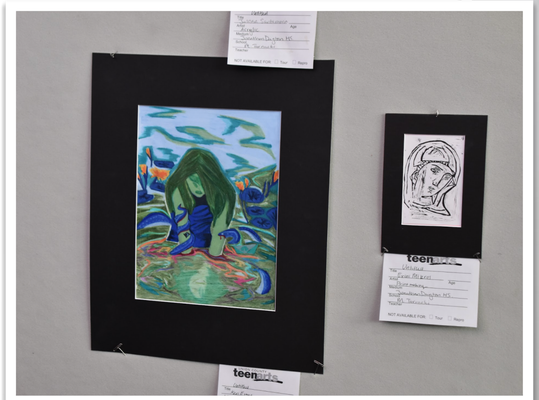
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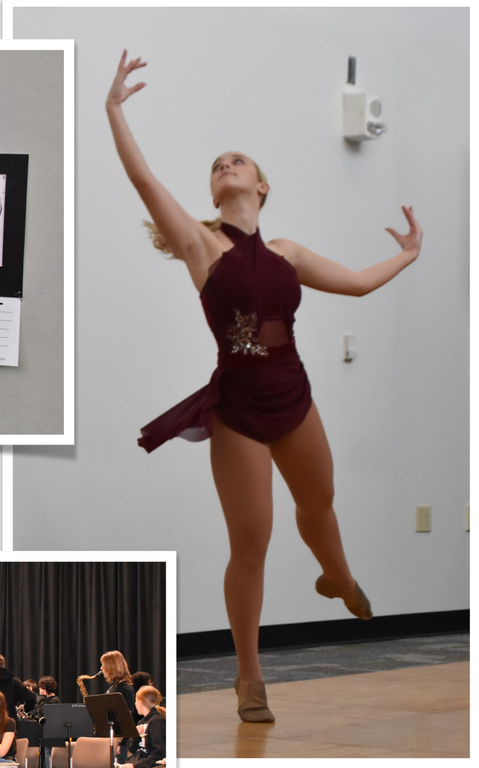
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FMG Student Council Delivers 564 lbs of Food to Community Foodbank!











Showcasing Talent at Teen Arts!

JDHS @ Union County Consumer Bowl



JDHS @ Boston University Model UN



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Calendar Updates

2025-2026 Calendar Revision



Springfield Public Schools
2025-2026 District Calendar

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(973) 376-1025

September '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

17/19

October '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

22/22

November '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12*	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

*end of marking period 15/16

December '25

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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17/17

January '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28*	29	30	31

*end of marking period 19/19

9/1	Schools Closed- Labor Day
9/2-9/3	Schools Closed- Staff Development Days
9/4	First Day of School!
9/23-9/24	Schools Closed- Rosh Hashanah
10/2	Yom Kippur-Closed
11/4	Schools Closed- Staff Development
11/6 & 11/7	Schools Closed- NJEA Convention
11/20	PK-5 Only: Early Dismissal P/T Conf.
11/21	PK-5 Only: Delayed Opening P/T Conf.
11/26	Early Dismissal- Thanksgiving
11/27 & 11/28	Schools Closed- Thanksgiving
12/23	Early Dismissal- Winter Break
12/24-1/2	Schools Closed- Winter Break
1/19	Schools Closed- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/11	Early Dismissal- Staff Development Day
2/16	Schools Closed- President's Day
2/26	PK-5 Only: Early Dismissal P/T Conf.
2/27	PK-5 Only: Delayed Opening P/T Conf.
3/30-4/3	Schools Closed- Spring Break
4/3	Schools Closed- Good Friday
5/25	Schools Closed- Memorial Day
6/2	Schools Closed-Election Day
6/18	JDHS Graduation
6/19	Early Dismissal-Last Day of School**

February '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

19/19

March '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

20/20

April '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10*	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

*end of marking period 18/18

May '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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19/19

June '26

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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14	15	16*	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

*end of marking period 14/14

	Regular Schedule	Delayed Opening Start	Early Dismissal
Walton	8:50 AM-3:10 PM	10:50 AM	1:00 PM
Caldwell	8:25 AM-2:45 PM	10:25 AM	12:35 PM
Sandmeier	8:25 AM-2:45 PM	10:25 AM	12:35 PM
FMG	7:45 AM- 2:30 PM	9:45 AM	12:13 PM
JDHS	7:40 AM- 2:31 PM	9:40 AM	12:07 PM

Report Cards	
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Schools Closed
Early Dismissal Days	Staff Development

**5/22, 6/22 *Remaining* Inclement Weather Days.

Inclement weather days will be taken in the following order: 4/6, 6/22, 5/22. If more than 3 inclement weather days are taken, necessary days will be utilized 6/23, 6/24, 6/25. Please be aware of this when planning for the school year.

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Board Approved: January 6, 2025
Revised: February 2, 2026

April 6, 2026:
All schools in session

May 22, 2026:
Early Dismissal

June 19, 2026:
Early Dismissal-Students

June 22, 2026:
Last Day of School
Early Dismissal

Mark Your Calendars!

March 30-April 3
Schools Closed: Spring Break

Wednesday, April 22
Office Hours with Dr. Goldberg
4 pm - 6 pm

Monday, April 27
Budget Hearing
Board of Education Meeting

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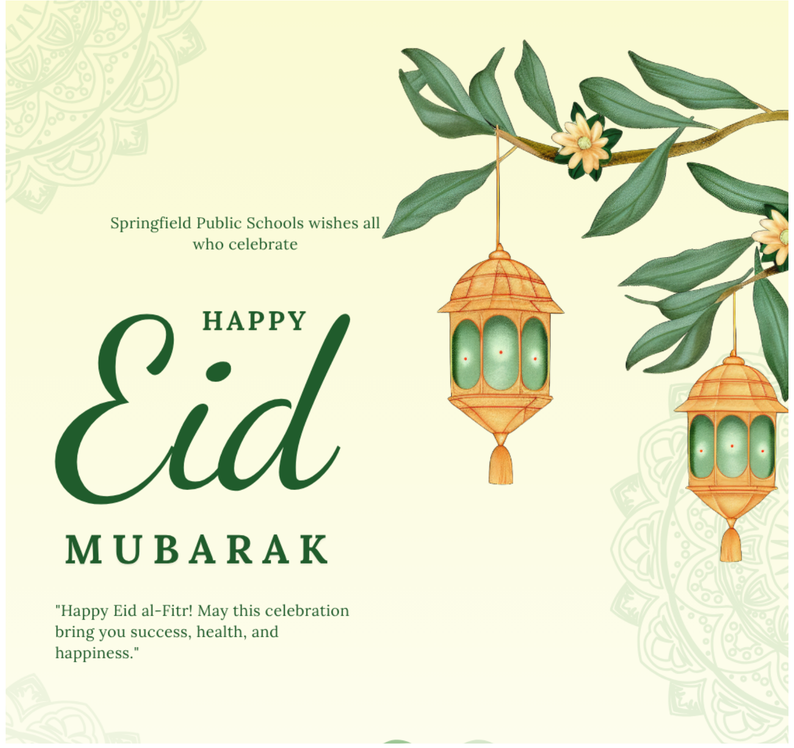
Thank You!

April 1-5 is National Assistant Principals Week

April 1 is National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

April 22 is Administrative Professionals Day

April 28 is National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day


Springfield Public Schools wishes all who celebrate
HAPPY
Eid
MUBARAK
"Happy Eid al-Fitr! May this celebration bring you success, health, and happiness."


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WISHES ALL WHO CELEBRATE
HAPPY
PASSOVER


Springfield Public Schools
wishes all who celebrate
Happy
Easter

2026-2027 Budget Presentation