



**WATAUGA COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
May 11, 2026

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| 2:00 p.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER: SPECIAL-CALLED SESSION | Board Chair |
| 4:30 p.m. | 2. CLOSED SESSION
A. Approval of the Minutes for 4/13/2026 and 4/30/2026
B. Reportable Offenses – N.C.G.S.115C-288(g)
C. Student Records - N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1)
D. Personnel – N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6)
E. Attorney-Client - N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) | Board Chair |
| 6:00 p.m. | 3. OPEN SESSION CALL TO ORDER/
WELCOME/MOMENT OF SILENCE | Board Chair |
| 6:03 p.m. | 4. DISCUSSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA | Board Chair |
| 6:05 p.m. | 5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT | Dr. Leslie Alexander |
| 6:10 p.m. | 6. STUDENTS’ REPORT | Ms. Athena Elliott
Ms. Rosalyn Rabinowitz |
| 6:15 p.m. | 7. 11th GRADE STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE | Board Chair |
| 6:20 p.m. | 8. ACTION ITEM: RECOMMENDATION OF
APPOINTMENT FOR BOE VACANCY | Board Chair |
| 6:30 p.m. | 9. SPECIAL RECOGNITION
★ Servant’s Heart Award | Dr. Leslie Alexander &
Hunger/Health Coalition |

- ★ **Battle of the Books**
 - **Elementary: Parkway**
 - **Middle: Hardin Park**
 - **High School: Watauga**

Dr. Alison Schleede

- ★ **WCS Band and Orchestra Achievements**

Lindsay Scarborough &
Taryn Wooten

- ★ **Graduating Student Board Representative**

Dr. Leslie Alexander &
Board Chair

6:50 p.m. 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair

6:57 p.m. 11. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair

- A. Approval of the Minutes for 4/13/2026 and 4/30/2026
- B. Field Trip Requests
- C. 2026-27 School Nutrition Contract Renewals
- D. Food Locker Program at Green Valley Elementary School
- E. 2026-27 WCS Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook
- F. 2026-27 WCS School Fees
- G. Declaration of Surplus
- H. 2025-26 Budget Amendment #3
- I. Personnel Report

7:00 p.m. 12. PROPOSAL FOR WRESTLING FACILITY

Terreyl Williams &
Representatives

7:10 p.m. 13. CTE LOCAL APPLICATION PLAN

Dr. Tierra Stark

7:20 p.m. 14. BOARD OPERATIONS

Board Chair

7:25 p.m. 15. BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair

7:30 p.m. 16. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair



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WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Margaret E. Gragg Education Center

PRESENT:

- Gary Childers (virtual), Alison Idol, Jay Fenwick, Adam Hege, Charlotte Lloyd, *BOE Members*
- Dr. Leslie Alexander, *Superintendent*
- Mr. Chris Campbell, *Board Attorney*

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Board Vice-Chair Alison Idol called the open session to order at 6:02 p.m. She welcomed everyone present and asked all to observe a moment of silence. Ms. Idol congratulated Student Board Representative Athena Elliott on receiving the Park Scholarship to NC State.

DISCUSSION AND ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Dr. Alexander noted that an "HR Update," to be presented prior to Public Comment, had been added to the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Alexander shared several recognition dates for April:
 - April is School Library Month, and April 4th was School Librarian Appreciation Day. Our Media Specialists play a vital role in fostering a love of reading, supporting research and digital literacy, and creating welcoming spaces for all students.
 - April 6-10 was National Assistant Principals Week. Their leadership is instrumental in shaping a positive and productive school environment.
 - April 20-24 is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week, an opportunity to recognize those who invest in our students and extend learning beyond the school day.
 - April 22 is Administrative Professionals Day, a time to acknowledge the essential contributions of our administrative staff.
 - April 28 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. These individuals are to be commended for safely transporting our students each day with care and consistency.

- Graduation for Watauga High School and Innovation Academy has been scheduled for Friday, June 5. Additional senior-related events have been shared with students via email and are also available on the school website.
- WCS recently received notification from FEMA that it has been awarded \$26 million for the flooded Valle Crucis School. Initial meetings have been held with the architect to begin developing plans that will address several programmatic needs for the school district. There is excitement that the historic rock building at Valle Crucis School can be preserved in a way that will benefit students, staff, and the community.

STUDENTS' REPORT

- At the March BOE meeting, several students and parents spoke during public comment on a range of topics, including Cosmetology courses and the weighting of Caldwell Community College and AP classes. An update is that all 22 students currently enrolled in Cosmetology I will be able to continue into Cosmetology II with the addition of a part-time teacher. This will allow students to continue their training and work toward licensure after high school. Regarding course weighting, it was clarified that State Board Policy GRAD-009 requires both Caldwell Community College courses and AP courses to be weighted equally at one quality point. The district's current system follows this policy, and any changes would need to be addressed at the state level.
- Prom will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 7:00–10:00 p.m. at FireRock Station in Cove Creek, with the theme “Tangled Up in Prom.” Guests will park at Caldwell Community College and be shuttled to the venue. The Interact Club will host its annual prom dress shop from April 14–21. This provides students with access to free dresses, dress shirts, pants, shoes, and accessories.
- JROTC will soon sponsor its annual blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. All Watauga County residents are invited to participate, and students can find eligibility requirements in their email and monthly announcements.
- Two groups with upcoming tryouts are the Pacers and the Watauga High School cheerleaders. These teams have one of the longest seasons at the high school and perform at every football and basketball game. Pacers tryouts will be held April 20–23, and cheerleading tryouts will take place May 19–21.
- The current records of spring sports are:
 - Baseball: 11–7 overall, 4–2 conference record; currently third in the conference
 - Women's Softball: 10–6
 - Women's Lacrosse: Earned its first win against Patton on March 31
 - Men's Lacrosse: 6–5 record
 - Women's Soccer: 8–2–1
- The end of the school year is quickly approaching, along with a series of senior and graduation events. Key dates include:
 - April 28: Cap and gown pick-up
 - May 19: Capping and Senior Awards Ceremony
 - May 20: Yearbook distribution
 - Late May (TBD): Senior walkthroughs at K-8 schools
 - May 22 at 6:30 p.m.: Baccalaureate service at Boone United Methodist Church
 - May 26 at 5:30 p.m.: Scholarship Ceremony
 - June 5 at 8:30 a.m.: Senior Breakfast
 - June 5 at 5:30 p.m.: Graduation (Holmes Convocation Center)

HR UPDATE

Dr. Chris Blanton, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources, provided a funding overview to offer insight into how personnel decisions are made. He noted that 86% of the district's total budget is spent on personnel and that state funding is directly tied to student enrollment, or Average Daily Membership (ADM). He further noted that the district's 2025–26 ADM declined, which will result in reduced state funding for the 2026–27 school year. As ADM declines, the district is not able to sustain the same level of staffing as in prior years.

He explained that staffing allocations are based on the number of students in a grade level, course, or program, rather than the number of positions previously held. Final staffing decisions will continue to depend on upcoming enrollment data, including Kindergarten enrollment and 9th grade registration numbers. Dr. Blanton also clarified that reducing positions does not necessarily equate to eliminating programs. Due to strong local funding support, WCS maintains smaller class sizes than many districts and is able to offer more course options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several students and parents made public comments advocating to fund and retain two Theater teachers at Watauga High School following the upcoming retirement of one teacher at the end of the school year. They also requested that the position be posted now in order to provide WCS with the best selection of applicants. Individuals who spoke included:

- Aspen Hickman
- Sammy Raleigh Adams
- Rachel Ingram
- Haley Walton
- Brian Newmark
- Chris Osmond
- Laura Newmark
- Adrian Tait
- Carolyn Ward
- Collin Troisi
- Shane Miller
- Susan Lappan
- Sue Alice Sauthoff
- Tyler Osmond

Alison Idol and Dr. Jay Fenwick each thanked the speakers and expressed appreciation for their presence and passion, while also acknowledging that budgets and enrollment can sometimes lead to difficult decisions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes for 3/9/2026
- B. Declaration of Surplus
- C. Personnel Report

Charlotte Lloyd made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Adam Hege seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS & BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Chief Financial Officer Joe Nash shared information with the Board regarding technology contracts with Trafera and Finalsity, as well as Budget Amendment #2.

The following amendments were made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:

- Fund 1: Additional State Allotments
 - Literacy Intervention Twice-Retained Student Funding: \$7,745
 - Children with Disabilities Special Funds: \$6,750
 - Reduction in CTE Allotment for Adobe License: - \$2,880
 - Transportation Equipment Contingency Funding: \$18,177
- Fund 4: Capital Amendments
 - Funding for 3-year financing agreement to purchase Chromebooks: \$188,340
 - Funding for a replacement yellow bus: \$166,527

Charlotte Lloyd made a motion to approve the contracts and budget amendment. Dr. Jay Fenwick seconded the motion, and all Board members voted in favor.

ACTION ITEM: EXTENDED INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

A work group composed of parents, staff, and administrators met six times during the spring, summer, and fall of 2025 to review potential adjustments to the school calendar and daily instructional time. The group examined state calendar law, practices in surrounding districts, current research on instructional time, and operational impacts. Input was also gathered through teacher and parent surveys. Watauga County's current K–8 school day is the shortest among neighboring counties.

The current K–8 schedule provides 6 hours and 35 minutes of daily instruction (1,184 hours annually). A proposed adjustment of 7:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m. (an increase of 25 minutes per day) would add approximately 75 instructional hours annually. For Watauga High School, the current schedule of 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. (7 hours daily; 1,260 hours annually) would shift to 8:25 a.m.–3:35 p.m., adding 10 minutes per day and approximately 29 additional instructional hours annually (1,290 total hours). The increased instructional time could reduce the need for remote learning days during inclement weather, decrease the need to extend the school year, and provide additional flexibility for professional development.

A motion was made by Charlotte Lloyd to approve a school calendar modification beginning with the 2026–27 school year to add 25 minutes to the K–8 school day and 10 minutes to the Watauga High School school day. Dr. Gary Childers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

For 2026–27, the approved schedules are:

- K–8: 7:45 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
- Watauga High School: 8:25 a.m.–3:35 p.m.

BOARD OPERATIONS

Board members completed a brief NCSBA survey providing feedback on wireless communication device legislation. The Board voted to support the current flexibility of local school boards in developing policy and to oppose unfunded mandates.

Charlotte Lloyd announced her resignation as a Board member due to health challenges for her and her husband. Her resignation was effective following the April 13 meeting. She expressed gratitude to the other members of the BOE for their work and said it had been an honor to serve alongside them. A special called meeting will be held to discuss the appointment of a new member.

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Alison Idol shared that she has been selected to serve as a member of the NCSBA Legislative Committee, with her appointment beginning in July.

ADJOURNMENT

Charlotte Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Adam Hege. The motion was approved by all members, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Dr. Gary Childers, *Board of Education Chair*

Dr. Leslie Alexander, *Superintendent*



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WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

DATE: April 30, 2026

TIME: 1:15 p.m.

PLACE: Watauga High School & Margaret E. Gragg Education Center

PRESENT:

- Gary Childers, Jay Fenwick, Adam Hege, Alison Idol, *BOE Members*
- Dr. Leslie Alexander, *Superintendent*
- Dr. Chris Blanton, *Assistant Superintendent*
- Dr. Tierra Stark, *Director of Student Services*
- Mr. Chris Campbell, *Board Attorney*

OPEN SESSION

At 1:10 p.m., Dr. Jay Fenwick made a motion to enter open session. Alison Idol seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR FILLING BOARD VACANCY

Board Attorney Chris Campbell reviewed the laws and procedures governing the appointment process to fill the vacant Board seat. He explained that the Board has the authority to determine the selection process, including the use of applications, letters of interest, interviews, or other methods, provided all discussions occur in open session and remain part of the public record.

Mr. Campbell also clarified that although Board of Education elections beginning in November 2026 will be conducted by district, residents from any district remain eligible for consideration because the vacated seat was originally elected prior to implementation of the new district structure. The appointment will serve the remainder of the term through the 2028 Board of Education elections.

Board members expressed a desire to move forward promptly while ensuring a thoughtful and transparent process. The following process was agreed upon for appointing a new Board member:

- A public notice will be posted on the WCS website on Friday, May 1, outlining the application process and stating that letters of interest must be submitted to Leigh Lyall by Friday, May 8, at 12:00 p.m. All letters submitted will be considered public record.
- The notice will also be distributed to local media outlets to ensure broad community awareness.

- All letters of interest received by the deadline will be forwarded to Board members for review.
- A special-called meeting will be held on May 11 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss candidates and determine a recommended nominee.
- An action item regarding the appointment will be included on the agenda for the May 11 Board of Education meeting.
- The selected candidate will be sworn in by the beginning of June.

ADJOURNMENT

Alison Idol made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Adam Hege. The motion was approved by all members, and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Gary Childers, *Board of Education Chair*

Dr. Leslie Alexander, *Superintendent*

WATAUGA COUNTY FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

This request is for a: ___ day trip ___ out of state day trip ___ overnight trip ☒ Overnight & out of state trip

Day and overnight trips must be submitted to the principal 15 days before the trip. Overnight and out of state field trips require the prior approval of the principal, transportation director, superintendent, and Board of Education. All trips utilizing rental or charter vehicles require the prior approval of the transportation director. No employee will transport students in a personal vehicle and no employee or volunteer driver will transport students in a 12-15 passenger van. No more than five students will be transported by a school system employee or volunteer in any one vehicle other than a school bus or activity bus. The superintendent has the discretion to approve field trips on an emergency basis when the timing is between regular Board of Education meetings. The superintendent shall notify the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting of any trips approved on an emergency basis and the rationale.

Sponsoring teacher: (Print) Erik Mortensen School: WHS

Cell phone number: 919-655-4445 Grade(s): 11 Number of students: 1

Departure date: Monday, June 1st Return date: Saturday, June 6th

Departure time: 8:00 am Return time: 1:00 pm

Educational purpose:

Trip destination including city, state, and all places to be visited: (attach detailed itinerary as needed)

Atlanta, GA - See itinerary
↳ Atlanta Convention Center & Marriott Marquis

Purpose of trip and how it relates to the curriculum: National SkillsUSA Leadership
Conference. Attendance required for newly elected
Watauga State Officer & advisor

Supervision and Safety:

Names of all school staff chaperones: Erik Mortensen, ~~Matthew Bare~~
Audrey Lipschutz

Names of all non-school chaperones: _____

All chaperones have a background check completed: ☒ Sponsoring teacher initials: EL

Are all site(s) accessible to students with disabilities? ☒ yes ☐ no How will students with disabilities be accommodated for site access and transportation? N/A

A safety/supervision plan for high risk and/or water activities has been shared with the parents. Please attach a copy of the plan to this form if applicable. Sponsoring Teacher Initials (If applicable) N/A

Transportation plan:

Mode of transportation: ☐ Yellow bus with wheelchair lift ☐ Yellow bus without wheelchair lift
☐ Activity bus with wheelchair lift ☐ Activity bus without wheelchair lift ☐ Rental car/minivan
☐ Charter bus Other (Please explain) County van

Name of charter bus company (if checked above) _____

(If applicable, bus request form must be attached)

Driver/s: ~~Haley Boone~~ Audrey Lipschutz Round trip mileage: 500 # of buses needed: 0

Total cost per student \$ _____ Source of funds: CTE

The sponsoring teacher has reviewed Board policies 3320, 3320-R, and 6315: Teacher initials: EL

Approval/Signatures:

Sponsoring teacher signature: _____ Date: 4 / 20 / 26

Principal approval: _____ Date: 4 / 21 / 26

Required signatures if applicable:

Transportation Director approval: _____ Date: 4 / 23 / 24

Superintendent approval: _____ Date: / /

Board of Education approval: _____ Date: / /

 **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
& SKILLS CONFERENCE****JUNE 1-5, 2026 | ATLANTA****NLSC 2026 Condensed Conference Agenda****Monday, June 1**

1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SkillsUSA Store Grand Opening
State Meeting (arranged by state association)**Tuesday, June 2**

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SkillsUSA Store

8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SkillsUSA Championships

8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SkillsUSA LEARN

5:30 p.m.

Doors Open for Opening Session

7 p.m.

Opening Session

Wednesday, June 3

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SkillsUSA Store

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Call to Action: Advisor's Session

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SkillsUSA Championships

8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO

1 – 4 p.m.

SkillsUSA LEARN

Thursday, June 4

7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

SkillsUSA Store

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SkillsUSA Championships

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SkillsUSA TECHSPO

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

SkillsUSA LEARN

6 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Champions Festival

Friday, June 5

9 a.m. – Noon

Community Service Project

3 p.m.

Doors Open for Awards Session

4 p.m.

Awards Sessions

WATAUGA COUNTY FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

This request is for a: ___ day trip ___ out of state day trip ___ overnight trip ☒ overnight & out of state trip

Day trips must be submitted to the principal 15 days before the trip. Overnight trip requests must be submitted to the superintendent by the first day of each month. Overnight field trips require the prior approval of the principal, transportation director, superintendent, and Board of Education. All trips utilizing rental or charter vehicles require the prior approval of the transportation director. No employee will transport students in a personal vehicle and no employee or volunteer driver will transport students in a 12-15 passenger van. No more than five students will be transported by a school system employee or volunteer in any one vehicle other than a school bus or activity bus.

Sponsoring teacher: (Print) 1st Sgt Maylum School: WHS

Cell phone number (210) 460-8665 Grade(s): Rising 11/12 Number of students: 30

Departure time/date: 8 A.M. June 23, 26 Return time/date: 7 P.M. June 27, 26

Educational purpose:

Lodging: Inns of the Corps
Quantico, VA

Trip destination including city, state, and all places to be visited: (attach detailed itinerary as needed)

Marine Corps Base Quantico VA and various locations
in the Nations capital. Please see itinerary.

Purpose of trip and how it relates to the curriculum: we are very excited about our
second bi-ennial trip w/ MCJROTC. SgtMaj G. I have an
acquaintance that is getting us in to see HMX-1, which is
the Presidential Helicopter. we will tour Quantico, visit
the National museum of the Marine Corps, Tour Congress,
and other activities that will give students experiences
that relate to the diverse content we teach. we will
also use this time as team building for our Cadet
Leadership

Supervision and Safety:

Names of all school staff chaperones: SgtMaj Lisowski, 1stSgt Maylum,
Jean Ross, Lora Davis, Rachel willingham

Names of all non-school chaperones: NA

All chaperones have a background check completed:

Sponsoring teacher initials: MSM

Are all site(s) accessible to students with disabilities? X yes ___ no How will students with disabilities be

accommodated for site access and transportation? All sites are ADA compliant.

Sponsoring Teacher Initials MSM (If applicable) A safety/supervision plan for high risk and/or water activities has been shared with the parents. Please attach a copy of the plan to this form if applicable.

No Water activities

Transportation plan:

Mode of transportation: X Activity bus ___ Rental car/mini-van ___ Charter bus ___ Other: ___

(If applicable, bus request form must be attached)

Driver/s: 1st Sgt, Sgt Maj Round trip mileage: 7800 # of buses needed: 1

Total cost per student \$ 100* Source of funds: JROTC (in house)

* includes transportation, lodging, meals

The sponsoring teacher has reviewed Board policies 3320, 3320-R, and 6315: Teacher initials: MSM

Approval/Signatures:

Sponsoring teacher signature: [Signature] Date: 3/25/26

Principal approval: [Signature] Date: 3/26/26

Required signatures if applicable:

Transportation Director approval: [Signature] Date: 4/11/26

Superintendent approval: [Signature] Date: 4/23/26

Board of Education approval: [Signature] Date: 1/1/26

WHS MCJROTC

Draft Itinerary

Quantico / DC June 23rd through the 27th

Tues June 23rd

- 0800 Depart WHS to Quantico VA
- 1030 fifteen minute bathroom break
- 1200 VMI Tour, 12:00 in Lobby of Memorial Hall, 2nd Floor
- 1630 fifteen minute bathroom break
- 1900 Arrive aboard MCB Quantico VA
- 1930 Dinner aboard Base (Pizza)
- 2000 Hotel check-in / room assignments (males and females on separate floors W/chaperones)
- 2030 Accountability Formation and Rules Re-iterated
- 2045-2145 Free Time
- 2145 Accountability
- 2200 Lights Out

Wed June 24th

- 0700 Reveille/Hygiene
- 0730 Accountability
- 0740 Breakfast
- 0800 Movement to Training Area
- 0830 Obstacle Course
- 0945 Movement to Staff Academy
- 1000 Class on Tactics
- 1100 Leader Simulator (MRE's during training)
- 1430 Guided Tour of HMX1 (Presidential Helicopter)
- 1630 Dinner (Chow Hall?)
- 1730 Marine Corps Exchange (Shopping)
- 1900-2145 Free Time
- 2145 Formation
- 2200 Lights Out

Thurs June 25th

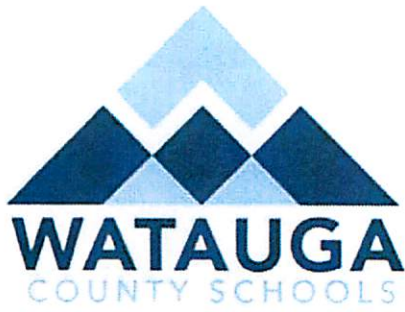
- 0700 Reveille / Hygiene
- 0730 Accountability
- 0740 Breakfast
- 0830 Movement to National Museum of the Marine Corps
- 0900-1130 Museum Tour/Gift Shop
- 1130 Lunch @ Museum
- 1200-1530 Tour Museum
- 1530 Movement back to hotel
- 1630 Dinner (Chow Hall)
- 1700-1900 Team Building Activity
- 1900-2145 Free-time
- 2145 Accountability Formation
- 2200 Lights out

Friday June 26th

- 0700 Reveille / Hygiene
- 0730 Accountability
- 0740 Breakfast
- 0830 Movement to Washington DC
- TBD
- 1300-1400 Tour of Congress
- TBD
- 1900 Attend the evening Parade at Marine Barracks 8th & I
- 2100 Depart for MCB Quantico
- 2200 Arrive at MCB Quantico
 - Accountability / Lights Out

Sat June 27th

- 0700 Reveille/Hygiene
- 0730 Accountability
- 0740 Breakfast
- 0830-1000 Clean Up/Pack Out
- 1000-1100 Shopping at the Exchange
- 1100 Depart for Home
- 1900 Arrival to WHS



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School Nutrition Program Monica C. Bolick, Director

2026/27 School Year School Nutrition Contract Renewals

May 11, 2026

School Nutrition contract renewal recommendations for the 2026/27 school year are detailed on the following pages. There are no new bids or proposals for the upcoming school year. All vendors agreed to renew existing contracts.

Dairy Products

DFA Dairy Brands Fluid, LLC, dba Pet Dairy, has agreed to renew their contract for the 2026/27 school year. Pet Dairy provides excellent service to each of our schools and is proud of the positive relationship they have maintained with WCS for many years. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bid based on estimated usage is approximately \$125,000.

High School Beverage Products

Dr. Pepper Bottling of West Jefferson has agreed to renew their contract for the 2026/27 school year. Dr. Pepper provides excellent service to Watauga High School and has been a vendor partner for many years. Dr. Pepper has requested a small price increase on their items. The increase is driven by pricing forced on their company for product concentrates and aluminum. I feel the new prices are equitable and within range of pricing throughout the market. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bid based on estimated usage is approximately \$22,000.

Ice Cream Products

WNC Ice Cream Distributors has agreed to renew their contract for the 2026/27 school year. WNC Ice Cream Dist. has agreed to maintain current pricing for the upcoming school year. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bid based on estimated usage is approximately \$30,000.

Personal Pizza Products

It is the recommendation of the School Nutrition Department to renew the personal pizza products bid for the 2026/27 school year.

Bull's Eye Brands (Smart Mouth Pizza) has agreed to maintain current pricing for the upcoming school year. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bid based on estimated usage is approximately \$50,000.

Distributor Fixed Fee Delivery (Groceries and Produce)

It is the recommendation of the School Nutrition Department to renew the NC Procurement Alliance Distributor Fixed Fee Delivery bids for Groceries and Produce for the 2026/27 school year.

US Foods-Ft. Mill has agreed to maintain current delivery pricing for the upcoming school year. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bids with US Foods based on estimated usage is approximately \$685,000.

Distributor Fixed Fee Delivery (Supplies)

It is the recommendation of the School Nutrition Department to renew the NC Procurement Alliance Distributor Fixed Fee Delivery bids for Supplies for the 2026/27 school year.

Southeastern Paper Group/Brady Plus has agreed to maintain current delivery pricing for the upcoming school year. The original terms and conditions of the bid remain applicable throughout the renewal period.

The total cost of the bids with Southeastern Paper Group/Brady Plus based on estimated usage is approximately \$50,000.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Monica C. Bolick
Director of School Nutrition

Green Valley Food Lockers

School Board Proposal

By Audrey Lipschutz, LCSW – Mental Health Support Specialist, Watauga County Schools

OVERVIEW

We are currently asking for The Board of Education's approval for the implementation of food lockers at Green Valley Elementary School. Automated food lockers are refrigerated and frozen containers that hold boxes of food, which are delivered by Hospitality House once to twice a week. Once an order has been placed, families receive codes to unlock the locker that contains their box of food, which they can retrieve at any time of day (including outside of school hours). If a family does not retrieve their food within one week, Hospitality House coordinates giving it to another family and discarding anything that is no longer viable.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Second Harvest Food Bank worked with Watauga County Schools and Hospitality House to open the **first ever rural food locker program in the United States** at Bethel Elementary School. Hospitality House runs the program while the school hosts the lockers and promotes its usage to families. The Food Lockers are not only for students and families at Bethel Elementary School – they are open for the entire Bethel community.



Watauga County Schools wants to open the **second** rural food locker program in the country at Green Valley Elementary School, due to the community being second on Second Harvest's list to implement food lockers (refer to graphs on the last page).

GOALS

1. Strengthen community health and well-being in the Green Valley area.
2. Support individuals and families who are in need of food support.
3. Launch the Green Valley Food Locker program by 2029.

SPECIFICATIONS

Currently, there are approximately 107 clients being served at the Bethel Food Lockers. There are 16 lockers total, eight used for refrigeration and eight used for frozen foods. Green Valley would install the same locker amount and layout, with the help of our Facilities Operations team. Hospitality House orders food for each family every 2 weeks and delivers the food twice a week. Food Boxes typically last a family of four for an average of five to six days; these boxes are not intended to meet all nutritional needs. Food locker orders include approximately 25 pounds of items, including fresh produce sourced from local farms and High Country Food Hub, non-perishable staple items, frozen meat, prepared meats, dairy products, and other healthy food items. The goal is to utilize the same exact program design for Green Valley.

WHAT WE NEED

Funding

The Bethel Food Lockers cost between \$250,000 to \$300,000. Due to a rise in material and labor costs, we predict the cost for the Green Valley Food Lockers to be between \$275,000 to \$350,000. Hospitality House and Watauga County Schools will be applying for any and all applicable grants to help fund this project. Hospitality House will be helping Watauga County Schools in locating funding and supporting the program long-term.

Key Team Members Involved

Tina B. Kraus – Executive Director, Hospitality House

Todd Carter – Chief Development Director, Hospitality House

Aaren Grant – Community Outreach Coordinator, Hospitality House

Gordon Prince – Principal, Green Valley Elementary School

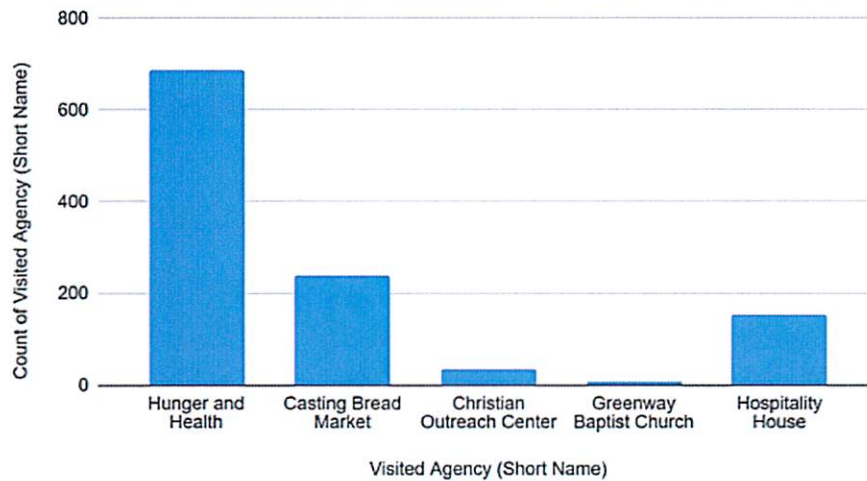
Heather Holbrook – Social Worker, Green Valley Elementary & Cove Creek Elementary

Audrey Lipschutz – Mental Health Support Specialist, Watauga County Schools

Eric Bolick – Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Watauga County Schools

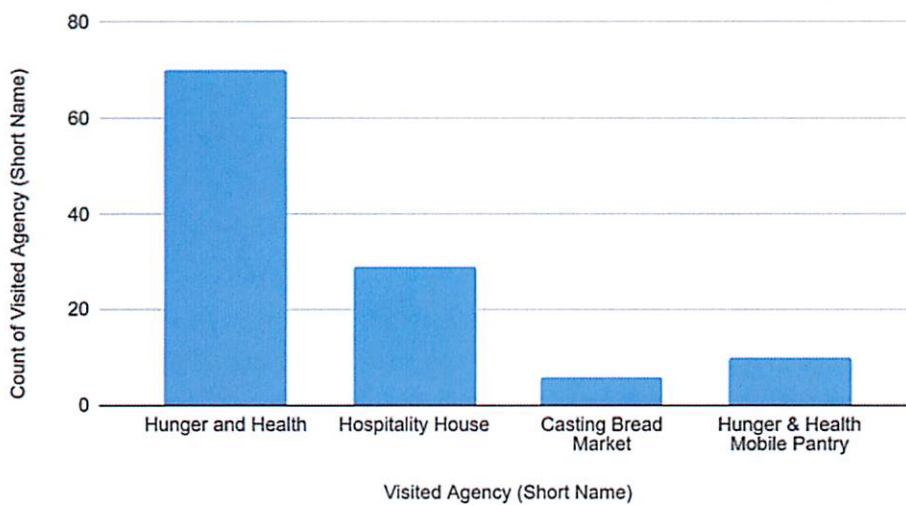
Data on the number of individuals who reside in zip code 28684 (Todd, NC) who utilized these agencies for food support from January 2020 through December 2021:

Count of Visited Agency (Short Name)



Data on the number of individuals who reside in zip code 28684 (Todd, NC) who have utilized these agencies for food support from 2/29/2026 through 3/30/2026:

Todd Residents Using Food Pantries Over the last 30 Days



Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook

Watauga County Schools

2026-27

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WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook August 2021

Overview/Introduction

Watauga County Schools (WCS) is committed to preparing students to be successful citizens in a global economy. Within the Global Learning Communities, WCS has implemented a Mobile Computing Device program for one-to-one computing. Now in its twelfth year, the one-to-one initiative in WCS continues to immerse our students into a technology-rich instructional environment to help ensure that our graduates are prepared for the workplace and life. Each school has an Instructional Technology Facilitator (ITF) on campus to assist students and staff with technology needs.

Students and parents must have an understanding of the procedures and policies for this program to be successful. Please read and sign the following student and parent guidelines/agreement. The signed Mobile Computing Device and Responsible Use Agreements establish a contract for the rules and responsibilities agreed to by the parties involved in the Mobile Computing Device program (i.e. WCS, the student, and the parents/guardians).

WCS Learning Goals

- Promote student learning beyond the classroom.
- Prepare students to be safe, responsible, and innovative digital citizens.
- Engage students in solving real-world problems by collaborating, communicating, creating and critically thinking within a global learning community.
- Enable students to be responsible for their own learning.
- Support faculty in the development of an interdisciplinary, project-based learning environment.

Deployment

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be informed by letter, email, and/or a phone message, of the location, date, and time of the mandatory one-to-one logistics. The parent and student must sign the Agreement in order for the student to be issued a Mobile Computing Device.

A. Prior to students being issued a Mobile Computing Device:

1. Parent/guardian must attend an orientation/meeting (mandatory for freshmen and new students at WHS and all students at K-8 schools)
2. Parent/guardian and student must sign Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Agreement and WCS Responsible Use Policy
3. WCS must receive payment of school fee (includes the Mobile Computing Device fee) - \$20 for all students

B. WCS will send a report of all model, asset and serial numbers of student Mobile Computing Devices to local pawn shops and law enforcement agencies to assist in the event of loss or theft.

Note: As Watauga County Schools is providing a Mobile Computing Device for each student in Watauga County Schools, grades K-12, in order to meet the educational needs of the students, personal Mobile Computing Devices will not be permitted for use on the school network.

Mobile Computing Device Loan

Terms of Loan

1. WCS will issue a Mobile Computing Device to each student upon completion of the requirements listed in the ***Deployment*** section above, (Item A).
2. The Mobile Computing Device is either leased or owned by Watauga County Schools. A student's right of possession and use is limited to and conditioned upon full and complete compliance with the Board Policy - [Technology Responsible Use](#) policy code #3225/4312/7320, [Internet Safety](#) policy code #3226/4205, and other Guidelines as outlined in the Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook.
3. If a student violates the policies and guidelines outlined in the Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook and/or the [Technology Responsible Use](#) policy, including intentional damage, he/she may be subject to loss of privilege, disciplinary action and/or legal action.
4. A student's possession of the Mobile Computing Device terminates no later than the last day of the school year unless there is a reason for earlier termination by the District (including but not limited to, drop-out, expulsion, or transfer).
5. The Mobile Computing Devices will be covered by an Accidental Damage Policy as explained under the section titled "***Damage***."
6. If a Mobile Computing Device is damaged, every effort will be made to repair the device in a timely manner. Loaner devices may be provided in exceptional circumstances.

Loss or Theft

Theft is determined by a police report documenting forced entry to a secured place containing the Mobile Computing Device or forcibly taking the Mobile Computing Device in any way from a student. Missing devices should be reported to the School Resource Officer, who will determine if the Mobile Computing Device was stolen. The burden is on the student to truthfully report the computer theft and articulate the details for the police report.

1. Insurance is included, as part of the student fee, to reduce the cost/liability in the event of theft.
2. In the event of theft, a replacement fee of up to \$250 will be assessed to the student/parent. The amount of the fee will be determined using the Lost or Stolen Device Procedure flowchart (included on page 6). We encourage parents to claim this theft on their home or vehicle insurance, if applicable. If a personal insurance policy will reimburse the value of a stolen device, the family must notify the school so they can be billed for the reimbursement amount.
3. WCS will coordinate with the SRO (or local law enforcement) to alert pawn shops and area law enforcement agencies of lost or stolen Mobile Computing Devices.

Loss is defined as a Mobile Computing Device reported missing by a student while it was left unattended or in an unsecured/unsupervised location. The burden is on the student to truthfully report the computer loss and articulate the details for the administrative report.

1. Lost Mobile Computing Devices must be reported to a school administrator and the WCS Student Help Desk no later than 48 hours after the device is noticed to be missing.
2. The student or parent/guardian will be responsible for the total cost of the Mobile Computing Device in the event the lost Mobile Computing Device is not found. Loss is not covered by insurance. The purchase price and insured value, of the Mobile Computing Device is \$250, which is the maximum cost a parent/guardian would be responsible for.

Damage

1. WCS will provide *Accidental Damage Protection* for student Mobile Computing Devices.
2. The *Accidental Damage Policy* will provide coverage to repair, rebuild or replace the damaged Mobile Computing Device with another of like kind and quality, whichever is less.
3. If there are multiple instances of damage, occurring at different times during the school year, there will be a tiered deductible due for each claim. When additional claims are made by the same student for damages, the following tiered costs will be assessed:
 - a. 1st instance = \$0
 - b. 2nd instance = \$50
 - c. 3rd instance = \$75
 - d. 4th instance = \$100 and disciplinary action will be taken
 - e. Lost/excessively damaged device = \$250
 - f. Lost/damaged power cord \$35
4. **The student and/or the student's parent/guardian shall be responsible for compensating the school district for any losses, costs, or damages that are not covered by the *Accidental Damage Policy*. The student and/or parent/guardian is liable for replacement(s) costs resulting from intentional damage and/or neglect as outlined in this document.**
5. If unapproved changes or software installs are made to the Mobile Computing Device, the Mobile Computing Device will be re-imaged/reset to its original configuration and the student may be subject to disciplinary action.

Repossession

WCS reserves the right to repossess the Mobile Computing Device at any time if the student does not fully comply with all terms of this agreement. Computers left unattended will be turned in to the WCS Help Desk or appropriate building personnel.

Appropriation

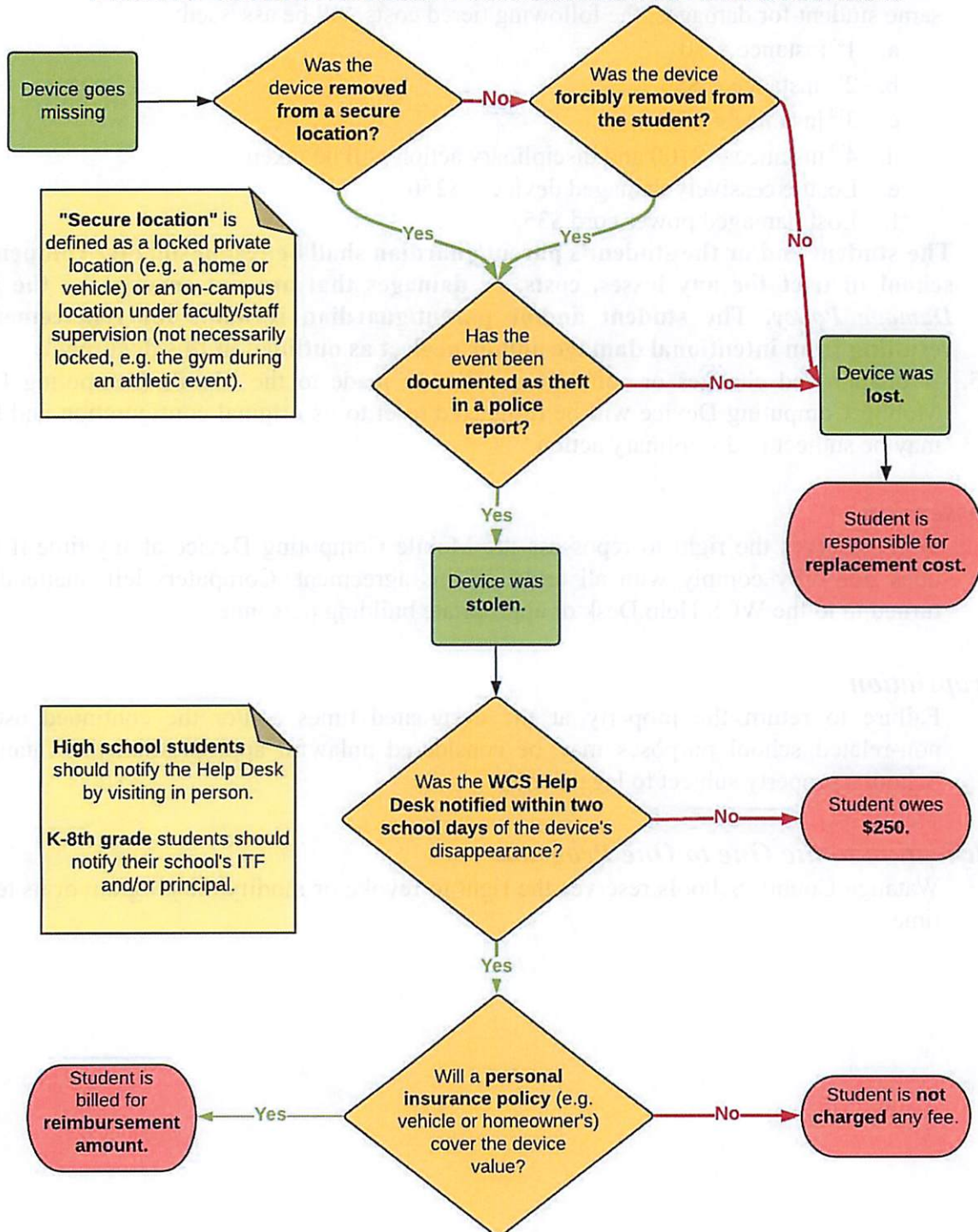
Failure to return the property at the designated times and/or the continued use of it for non-related school purposes may be considered unlawful appropriation of Watauga County School's property subject to legal action.

Modification to the One to One Program

Watauga County Schools reserves the right to revoke or modify the program or its terms at any time.



Lost or Stolen Device Procedure: Fee Assessment



This flowchart represents the procedure outlined on page five of the Watauga County Schools *Student/Parent Mobile Computing Device Handbook*, which is available on the district website.

Expectation of Privacy for Student Mobile Computing Devices

1. The Mobile Computing Devices are considered property of Watauga County Schools and are not subject to the same privacy expectations as private property. However, there is a limited expectation of privacy afforded to the student Mobile Computing Devices when taken off a WCS campus.
2. While connected to the WCS network (on our school campuses), WCS has the right to monitor the Mobile Computing Devices in the following ways:
 - a. Teachers and administrators may remotely view and control student Mobile Computing Devices while in class. This is required for effective classroom management.
 - b. Teachers and administrators may search the device for inappropriate material if they have reasonable suspicion of its existence.
 - c. Technology staff will have the ability to remotely control student Mobile Computing Devices to troubleshoot technical issues.
 - d. Technology staff will have the ability to monitor all network traffic to troubleshoot network issues.
 - e. All Internet traffic will pass through the content filter. This filter will log all attempts to access inappropriate material. Repeated attempts will result in disciplinary action.
 - f. Restrictions on the Mobile Computing Device will block the student from certain functions such as accessing administrative software or installing certain programs/apps or extensions. Any attempt to circumvent these restrictions, on or off campus, will be seen as a violation of this contract and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
3. While not connected to the WCS network, the following will apply:
 - a. All Internet traffic will pass through a local copy of the WCS content filter. This filter will log all attempts to access inappropriate material. Repeated attempts may result in disciplinary action.
 - b. The district will not have the right or ability to remotely access the Mobile Computing Device's web camera.
 - c. Restrictions on the Mobile Computing Device will block the student from certain functions such as accessing administrative software or installing certain programs/apps or extensions. Any attempt to circumvent these restrictions, on or off campus, will be seen as a violation of this contract and appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

General Use of the Mobile Computing Device

Each 6-12th grade student is required to bring his/her Mobile Computing Device to school each day, transported in the school-issued protective case/sleeve, with a fully charged battery. Each K-5th grade student will keep their device at school unless a specific learning activity requires it to be sent home as requested by the teacher or if a remote learning day is anticipated. In this situation, the device must be transported in the school-issued protective case/sleeve. Students will not be given the use of a loaner Mobile Computing Device if he/she leaves his/her Device at home or fails to charge the Device. Students leaving Mobile Computing Devices at home will be required to complete assignments using alternate means (as determined by the teacher).

1. A small area for downloading/accessing files is provided on the Mobile Computing Device. If a Mobile Computing Device is experiencing a technical issue, it is likely to be reimaged/reset, which will destroy all local data that is not backed up.
2. Students should be mindful not to cause a tripping hazard when it is necessary to plug in their Mobile Computing Devices both at home and school.
3. Mobile Computing Devices are not allowed on overnight trips or field trips without the express written approval of the lead chaperone and/or teacher and the parent/guardian.
4. The use of the Internet at school is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in suspension/termination of user privileges.
5. Student Mobile Computing Devices will be subject to routine monitoring by teachers, administrators, and technology staff as described in the “*Expectation of Privacy...*” section. While off campus, parental monitoring is highly recommended.
6. Periodic Mobile Computing Device checks will be conducted during the school year, inspecting for physical damage and/or loss. Students/parents may be billed for repairs throughout the school year in accordance with the procedures described in the “*Mobile Computing Device Loan*” section, subsection “*Damage.*”

Login Procedures

1. Students will log in to the WCS network by using their assigned username and password whether using the device on a WCS campus or at home.
2. Do not share passwords. Students are responsible for anything done using their login information, regardless of the actual user of the Device.

Email

1. WCS will provide email accounts to students through Google Apps.
2. Students will abide by all email guidelines as outlined in the WCS Board Policy – [Technology Responsible Use](#) #3225/4312/7320.

Online user accounts

Students may be asked to create age-appropriate online user accounts, (e.g. Quizlet, flipgrid) for educational purposes only. Teachers will be responsible for supervising the use of these accounts during instructional time. Parents/guardians will be notified of the use of such accounts either within the course syllabus at the beginning of each semester or through other means deemed appropriate and timely by the teacher and/or administrator.

Usage Guidelines to avoid Repetitive Stress Injuries (Ergonomics)

Ergonomics is defined as the science of making things fit people instead of asking people to fit things. Ergonomics uses knowledge from anatomy, mechanics, physiology and psychology to utilize human energy most effectively. Please read the following guidelines to promote safe, comfortable and efficient use of the student Mobile Computing Device.

1. The school-issued protective case/sleeve is designed to carry the MCD either separately or in a student's backpack.
2. Use a pillow, folded blanket or towel to raise the seat high enough so that your elbows are bent at about 90 degrees and hands and wrists are in a neutral posture. If the chair is not high enough or the work surface is not low enough, place the Mobile Computing Device on your lap, but make sure your knees are level with your hips.

3. Reduce pressure on your neck by tucking in your chin to view the monitor rather than bending your neck down. If possible, lower your eyes instead of bending your head forward to see the screen.
4. Make sure the screen is adjusted to minimize glare.
5. Take frequent mini breaks and change your work posture often. For example, place the Mobile Computing Device in your lap to achieve better wrist position for approximately 30 minutes. Then, switch and place the Mobile Computing Device on a table to achieve better neck position.
6. The arm support and padding of work surfaces is also important when working at a table or desk with hard leading edges. Use a pillow or folded towel as a wrist rest or arm support while typing.
7. If seated in a chair that does not provide adequate lumbar support, use a rolled up towel or small pillow as a lumbar support device.

General Care of the Mobile Computing Device

1. Students are responsible for the Mobile Computing Device they have been issued. Mobile Computing Devices in need of repair must be reported to the WCS Help Desk. Failure to report damage by the next school day may result in disciplinary action.
2. Guidelines to follow:
 1. Always close the lid before moving and/or transporting your Mobile Computing Device, taking care not to close the lid on objects inside it.
 2. For prolonged periods of inactivity, you should shut down the Device completely before closing the lid in order to conserve the battery.
 3. Please be aware that overloading a student's backpack will cause damage. Please store the Mobile Computing Device in a separate section of the backpack, using the school-issued protective case/sleeve to store the device inside a student backpack. Textbooks, notebooks, binders, etc. should not be in the same section of the backpack as the Mobile Computing Device itself. Never sit or place any object on the backpack.
 4. When using the Mobile Computing Device, keep it on a flat, solid surface so that air can circulate. For example, using a Mobile Computing Device while it is directly on a bed or carpet can cause damage due to overheating.
 5. Liquids, food and other debris can damage the Mobile Computing Device. You should avoid eating or drinking while using the Mobile Computing Device. DO NOT keep food or food wrappers in the Mobile Computing Device bag.
 6. Take extreme caution with the screen. The screens are very susceptible to damage from excessive pressure or weight. In particular, avoid picking up the Mobile Computing Device by the screen. K-1st grade devices have a touch screen which is to be touched with fingers or a stylus.
 7. Dimming the LCD brightness of your screen will extend the battery run time. For help, consult your teacher, technician or technology specialist.
 8. Never attempt repair or reconfiguration of the Mobile Computing Device. Under no circumstances are you to attempt to open or tamper with the internal components of the Mobile Computing Device. Nor should you remove any screws; doing so will render the warranty void and may result in disciplinary action.
 9. Take care when inserting cords, cables and other removable storage devices to avoid damage to the Mobile Computing Device ports.
 10. Do not expose your Mobile Computing Device to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight for extended periods of time. Extreme heat or cold may cause damage to the Mobile Computing Device.
 11. Keep your Mobile Computing Device away from magnetic fields, which can erase or corrupt your data. This includes but is not limited to large speakers, amplifiers, transformers, and old style television sets.

Cleaning Your Mobile Computing Device

Routine maintenance on Mobile Computing Devices will be done by the school technology support personnel. However, students are encouraged to perform simple cleaning procedures as outlined below:

1. Always disconnect the Mobile Computing Device from the power outlet before cleaning.
2. Never use liquids directly on the Mobile Computing Device screen or keyboard.
3. Clean the screen with soft, lightly dampened, lint free cloth or use anti-static screen cleaners or wipes.
4. Wash hands frequently when using the Mobile Computing Device to avoid buildup on the touch pad. Grease and dirt can cause the cursor to jump around on the screen
5. Clean the touch pad with a lightly dampened cloth.

General Security

1. Never leave your Mobile Computing Device unattended or unsecured. Mobile Computing Devices should be secured in a designated storage facility or a secured locker. Unsupervised Mobile Computing Devices will be confiscated by staff, and disciplinary actions may be taken.
2. Each Mobile Computing Device has several identifying labels (i.e., WCS asset number and serial number). Under no circumstances are you to modify or destroy these labels.

Internet Access/Filtering

1. As required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, a current content filtering solution is maintained by the district for school use on this Mobile Computing Device. This is a "good faith" effort to block all inappropriate content, but the district cannot guarantee that access to all inappropriate sites will be blocked because no content filter is 100% effective. It is the responsibility of the user and parent/guardian to follow guidelines for appropriate use of the network and the Internet. WCS will not be responsible for any problems suffered while on the network or the Internet. Use of any information obtained through the Internet is at the user's own risk.
2. A local copy of the district content Internet filter will continue to filter content outside the WCS network (e.g. when the student is connected to a home wireless network). It is the responsibility of the user and parent/guardian to follow guidelines for appropriate use of the Internet. WCS will not be responsible for any problems suffered while on the Internet. Use of any information obtained through the Internet is at the user's own risk.
3. Attempting to disable or circumvent Watauga County Schools' Internet content filter and firewall, including using or attempting to use proxies to access sites that would otherwise be restricted, is not permitted and may result in disciplinary action.

Copyright

Compliance with federal copyright law is expected of all. "Copyright" is legal protection for creative intellectual works, which is broadly interpreted to cover just about any expression of an idea. Text (including email and Web information), graphics, art, photographs, music, and software are examples of types of works protected by copyright. Copying, distributing, downloading, and uploading information on the Internet may infringe the copyright for that information. Even an innocent, unintentional infringement violates the law. Utilizing sites selling written papers, book reports, and other student work or any act of plagiarism is not permitted.

Empowered Use Guidelines¹

By providing technology to students, Watauga County Schools empowers them to create, collaborate, communicate, and think critically as citizens in a rapidly changing global society. To this end, we encourage students to engage in the following behaviors when using their technology:

1. Be responsible with your WCS-issued device and the WCS network.

- a. Use only your own WCS-issued device on the WCS network.
- b. Take your device to your school's ITF and/or the WHS Help Desk if it is in need of repairs.
- c. Use your device in the same condition it was issued to you. Leave the case and internal parts intact, carry the device in its protective case/sleeve, and please don't decorate the device itself with stickers or other markings.
- d. Use the district network as it is configured (e.g. access authorized resources, log in using your own credentials, work within the content filter and/or firewall).
- e. Avoid activities that could cause network congestion (e.g. streaming high-quality audio or video).
- f. In general, use your WCS-issued device and the WCS network for legal, school-appropriate activity.

2. Be respectful of yourself and others by demonstrating strong digital citizenship.

- a. Properly cite all digital resources, and honor copyright and Creative Commons licensing.
- b. Engage in positive conversations online; seek to listen, understand, and build a strong digital school community.
- c. Use only the username(s) and password(s) issued specifically to you by WCS.
- d. If you ever encounter digital content that concerns you or makes you uncomfortable, speak to a teacher or another adult in your school for help.

3. Be empowered to use technology for great things.

- a. Communicate clearly and respectfully to share your thoughts, expand your knowledge, and generate new ideas.
- b. Think critically about all information you encounter online, and seek out corroborating evidence and contrasting viewpoints to build fully-informed viewpoints.
- c. Collaborate with fellow learners – whether in Watauga County or around the globe – to teach, learn, and create together.
- d. Create new, unique, awe-inspiring work – writing, video, music, visual art, or whatever else you can imagine – to show the world what you know and are capable of.

¹ Inspired by and adapted from McLeod, S. (2014, March 21). Instead of an AUP, how about an EUP (Empowered Use Policy)? Retrieved May 09, 2017, from <http://dangerouslyirrelevant.org/2014/03/instead-of-an-aup-how-about-an-eup-empowered-use-policy.html>

Parent Expectations

1. This is an exciting learning opportunity for your student(s). Participate with them as they learn to use this instructional tool to enhance their educational experience.
2. While the school system does provide Internet content filtering for the security of your student, there is no substitute for parental supervision when using the Mobile Computing Device. Parents are ultimately responsible for monitoring student use of the Mobile Computing Device and Internet at home.
3. Parents should review the Watauga County Technology Responsible Use policy and the Mobile Computing Device Handbook with their child to ensure they are familiar with and adhere to these policies and guidelines.
4. Parents should ensure that repairs, loss, theft and/or damages are reported to the WHS Help Desk no later than the next school day.
5. Parents should review the Watauga County Technology Responsible Use policy and the Mobile Computing Device Handbook with their child.
6. Use of the Mobile Computing Device by other family members is not allowed. Parents/legal guardians may use the Mobile Computing Devices to assist their child who is assigned the Mobile Computing Device with homework and school assignments or to learn what their student is doing with this instructional tool. The Mobile Computing Devices may not be used by other family members for personal or business use.
7. Parents are responsible for ensuring the return of the Mobile Computing Device and all accessories at the end of the current school year or before the student withdraws from school.

NOTE: Students who are 18 years or older or who are legally deemed an emancipated minor are considered adult students and assume a legal, ethical and financial obligations related to using the Mobile Computing Device.

WCS Student Fees

1:1 Technology Fee	School Fee	Total
\$10	\$10	\$20

The 1:1 Technology Fee covers Accidental Damage Policy which will provide coverage to repair, rebuild, or replace the damaged Mobile Computing Device with another of like kind and quality, whichever is less. If multiple instances of damage, occurring at different times during the school year, there will be a tiered deductible due for each claim. The following costs will be assessed for accidental damage:

- 1st instance - \$0
- 2nd instance - \$50
- 3rd instance - \$75
- 4th instance - \$100 and disciplinary action will be taken
- Lost/excessively damaged device - \$250
- Lost/damaged power cord - \$35

Declaration of Surplus Items - MAY 2026

Date Approved: _____

Bethel

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
	 0		 0	 0

Blowing Rock

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
201140	1	BENCH		1
	 1		 0	 1

Cove Creek

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
37253	1	CHROMBOOK- 11MK		1
NONE	1	DESK- TEACHERS WOODEN		1
36600	1	CHROMBOOK- 11MK		1
800134	1	SMARTBOARD- 680		1
	 4		 0	 4

Green Valley

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
35603	1	CHROMEBOOK		1
401506	1	AIR CONDITIONER		1
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Hardin Park

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
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37482	1 CHROMEBOOK- 300e		1
37532	1 CHROMEBOOK- 300e		1
37426	1 CHROMEBOOK- HP		1
NONE	1 BIKE RACK- METAL		1
33943	1 PROJECTOR- EPSON		1
500224	1 SMARTBOARD		1
25180	1 PROJECTOR- EPSON		1
NONE	35 CHAIRS- KINDER-PLASTIC	35	
NONE	10 CHAIRS- CLASSROOM-WHEELS	10	
NONE	4 TABLES- WOODEN 30X72	4	
501279	1 POPCORN MACHINE		1
500867	1 SAFE- SENTRY	1	

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Mabel

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
600730	1	CABINET- FILE	1	
NONE	1	CABINET- FILE	1	
NONE	1	CABINET- FILE	1	
600543	1	SMARTBOARD		1

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Parkway

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
701068	1	PROJECTOR		1
700152	1	SMARTBOARD		1
100122	1	SMARTBOARD		1
33065	1	PROJECTOR		1

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Valle Crucis

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
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Watauga High School

<u>Asset #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Usable</u>	<u>Unusable</u>
34954	1	CHROMEBOOK MTK		1
29005	1	PROBOOK 430		1
39149	1	CHROMEBOOK 11MK		1
900503	1	Styling chair	1	
900373	1	Styling chair	1	
900769	1	Styling chair	1	
900768	1	Styling chair	1	
900780	1	Styling chair	1	
900402	1	Styling chair	1	
900393	1	Styling chair	1	
900506	1	Styling chair	1	
900509	1	Styling chair	1	
900414	1	Styling chair	1	
900413	1	Styling chair	1	
900790	1	Styling chair	1	
900391	1	Styling chair	1	
900415	1	Styling chair	1	
900403	1	Styling chair	1	
900507	1	Styling chair	1	
900779	1	Styling chair	1	
900508	1	Styling chair	1	
900404	1	Styling chair	1	
900392	1	Styling chair	1	
900778	1	Styling chair	1	
900505	1	Styling chair	1	
900504	1	Styling chair	1	
900789	1	Styling chair	1	

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WATAUGA COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Margaret E. Gragg Education Center
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Watauga County Board of Education
Dr. Leslie Alexander, Superintendent

FROM: Joseph Nash, Finance Officer

DATE: May 11, 2026

RE: 2025-26 Budget Amendment #3

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution of Watauga County Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

Fund 1 – Additional State Allotments include:

1. Transportation Fuel Reserve \$7,619
2. Transportation for Homeless & Foster Children \$13,916

Watauga County Schools
BUDGET AMENDMENT #3
May 11, 2026

Fund	1 digit Purp	1 digit Purp Desc	Budget After Amend. #2	Budget Amend. #3	Current Budget/Balance
1 - STATE	5XXX	Instructional Services	\$33,196,275.86	\$0.00	\$33,196,275.86
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	\$3,984,967.62	\$21,535.00	\$4,006,502.62
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	\$46,372.59	\$0.00	\$46,372.59
1 Total			\$37,227,616.07	\$21,535.00	\$37,249,151.07
2 - LOCAL	5XXX	Instructional Services	\$8,916,127.85	\$0.00	\$8,916,127.85
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	\$7,415,469.91	\$0.00	\$7,415,469.91
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	\$94,985.18	\$0.00	\$94,985.18
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	\$460,000.00	\$0.00	\$460,000.00
2 Total			\$16,886,582.94	\$0.00	\$16,886,582.94
3 - FEDERAL	5XXX	Instructional Services	\$2,122,715.73	\$0.00	\$2,122,715.73
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	\$105,080.67	\$0.00	\$105,080.67
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	\$577,001.60	\$0.00	\$577,001.60
3 Total			\$2,804,798.00	\$0.00	\$2,804,798.00
4 - CAPITAL	5XXX	Instructional Services	\$2,721,086.83	\$0.00	\$2,721,086.83
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	\$1,302,697.38	\$0.00	\$1,302,697.38
	9XXX	Capital Outlay	\$9,912,957.41	\$0.00	\$9,912,957.41
4 Total			\$13,936,741.62	\$0.00	\$13,936,741.62
5 - NUTRITION	7XXX	Ancillary Services	\$2,599,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,599,100.00
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
5 Total			\$2,649,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,649,100.00
6 - AFTERSCHOOL	7XXX	Ancillary Services	\$734,533.00	\$0.00	\$734,533.00
	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	\$45,335.00	\$0.00	\$45,335.00
6 Total			\$779,868.00	\$0.00	\$779,868.00
8 - SPECIAL REVENUE	5XXX	Instructional Services	\$3,138,251.70	\$0.00	\$3,138,251.70
	6XXX	System-Wide Support Services	\$823,487.89	\$0.00	\$823,487.89
	7XXX	Ancillary Services	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.00
8 Total			\$3,964,489.59	\$0.00	\$3,964,489.59
9 - SCHOLARSHIPS	8XXX	Non-Programmed Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9 Total			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total			\$78,249,196.22	\$21,535.00	\$78,270,731.22