



Springfield 2025-2026

Superintendent's Report

June 1, 2026

#SPSCompassionate&Extraordinary

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.

Report Overview

- Honoring Governor's Educators of the Year and Education Support Professionals of the Year
- Community Updates
- 24-25 HIB Grades & HIB Overview
- Board Agenda Highlights
- Mark Your Calendars!



Recognizing Our Extraordinary Staff



Springfield Public Schools

Cultivating Compassionate
and Extraordinary Learners



Jolene Sinclair

Pre-K Teacher
Edward V. Walton School



Renee White

Counselor
Edward V. Walton School



Kelsey Daubert

Fourth Grade Teacher
James Caldwell School





Samantha Sommo

Third Grade Teacher
Thelma L. Sandmeier School



Michele Lucarello

Paraprofessional
Thelma L. Sandmeier School





Jason Perone

Science Teacher
Florence M. Gaudineer
Middle School



William Douma

School Counselor
Florence M. Gaudineer
Middle School



Christopher White

Math Teacher
Jonathan Dayton
High School



Regine Rousso

Psychologist
Jonathan Dayton
High School

Field Day at Walton!



In Our Schools

JDHS Wellness Days



Walton Living Wax Museum



Springfield History and the American Revolution!



Mr. Rennie Gets Silly Stringed!



Mr. Kielty Teachers the Power of Yet



Performing Arts



WINNER!

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Stage Crew for a Play
Jonathan Dayton High School
Murder on the Orient Express
Jonathan Dayton HS Stage Crew

A graphic featuring a framed photograph of a stage production set for the play 'Murder on the Orient Express'. The set includes a train car interior with red curtains and a table. Above the frame is a sign that says 'WINNER!'. Below the frame is text recognizing the Jonathan Dayton High School student stage crew for their outstanding achievement.

Recognizing JDHS Top Scholars



Olivia Weitzman and Joshua Gordon were recognized as the two top JDHS Scholars



Thank You to the Lions Club for celebrating the Class of 2026 top 20 JDHS graduates!

Class of 2026



Scholar Athletes!



New Jersey Department of Education

School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades
under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*

2024-2025 District and School Grade Report
Springfield Public School District (39-5000)
*** Official Release ***



Edward V. Walton Primary School (050)

Core Element	Score
HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (MAX=15)	13
Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy (MAX=9)	7
Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs (MAX=15)	13
Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (MAX=6)	4
HIB Personnel (MAX=9)	9
School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (MAX=6)	6
HIB Investigation Procedure (MAX=12)	12
HIB Reporting (MAX=6)	6
School Grade (MAX=78)	70

Number of times a preliminary determination was made that an incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB: N/A

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2024-2025**

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District Grade: 71

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Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School (060)

Core Element	Score
HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (MAX=15)	13
Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy (MAX=9)	8
Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs (MAX=15)	13
Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (MAX=6)	6
HIB Personnel (MAX=9)	9
School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (MAX=6)	6
HIB Investigation Procedure (MAX=12)	12
HIB Reporting (MAX=6)	6
School Grade (MAX=78)	73

Number of times a preliminary determination was made that an incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB: N/A

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District Grade: 71

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James Caldwell Elementary School (070)

Core Element	Score
HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (MAX=15)	13
Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy (MAX=9)	7
Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs (MAX=15)	13
Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (MAX=6)	6
HIB Personnel (MAX=9)	8
School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (MAX=6)	6
HIB Investigation Procedure (MAX=12)	12
HIB Reporting (MAX=6)	6
School Grade (MAX=78)	71

Number of times a preliminary determination was made that an incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB: N/A

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Jonathan Dayton High School (010)

Core Element	Score
HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (MAX=15)	14
Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy (MAX=9)	8
Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs (MAX=15)	14
Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (MAX=6)	5
HIB Personnel (MAX=9)	8
School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (MAX=6)	5
HIB Investigation Procedure (MAX=12)	11
HIB Reporting (MAX=6)	6
School Grade (MAX=78)	71

Number of times a preliminary determination was made that an incident or complaint was outside the scope of the definition of HIB: N/A

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Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School (090)

Core Element	Score
HIB Programs, Approaches or Other Initiatives (MAX=15)	14
Training on the BOE-Approved HIB Policy (MAX=9)	8
Other Staff Instruction and Training Programs (MAX=15)	13
Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills (MAX=6)	6
HIB Personnel (MAX=9)	8
School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure (MAX=6)	4
HIB Investigation Procedure (MAX=12)	12
HIB Reporting (MAX=6)	5
School Grade (MAX=78)	70

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HIB Trainings and Programs Highlights 2025-2026

Tier 1

Universal Support & Prevention (All students)

- K-12 Classroom lessons on HIB policy, tolerance/acceptance, conflict v. bullying, kindness/respect
- No Place for Hate
- Heroes and Cool Kids
- Anti-Bullying Presentations - Connie Palmer
- School Climate & Culture Activities

Tier 2

Targeted Supports (For some students)

- Empathy & Empowerment Small Groups at FMG - Union County DCYS

Tier 3

Intensive Supports (For a few students)

- Conflict Mediations, Individual counseling for affirmed victims and offenders, outside referrals

Plans and Goals for 2026-2027

Ongoing Parent Education

- New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights and HIB law
- District policy and procedure
- Prevention strategies to teach children at home

Increase Tier 2 and 3 Services

- Small groups at HS and ES levels
- Training for building administration on restorative practices
- Training for school counselors on techniques to utilize when working with affirmed victims and offenders

Board Agenda Highlights

- New Advanced Placement Courses
- Edward V. Walton Assistant Principal: Alexis Bellardino
- Welcome New Staff
- Recognizing Retirees
- JDHS Art & Music Renovations Contract

Student Performances & Celebrations

Senior Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, June 3rd

8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony

Wednesday, June 17th

JDHS Class of 2026 Graduation

Thursday, June 18th

Mark Your Calendars!

Schools Closed- Election Day

Tuesday, June 2nd

Early Dismissal for Students- All Schools

Friday, June 19th

Last Day of School- Early Dismissal

Monday, June 22nd

Next Board of Education Meeting

Monday, June 29th

