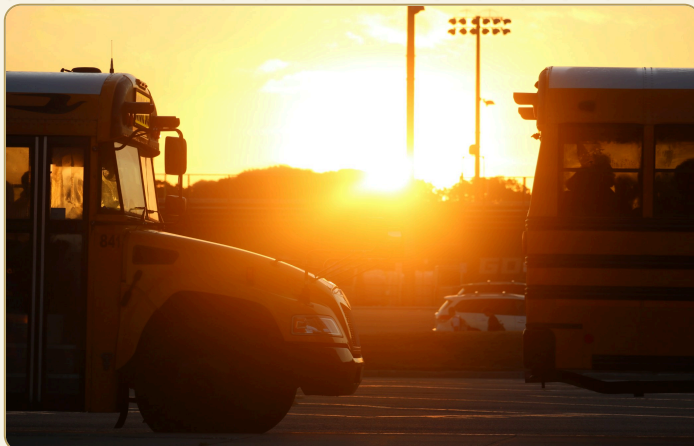




LONGWOOD
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

LONGWOOD LIFE • BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

AUGUST 2026



THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome Back to *Longwood*

First full day of school for students K-12:
Thursday, September 3, 2026

EVERY ONE ... EVERY DAY • PRIDE • SPIRIT • HEART

— A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to the 2026– 2027 School Year



Lance Lohman, Ed.D.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dear Longwood School Community,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! As we begin what is certain to be another successful school year here in Longwood, it fills me with great pride and excitement to think of all that lies ahead. Our students continue to shine as they learn and grow each and every day, and our schools remain places of innovation, where personal growth and meaningful connections thrive.

Last year was filled with outstanding achievements, with our students excelling in academics, athletics, the arts, and so much more. Our boys' and girls' teams brought home League One, Section XI, and Suffolk County championships, and our Unified RoboLions earned the Gracious Professionalism Award, regional recognition, and a Newsday feature. Academic excellence was certainly a consistent theme, with students earning Advanced Placement Scholar honors and completing our Early College High School program. We also celebrated a NYS-leading and record-breaking number of students earning the New York State Seal of Biliteracy and Seal of Civic Readiness, while our musicians earned All-County and All-State honors along with the state's NYSSMA Award of Excellence.

Beyond the classroom, our students experienced opportunities in cutting-edge programs including our drone pilot training, skilled trades, health internships at Stony Brook Medicine, and Take a Look at Teaching in our own schools. Through our dual enrollment program, our students continue to earn thousands of college credits while saving our families more than seven hundred thousand dollars in tuition. At the

same time, our schools and facilities continue to undergo significant upgrades, improvements, and renovations, ensuring that we continue to keep Longwood moving forward with the welcoming, modern spaces our students and community deserve.

This year marks an exciting milestone as Longwood students step into our state-of-the-art Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center at the High School. As part of our Capital Improvement Projects, these spaces expand access to high-quality, hands-on learning aligned with in-demand job certifications and future-ready career pathways, with new programs in Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Barbering, Engineering, and Medical Assisting. These learning environments reflect our commitment to prepare each and every student to be "First-Choice Ready," whether their path leads to college, the workforce, or anywhere in between.

Throughout our great district, we continue to see tremendous growth and success as we remain committed to educating the whole child, supporting academic excellence, social-emotional well-being, creativity, and continuous individual development. This balanced approach and our strong community partnership are what make Longwood such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership and support! We cannot wait to see you all back here in school on **Thursday, September 3, 2026**, and look forward to all we will accomplish together in the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Lance Lohman, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

WHO WE ARE

Discover *Longwood*

Where opportunity, innovation, and community come together to help every student thrive.



Academic Excellence

Advanced Placement, Early College High School, college credit opportunities, Seal of Biliteracy, Seal of Civic Readiness.



Innovation & STEM

Robotics, engineering, coding, drones, AI, cybersecurity, and career pathways.



Arts & Music

Award-winning music, theater, visual and performing arts opportunities.



Athletics

League, county, and Section XI championships; teamwork, leadership, school pride.



Opportunity for Every Student

Career & Technical Education, internships, special education, My Brother's Keeper, My Sister's Keeper, Unified Sports, student leadership.



Community

Families, staff, alumni, and partners working together every day.



7

SCHOOLS



9,000+

STUDENTS



31

LANGUAGES
SPOKEN



53

SQUARE
MILES



ONE PROMISE

*Every One...
Every Day.*



SCAN • DISCOVER
WHO WE ARE

Building Longwood's *Future*

Bond and capital improvements underway across our schools



NEW

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

OPENING • FALL 2026

Construction on the new high school CTE addition, with Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Barbering, Clinical Medical Assistant, and Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing programs opening their doors.

LONGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



FULL AIR CONDITIONING

FALL 2026

New HVAC installations in all four elementary schools provide comfortable classrooms in every season.

CEW • CORAM • RIDGE • WMI



NEW EXTERIOR DOORS

IN PROGRESS

District-wide exterior door replacements strengthen security across our schools.

CEW • CORAM • RIDGE • WMI



EXTERIOR & BUILDING SYSTEMS

IN PROGRESS

Exterior masonry repairs, window replacements, and roofing upgrades across district buildings.

DISTRICTWIDE



MUSIC SUITE

OPENING • FALL 2026

A complete renovation of the Middle School Music Suite.

LONGWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

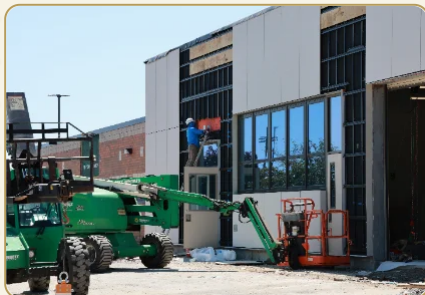


ACTIVITY COURT

OPENING • FALL 2026

Full reconstruction and upgrades to the Middle School Activity Court.

LONGWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL • CTE CENTER
EXTERIOR



CTE CENTER • INTERIOR
CONSTRUCTION



MIDDLE SCHOOL • ACTIVITY COURT
RENOVATION

Ready for *September*

Summer 2026 maintenance and upgrades across the district



SCAN • CAPITAL PROJECTS



CLASSROOMS & LEARNING SPACES

SUMMER 2026

Fresh paint and flooring, plus locker updates.

HS • CEW • CORAM • RIDGE • WMI



ARTS & MUSIC

SUMMER 2026

Renovated art rooms with new flooring, paint, sinks, and casework at the High School. New art room furniture at the elementaries. Music room refresh at the Junior High School with riser removal, new flooring, and paint.

HS • JHS • CEW • CORAM • RIDGE • WMI



AUDITORIUMS & STAGES

SUMMER 2026

New auditorium epoxy flooring, new carpet, and a refinished stage at the Junior High School. New LED safety lighting at the Junior High School and High School for concerts, assemblies, and plays.

JHS • HS



ATHLETICS & FIELDS

SUMMER 2026

Gym floors, padding, turf, irrigation, and field upgrades.

HS • JHS • CEW • CORAM • RIDGE • WMI



SAFETY & SECURITY

SUMMER 2026

New fencing, gates, door card access, and railings.

DISTRICTWIDE



GROUNDS & INFRASTRUCTURE

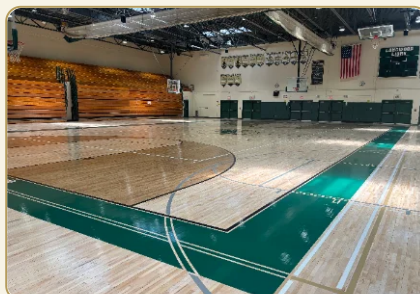
SUMMER 2026

Drainage, paving, concrete, accessibility, and grounds work.

DISTRICTWIDE



BOARD ROOM • ENHANCED PUBLIC ACCESS



HIGH SCHOOL • GYMNASIUM UPDATES



CHARLES E. WALTERS • EXTERIOR UPDATES

Stay *Connected*

How Longwood reaches you with important news and updates.



DOWNLOAD PARENTSQUARE

MASS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Download the ParentSquare app

ParentSquare keeps families informed and connected. An account is generated automatically for each parent using your preferred email address and phone number — access your account, download the mobile app, and set your notification preferences.

- Receive messages via email, text, or app notification
- Get information as it comes, or as a daily digest at 6 PM
- Communicate in your preferred language
- Receive direct messaging

FREE • iOS & ANDROID

Verify your Parent Portal information

Please verify Parent Portal information — add email addresses and cell phone numbers, make sure all fields are complete and accurate, and confirm contact information with your child's building.

Follow us

Stories of student and staff accomplishments, photos, videos, and event postings — plus individual pages for each of our schools.



FACEBOOK
@LongwoodSchoolDistrict



INSTAGRAM
@longwoodsd

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAYED OPENING

WHEN SCHOOLS CLOSE

For inclement weather, poor road conditions, or other emergencies, we notify our school community by phone call, text, and/or email through ParentSquare.

CLOSINGS AFTER THE START OF SCHOOL

If emergency conditions develop during the school day, children will be dismissed early. Designate an adult to meet your child at the bus stop if you are not available.

TWO-HOUR DELAYED OPENING

Students report to bus stops precisely two hours later than usual; dismissal is at the regular time. If a 5:30 AM delay is announced and conditions have not improved by 7:30 AM, schools will close for the day.

WHERE TO LOOK

Closings and delays are shared on the district website, social media, ParentSquare, and News 12 Long Island.

Getting to *School*

Bus safety, real-time tracking, and what to expect the first week



SCAN • LONGWOOD
TRANSPORTATION

FIRST WEEK During the first week of school, bus schedules may vary as much as 30 minutes. Please be at your bus stop 10 minutes before the start of the route. By the second full week, buses will run on a more predictable schedule. All routes are subject to change.

GETTING ON THE BUS

- Arrive at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled.
- Line up away from the street; stand three giant steps (6 feet) from the curb.
- Wait until the bus stops and the door opens before approaching.
- Use the handrails; keep drawstrings and straps clear of rails and doors.

BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS

- Stay in your seat; keep aisles clear of books and bags.
- No loud noises that could distract the driver.
- Keep head, arms, and hands inside the windows.
- Gather belongings before your stop; wait for a complete stop before standing.
- The bus is an extension of the classroom — cell phones are not permitted.

GETTING OFF THE BUS

- Use the handrail when exiting.
- Crossing in front? Walk at least 15 feet ahead until you can see the driver — and the driver can see you.
- Wait for the driver's signal, then look left, right, and left again.
- Never cross the centerline until the driver signals it is safe; stay away from the rear wheels at all times.

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Kindergarten Identification Tags

In partnership with Suffolk Transportation, tags are secured to kindergarteners' backpacks at first-day dismissal to help drivers identify our newest students. All kindergarten students require an authorized person with photo ID at pickup. Forms: [longwood.k12.ny.us → Departments → Transportation](https://longwood.k12.ny.us/Departments/Transportation).

REAL-TIME BUS TRACKING

WheresTheBus app

Free real-time tracking of bus locations, with email and push notification alerts to help manage your daily school bus experience. Sign up at [longwood.k12.ny.us → Departments → Transportation](https://longwood.k12.ny.us/Departments/Transportation).

Questions or concerns? Contact the Transportation Office.

(631) 345-2775

Breakfast & *Lunch*

Free meals for every student, every school day

Once again, all Longwood Central School District schools are participating in the USDA Community Eligibility Program (CEP) for the 2026–27 school year. Schools in the CEP program serve **all students a free breakfast and lunch** — healthy, nutritious, safe, and delicious meals that fuel minds and bodies for increased mental stamina, attentiveness, and retention.

A large variety of healthy menu options complies with strict age-appropriate nutrient guidelines from the New York State Education Department and the USDA. Snacks are available for purchase in secondary schools only, as we establish healthy eating habits for our elementary students.

Although not mandatory, we ask each household to complete one CEP form, found on our website under Child Nutrition — it is essential to maintaining our state and federal eligibility benefits.

— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is this really for all students, regardless of income?

Yes! All students can receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day. A la carte items are available for purchase separately.

Can my child buy additional meals or snacks?

Yes. The first breakfast and first lunch are free; students pay for any additional items. No meals will be charged to student accounts.

Do I need a free/reduced meal application?

No — but a Household Income Form arrives in your principal's welcome packet. Completing it helps the district obtain additional federal and state grants.

MEALS BEGIN

**Thursday,
September 3, 2026**

The first day of school — one free breakfast and one free lunch daily, for every student.

ALLERGIES & DIETARY NEEDS

Contact the Child Nutrition Department at **(631) 345-2805** or childnutrition@longwoodcsd.org.



Will my child choose from the regular school menu?

Yes — every student receives the same delicious, nutritious meals previously offered by our Child Nutrition Department.

How do I pay for additional items?

Prepay any amount by check or money order (payable to the Longwood Lunch Fund), cash sent with your child, or online at myschoolbucks.com. Students always enter their student ID number.

Where are the menus?

In our effort to go green, menus are online: look under Child Nutrition or the Menu link at the bottom of the district homepage.

Registration & *Childcare*

Online enrollment and before- & after-school programs

— CENTRAL REGISTRATION

Enroll online with PowerSchool

To make registration easier and more efficient, the district offers an online enrollment system. PowerSchool enrollment lets parents complete and sign all required forms online, replacing almost all paper forms required at the start of the school year.

Online registration takes approximately 20–30 minutes for the first child, and less for subsequent siblings in the same household. If you need to step away, save your session and log back in to resume.

To begin, visit longwood.k12.ny.us → Departments → Central Registration.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION OFFICE

**21 Everett Drive
Yaphank, NY**

(631) 345-2162

Call for hours of operation.



SCAN TO REGISTER

Go straight to online
Central Registration.

— SCOPE • BEFORE & AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE

High-quality, licensed child care

SCOPE Education Services is excited to partner with the Longwood School District to offer high-quality, OCFS-licensed before and after-school child care programs at C.E. Walters, Coram, Longwood Middle, Ridge, and West Middle Island Schools.

The program provides a warm, safe environment with a 1:10 staff-to-student ratio and features a balance of homework support, STEAM projects, arts & crafts, outdoor play, and daily USDA-approved snacks.

Registration is open on a first-come, first-served basis and must be completed online; new SCOPE families must create an online account before submitting a child care contract.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

- **AM Program:** 7:00 AM until the start of school
- **PM Program:** School dismissal until 6:30 PM
- Full-time and part-time schedules available
- Sibling discounts, free tuition for active military, and income-based subsidies/scholarships

READY TO ENROLL?

Register online at scopeonline.ce.eleyo.com ·
Info: scopeonline.us

Angela Burzotta · (631) 360-0800 ext. 123



Serve Our *Schools*

Residents are invited to serve on Board, District, and Shared Decision-Making teams

The Board of Education invites community members to join Board and District committees. All committees will be formed at the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

Legislative Committee

Promotes school issues to federal, state, county, and town officials to enact legislation affecting education. Monitors — and may initiate — legislation in the district's interest.

Policy Committee

Assists the Board in developing policies that guide district operations with clear, concise guidelines for administration and staff. Membership is limited and, if necessary, determined by lottery.

School Safety Awareness Committee

A combined effort of community, students, and administration that reviews school safety issues and procedures and develops recommendations for district policies, programs, and events.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Budget Advisory

Provides a representative view of the proposed expenditures that formulate the school's spending plan for the next school year.

Community & Culture

Explores ways of further engaging the school community while promoting an inclusive school culture that enhances all students' self-identity, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

TO JOIN A COMMITTEE

Send a letter of interest with your name, address, and telephone number to Lillian M. Pizzolo, District Clerk, 35 Yaphank Middle Island Road, Middle Island, NY 11953, or e-mail Lillian.Pizzolo@longwoodcsd.org no later than **Monday, September 14, 2026**.

— SHARED DECISION-MAKING TEAMS

The Board invites the community to participate in Shared Decision-Making teams at the elementary schools — Ridge, West Middle Island, Coram, and Charles E. Walters — as well as the Middle School, Junior High School, and High School.

Teams work collaboratively on educational issues to improve student performance, bringing together members' hearts, spirit, and collective wisdom to give the community a meaningful role in planning and decision-making at the building level. Indicate your preferred team and an alternate; Board appointments depend on the availability of openings.

E-mail letters of interest to Lillian.Pizzolo@longwoodcsd.org by **Monday, September 14, 2026**.

EACH TEAM INCLUDES

Parents	4
Teachers	6
Community members	3
Administrators	2
Students (JHS & HS teams)	2

Annual Notices

Summaries of state and federally mandated notifications. Additional information and the complete Code of Conduct are available at longwood.k12.ny.us.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As required by law, the Triennial Asbestos Inspection of the district was performed in June 2025 in accordance with 40 CFR 763.85 and the EPA's AHERA reinspection guide. Reports are available from the Operations and Maintenance Office, (631) 345-2817.

ESSA COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Complaints alleging that a local educational agency or NYSED grantee has violated a law, rule, or regulation in administering a covered federal program under ESEA/ESSA may be filed through the New York State ESSA-Funded Programs Complaint Procedures at nysed.gov/essa, which provide for timely resolution.

PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DATA PRIVACY

Under NYS Education Law §2-d, the district is committed to protecting the privacy and security of student, teacher, and principal data. Student data cannot be sold or released for commercial purposes. Parents have the right to inspect and review their child's education records and to expect that data will be safeguarded using industry-standard practices. Complaints about a possible breach or unauthorized release of student data may be submitted to the district or to the NYSED Chief Privacy Officer at privacy@nysed.gov. The complete Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security, including supplemental information for third-party contracts, is available at longwood.k12.ny.us under Technology.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

Parents for Megan's Law operates an e-mail Sex Offender Alert Program, replacing mailed postcards; subscribers are notified whenever the Suffolk County Police Department distributes a notice. Register at parentsformeganslaw.com. As always, individuals listed on the registry are not permitted on school grounds without prior permission from the district. Helpline: (631) 689-2672.

CODE OF CONDUCT • SUMMARY

Expectations for conduct on district property, at school functions, and on school transportation rest on civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, and integrity. Students are expected to dress appropriately; clothing that is offensive, obscene, sexually suggestive, gang-related, or disruptive is prohibited. Disorderly, threatening, violent, insubordinate, offensive, or destructive behavior is prohibited. Zero-tolerance issues — weapons, sexual harassment, bullying, acts of bias, drugs or alcohol — involve law enforcement when violations constitute a crime. The Code incorporates the Dignity for All Students Act, protecting students from discrimination and harassment; Dignity Act Coordinators are listed below. Discipline is fair and progressive, with due process, parent notification, appeal rights, and safeguards for students with disabilities; corporal punishment is prohibited. Alternative instruction is provided during removals. Lockers and desks are district property subject to inspection. Smoking is prohibited on all school grounds. Off-campus misconduct that disrupts school, including cyberbullying, is prohibited. Visitors must sign in. Full text: longwood.k12.ny.us/parents-students/code-of-conduct.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The district offers equal educational and employment opportunities, including career and technical education, and does not discriminate based on actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion or religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, marital, military, or veteran status, disability, domestic-violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, genetic information, or any other basis prohibited by law; students are also protected based on weight. Equal access is provided to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries may be directed to James Crenshaw, Compliance Officer, (631) 345-2793, James.Crenshaw@longwoodcsd.org; Vaughn Denton, Ed.D., Title IX Coordinator, (631) 345-5896, Vaughn.Denton@longwoodcsd.org; or to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. Grievance procedures are available at longwood.k12.ny.us.

FERPA • DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, the district must obtain your written consent before disclosing personally identifiable information from your child's education records — with certain exceptions. One exception is "directory information," which the district may share without consent unless you opt out. Its main purpose is to let us include and celebrate your child in everyday school life: Longwood Life and press releases, the district website and social media, playbills, the yearbook, honor roll and recognition lists, graduation programs, and athletic rosters. The district has designated as directory information a student's name, address, telephone listing, e-mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, grade level, field of study, participation in activities and sports, weight/height for athletic team members, honors and awards, dates of attendance, and most recent school attended. This information may also be released to outside organizations, such as class-ring or yearbook companies. Separately, federal law requires the district to provide secondary students' names, addresses, and phone listings to military recruiters and colleges on request, unless a parent opts out. If you do not wish information about your child published, e-mail PublicRelations@longwoodcsd.org, by Monday, September 21, 2026, with your child's name, address, school, and grade.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

NYS Education Law §409-H requires notice of potential pesticide use during the school year. The district maintains a list of parents, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain applications (some categories are exempt; emergency applications receive good-faith notice). To join the list, send your name, address, phone numbers, e-mail, and school to Mike Valentine, Director of Plant Facilities, 21 Everett Drive, Yaphank, NY 11980, (631) 345-2817, or Michael.Valentine@longwoodcsd.org. A new request is required each year.

DIGNITY ACT COORDINATORS • 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

All numbers area code (631) • E-mail: Firstname.Lastname@longwoodcsd.org

District • James Crenshaw	345-2793	Junior High • Darlene Dorcinvil	345-2706	C.E. Walters • Linda Indelicato	345-2957
District • Allison Level	345-2173	Junior High • Tara Higgins	345-2706	Coram • Toni Kearns	698-0341
District • Valerie Perez	345-2889	Middle School • Estefany Vargas	345-2932	Coram • Denise Caiazzo	698-0077
District • Vivian Abbate	345-2888	Middle School • Amy Garbacz	345-2752	Ridge • Kristen Kopp	345-1503
High School • Dylan Kluber	345-9234	Middle School • Maureen Beatrice	345-2932	Ridge • Ann Marks	345-2316
High School • Lisa Hernandez	345-9233	C.E. Walters • Mary Beth Harmon	345-2180	W. Middle Island • Patricia Valot	345-2755

— MARK YOUR CALENDAR —



SCAN • 2026-27
CALENDAR

First Day of School

Thursday, September 3, 2026

FIRST FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS K-12

— 2026-27 BOARD OF EDUCATION —

Victoria Molloy, *President* · Matthew Gropper, *Vice President*

Daniel Tomaszewski · Rhonda Stitham, Ed.D.

William Massian · Gina Pozzolano Gebbia · Jeanne Knudsen



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