



Springfield 2026-2027

Superintendent's Report

August 31, 2026

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Springfield Public Schools Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Mission:

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

Report Overview

- NJQSAC- Springfield Earns High Performing District Designation
- Cell Phone Free Schools Policy
- Facilities Updates
- Welcome Back!
- Strategic Plan Draft
- Calendar Reminders



NJQSAC 2026 State Scores

NJQSAC Areas	2026	2023	2020
Instruction and Program	87%	84%	83%
Fiscal Management	100%	100%	100%
Governance	100%	100%	100%
Operations	97%	98%	84%
Personnel	100%	100%	100%

Personal Device Policy

- Policy & Regulation 5516: Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
- Devices include: Personal phones, earphones, ear buds, watches, iPads, meta-glasses– any device connected to the internet in anyway
- “Bell to Bell”: Grades K-12, no device use on school site during the school day.
 - Grades K-4: No device/use on board property at any time
 - Grades 5-12: No device/use from first bell to last
- Discipline
 - 1st Offense: Device taken from student, returned end of day
 - 2nd Offense: Device taken, parent pick up required
 - 3rd Offense +: Device taken, parent pick up, disciplinary action (detention, in-school suspension, etc)

1 **POLICY 5516:
BELL-TO-BELL
DEVICE POLICY**

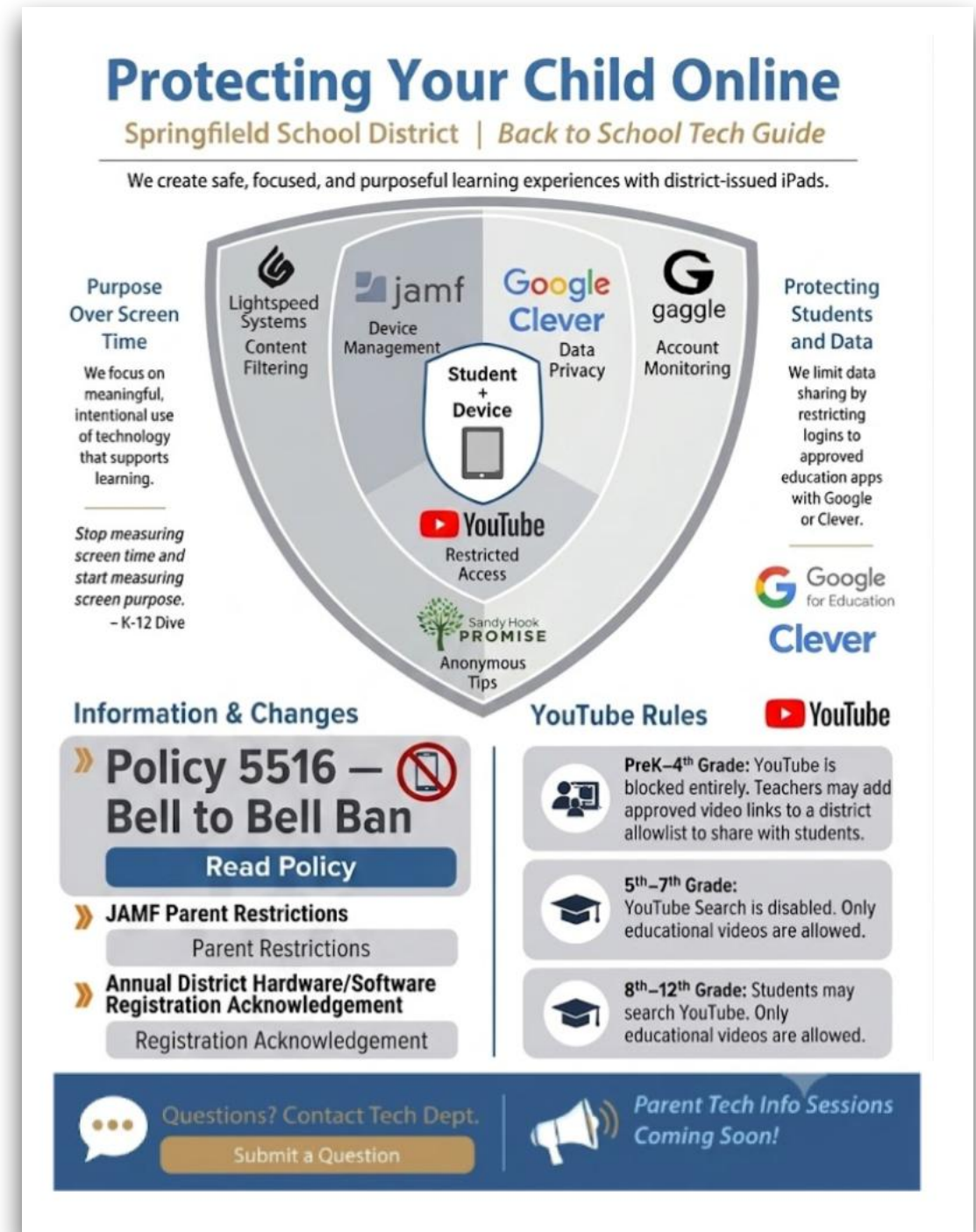


Personal internet-enabled devices
(smartphones, smartwatches, tablets)
are prohibited bell to bell, school day
start to dismissal.

 District-issued iPads are
not affected – they remain
a core learning tool.

Technology Updates

- Our Goal: Springfield Public Schools will create safe, focused, and purposeful learning experiences that utilize technology to support meaningful and engaging learning experience.
- To Do This:
 - Strengthening YouTube Rules
 - Supporting Parent Restrictions
 - Increasing Data Privacy Measures
 - Emphasizing Purposeful Use of Technology Resources
 - Extending Teacher Management Tools



Protecting Your Child Online
Springfield School District | Back to School Tech Guide

We create safe, focused, and purposeful learning experiences with district-issued iPads.

Purpose Over Screen Time
We focus on meaningful, intentional use of technology that supports learning.
Stop measuring screen time and start measuring screen purpose. – K-12 Dive

Protecting Students and Data
We limit data sharing by restricting logins to approved education apps with Google or Clever.

Information & Changes

- » **Policy 5516 — Bell to Bell Ban**
[Read Policy](#)
- » **JAMF Parent Restrictions**
[Parent Restrictions](#)
- » **Annual District Hardware/Software Registration Acknowledgement**
[Registration Acknowledgement](#)

YouTube Rules

- PreK–4th Grade:** YouTube is blocked entirely. Teachers may add approved video links to a district allowlist to share with students.
- 5th–7th Grade:** YouTube Search is disabled. Only educational videos are allowed.
- 8th–12th Grade:** Students may search YouTube. Only educational videos are allowed.

Questions? Contact Tech Dept.
[Submit a Question](#)

Parent Tech Info Sessions Coming Soon!

Tools and Services: Lightspeed Systems Content Filtering, jamf Device Management, Google Clever Data Privacy, gaggle Account Monitoring, Student + Device, YouTube Restricted Access, Sandy Hook PROMISE Anonymous Tips, Google for Education, Clever, YouTube.

Facilities Updates

- JDHS Classroom Floors
- JDHS Turf Field
- JDHS Field House
- JDHS Tennis Courts
- JDHS East Gym Windows
- JDHS Faculty Bathrooms
- JDHS Roof
- FMG Faculty Bathrooms
- FMG Turf Field
- FMG Conference Room
- FMG HVAC (Cafe & Selected Classrooms)
- JDHS Choir/Orchestra Room
- JDHS Band Room
- JDHS Auditorium Lighting
- JDHS Auditorium Carpet
- JDHS Window Replacements
- JDHS Life Skills Classroom & Sensory/ OT/PT Space
- Caldwell Bathrooms
- Caldwell Boiler
- Sandmeier Boiler
- Sandmeier Bullet-Proof Window Glazing
- Exterior Door Replacement

Welcome New Staff!



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Welcome Back Team Springfield!



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Ribbon Cutting





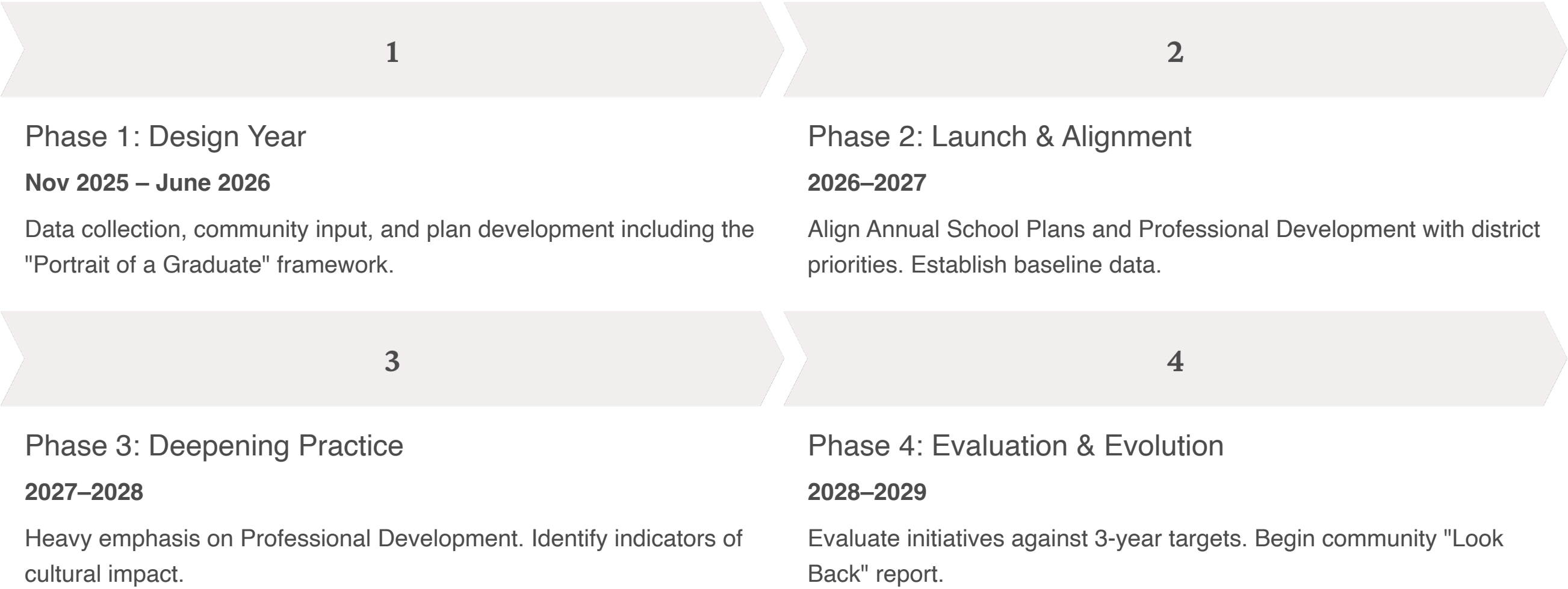
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District Strategic Plan 2026–2029

A summary of our vision, priorities, and goals for the next three years.

Strategic Planning Process

This plan follows the "**Analyze, Design, Implement, Monitor**" model used by high-performing districts, unfolding across four distinct phases from 2025 through 2029.



Portrait of a Graduate



The "Portrait of a Graduate" outlines the essential competencies most valued by the Springfield community — going beyond academics to develop well-rounded individuals prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Critical Thinkers & Problem Solvers

Analyze complex information and develop creative, effective solutions.

Effective Communicators

Express ideas clearly and persuasively across diverse contexts.

Self-Directed, Resilient & Adaptive Learners

Embrace challenges, learn from setbacks, and continuously grow.

Our Strategic Plan: Five Priority Areas

The strategic plan is organized around five interconnected priorities that together support every student, staff member, and family in Springfield Public Schools.

1. Instructional Excellence

Meaningful, engaging, and challenging learning experiences that develop critical thinking and lifelong skills.

2. Culture, Climate & Wellbeing

A positive, inclusive environment supported by social-emotional, mental health, and academic resources.

3. Professional Learning & Practice

High-quality, differentiated learning experiences aligned to each staff member's unique role.

4. Family & Community Engagement

Clear communication and collaborative partnerships so every student, family, and staff member belongs and thrives.

5. Operations, Facilities & Finance

Fiscal responsibility and operational excellence in support of student success.

Instructional Excellence

Five goals drive instructional excellence across Springfield schools through 2029.

Goal 1.a — Universal Design for Learning

Embed UDL strategies district-wide through professional development and walkthroughs.

Goal 1.d — Inclusive Environments

Increase students with disabilities educated in least restrictive environments.

Goal 1.b — Post-Secondary Success

Expand career pathways, dual enrollment, and work-based learning for all.

Goal 1.e — Student Achievement

Demonstrate measurable growth via DIBELS, iReady, NJSLA, and LinkIt assessments.

Goal 1.c — Technology Integration

Build a safe digital learning environment measured by SAMR walkthroughs.

PRIORITY 2

Culture, Climate & Wellbeing

Goal 2.a — SEL Support

- Standardize HIB trainings across all schools
- Implement Second Step SEL curriculum K–12

Goal 2.b — School Belonging

- Reduce chronic absenteeism rates annually
- Establish building-based Attendance Review Teams

Professional Learning & Practice

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Goal 3.a — Building a Common Language

Build shared instructional leadership through walkthroughs, evaluator calibration, and Instructional Rounds.

- 100% of classrooms receive one walkthrough by Year 1
- Expand Instructional Rounds to teacher leaders by Year 3

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Goal 3.b — Professional Learning Framework

Design a differentiated professional learning system aligned to all staff roles.

- Establish consistent PLC structure and shared vision in Year 1
- Embed PLCs as a self-sustaining improvement system by Year 3

PRIORITY 4

Family & Community Engagement

Goal 4.a — By June 2029, Springfield Public Schools will strengthen family and community engagement through intentional communication, meaningful participation, and collaborative input opportunities.

Year 1 (2026–27)

Launch a standardized district-wide quarterly communication calendar.
Achieve **60% family engagement**.
Deliver benchmark reports within 10 school days.

Year 2 (2027–28)

Introduce personalized student progress reports with actionable home-learning strategies. Increase workshop participation to **70%**.

Year 3 (2028–29)

Fully institutionalize quarterly data-sharing across all schools, achieving an **80%+ family engagement rate** with equity across all student subgroups.

Operations, Facilities & Finance

Goal 5.a — Through June 2029, the district will annually review facility plans and align infrastructure and building enhancements to create safe, high-quality environments that support student success.

Safe & Secure Environments

Integrate camera, phone, and notification systems while continuously upgrading security technology districtwide.

Modern Learning Spaces

Update STEM classrooms, complete referendum projects, and standardize furniture in 75% of classrooms by 2029.

Infrastructure & Accessibility

Unify HVAC systems on a single BMS and implement accessibility and sensory-friendly upgrades districtwide.

Fiscal Stewardship

Responsibly leverage budget, referendum funding, and capital reserves to deliver all facility improvements.

Mark Your Calendars!



WELCOME BACK

26-27 School Year

ALL EVENTS: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Caldwell, Sandmeier & Walton	Meet & Greet	1:00–2:30 pm
FMG Grades 6 & 7	Meet & Greet	9:00–10:00 am
FMG Grade 5	Meet & Greet	10:00–11:00 am
JDHS 8th & 9th Grade	Orientation	9:30–11:45 am

➤ Additional details coming from each school later this month. ➤



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Please note, times and information will be shared by your schools

	Gaudineer Middle School	Thurs. Sept. 10
	Caldwell & Sandmeier Elementary Schools	Wed. Sept. 16
	Walton Elementary	Thurs. Sept. 17
	Dayton High School	Thurs. Sept. 24

☆ We can't wait to meet you! ☆

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JDHS SCHOOL COUNSELING

Fall 2026

COLLEGE EVENTS

PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME!
DETAILED INFO ON EACH EVENT TO FOLLOW!

SAVE THE DATES!

College Apps 101 & Financial Aid Night
Thurs. 10/8 @ 6-8 pm, JDHS Halsey Hall

College Panel
Thurs. 10/22 @ 6-8 pm, JDHS Halsey Hall

The College Funding Coach
Thurs. 11/12 @ 6-8 pm, JDHS IMC

2026-2027

Office Hours

WITH

Dr. Goldberg

OCT. 7, 2026	4 PM - 6 PM
DEC. 2, 2026	9 AM - 11 AM
JAN. 12, 2027	11 AM- 1 PM
FEB. 17, 2027	11 AM- 1 PM
MAR. 24, 2027	4 PM - 6 PM
APR. 28, 2027	9 AM - 11 AM
JUN. 2, 2027	11 AM- 1 PM

Office Hours will be held at the
Chisholm Community Center,
100 S. Springfield Ave,
all members of the Springfield
community are welcome!

Any updates will be shared via our website & social
media. Please note, if you have a specific matter
that you wish to discuss, don't hesitate to email at
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