

Work Session/Regular Meeting
Dr. Thomas J. Duffy, Superintendent
March 10, 2025

Education Updates

Read Across America was celebrated the week of March 3, 2025. Events at WPC included story themed dress-up days, a Reading Olympics, guest readers, and a Reading Bingo Challenge that will continue throughout the month. DIS held a Scholastic Book Fair, daily dress up themes that correlated with literacy activities such as dressing up like your favorite character, and also had scavenger hunts, played Scrabble, and trivia games that were based on children's literature.

The district continues to celebrate [Music In Our Schools Month](#). MIOSM is a nationally recognized time to celebrate the importance of music education and honor music educators. The district has acknowledged the outstanding music department with a web page and Facebook posts, internal district communication, and a shout out on our digital sign on Hildebrandt Road.

Congratulations to our students and music department that includes: Jill Antall, Hollie Baker, Tom Bassett, Jeff Brown [Allie Bruch](#), and Cassie Palfey (chairperson.)

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school kicks off on March 18, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Dallas High School Performing Arts Center. Parents of prospective students who will be 5 years old on or after August 31, 2025 should attend this informational session that will introduce our kindergarten teachers and program and review registration requirements and timelines.

Agendas are being finalized for our March 21, 2025 Act 80 In-service (half day for students) and will include PDE mandated PSSA Administration Training for teachers in grade 3-8, K-5 ELA and Science Curriculum and Program Committees, Senior Capstone Panel Presentations and pre-planning for class roster formulation for 25-26.

Parents and families are reminded that [PSSA Administration Windows](#) for students in Grades 3-8 are (listed below) and building specific schedules and protocols are forthcoming.

English Language Arts	April 21-25, 2025
Math/Science	April 28-May 2, 2025

Property Updates

Spring and early summer priorities for the Buildings and Grounds Department include:

- WPC Roof Restoration - COSTARS process/ Grant funded (75%)
- Asphalt patching - Quotes are being obtained
- Varsity Baseball Field - infield detail work, addition of tarps, dug outs add stone
- Stadium turf completion - slated for late March
- Campus street sweeping - April
- Outdoor lighting - admin repair - April
- Wycallis - desk repair and desktop replacement - summer
- Wycallis playground - water remediation/asphalt re-top/ repair

Policy Updates (Initial review at our 02.10.25 meeting.)

Policy 146.1. Trauma-Informed Approach - This policy was updated with the new legal citations addressing school safety and security training requirements for school employees. The language on reporting of school safety and security incidents was also updated based on the terminology changes from the School Code.

Policy 218. Student Discipline - The language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code terminology. Legal citations to the new sections of the School Code were also added.

Policy 218.1. Weapons - The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions. Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were also added.

Policy 218.2. Terroristic Threats - The language addressing students with disabilities was moved into the Authority section of the policy, to align with other policies that include similar provisions. The language and legal citations pertaining to incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE were also updated to reflect the current School Code provisions.

Policy 805. Emergency Preparedness and Response - The policy language addressing law enforcement agencies was updated to reflect the current School Code terminology. The language addressing instructional time was updated to reflect both instructional days and hours, in accordance with the provisions of new School Code section 24 P.S. 1-133

Policy 805.1. Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies - The language and legal citations throughout this policy were updated to reflect the current School Code provisions addressing school safety and security incident reporting and coordination with law enforcement agencies. The section on Memorandum of Understanding was updated to reflect the changes to the School Code and more closely align with those provisions of the law. The process for coordination between the Superintendent and law enforcement agency in reviewing the incident data prior to submission to PDE was also revised to reflect the current School Code requirements.

Policy 806. Child Abuse - The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions. Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were also added.

Policy 904. Public Attendance at School Events -The policy language on incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated to reflect the current School Code provisions. Legal citations to the new sections of School Code were also added. Policy 904 was also updated to remove language that specifically listed "Juul" products as an example of tobacco and vaping products, to align with policies 222, 323 and 707.

Policy 909. Municipal Government Relations - The terminology and legal citations related to coordination with law enforcement agencies and the development of the memorandum of understanding were updated to reflect current School Code provisions.