



Wallingford-Swarthmore
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting

January 22, 2024

200 S. Providence Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

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Mission and Vision Statements

MISSION

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is committed to assuring the academic achievement and personal growth of all students within an environment that promotes:

- Respect for self and others
- Active engagement in learning
- Leadership in the global community
- The pursuit of excellence

VISION

Our vision is to develop a world-class school district that provides students with the skills to succeed in a changing global environment. This vision will be realized through a commitment to high-quality programs and continuous improvement based upon careful analysis and integration of the most effective practices.



Focus Topic

Strath Haven Middle School

Presented by Dr. Christopher Matsanka, Principal

BBD 2022-2023 Audit

Presented by Carl Hogan



Principles for Governance and Leadership

Pennsylvania school boards are committed to providing every student the opportunity to grow and achieve. The actions taken by the board ultimately have both short and long-term impact in the classroom. Therefore, school directors collectively and individually will...

Advocate Earnestly

Lead Responsibly

Govern Effectively

Plan Thoughtfully

Evaluate Continuously

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Promote public education as a keystone of democracy
Engage the community by seeking input, building support networks, and generating action
Champion public education by engaging members of local, state and federal legislative bodies

Prepare for, attend and actively participate in board meetings
Work together in a spirit of harmony, respect and cooperation
Participate in professional development, training and board retreats
Collaborate with the Superintendent as the Team of 10

Adhere to an established set of rules and procedures for board operations
Develop, adopt, revise and review policy
Align decisions to policy
Differentiate between governance and management, delegating management tasks to administration
Allocate finances and resources
Ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws

Adopt and implement a collaborative comprehensive planning process, including regular reviews
Set annual goals that are aligned with the comprehensive plan
Develop a financial plan that anticipates both short and long-term needs
Formulate a master facilities plan conducive to teaching and learning

Utilize appropriate data to make informed decisions
Use effective practices for the evaluation of the superintendent
Assess student growth and achievement
Review effectiveness of the comprehensive plan

Promote open, honest and respectful dialogue among the board, staff and community
Encourage input and support for the district from the school community
Protect confidentiality
Honor the sanctity of executive session

Never use the position for improper benefit to self or others
Act to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest
Recognize the absence of authority outside of the collective board
Respect the role, authority and input of the superintendent
Balance the responsibility to provide educational programs with being stewards of community resources
Abide by the majority decision

School Board Recognition Month



Thank you for your dedicated service!

MLK Day of Service - January 15th



Over 200 students, parents, teachers and community members attended the District's first community-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 16 at the middle school. The morning-long celebration featured a grab-and-go breakfast, legislator remarks, a keynote address, meaningful student performances and several student-led community service activities.



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Save The Date!

SHMS Musical - "The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical". February 8th, 9th, 10th at 7pm and the 11th at 2pm.

SHHS Musical - "Mean Girls"
February 23rd-25th and March 1st-3rd

Check out the Wallingford Swarthmore Music Association Facebook for more details coming soon!



Nurtured Heart Approach®: Turning Challenging Behaviors into Success

This parent engagement session offers a unique opportunity for parents and caregivers with students in grades 6-12 to learn conflict-free strategies to re-directing and working through challenging behaviors, both large and small. The Nurtured Heart Approach is a research-based, relationship-focused methodology founded strategically in the 3 Stands, which helps children and adults build their Inner Wealth and use their intensity in successful ways. It has become a powerful way of awakening the inherent greatness in all children, tweens and teens while also facilitating parenting success.

[Register Here](#)

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WHEN: JANUARY 24, 2024 6:30 - 8:00
WHERE: SHMS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

[REGISTER HERE](#)

STUDENT STRESS AND EXCESSIVE WORRY

Supporting Students with Stress and Excessive Worry for Parents and Caregivers: This presentation focuses on ways parents and caregivers can support children with stress and excessive worry during the re-acclimation process. Participants will leave this presentation with strategies that they can utilize at home to help promote positive mental health and emotional growth.

WHEN: MARCH 11, 2024 6:30 - 8:00
WHERE: NPE LIBRARY

[REGISTER HERE](#)

STRATEGIES TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO SCHOOL AVOIDANCE:

In this workshop, parents and caregivers will learn about the signs and factors relating to school avoidance. Particular attention is paid to principles relating to treatment and responding to school avoidant children.

WHEN: MAY 06, 2024 6:30 - 8:00
WHERE: STRATH HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

[REGISTER HERE](#)





*Special
Olympics*
Pennsylvania



Philadelphia Polar Plunge

February 9 & 10, 2024 | Citizens Bank Park

Special Olympics Pennsylvania invites you to register for the **General Plunge** and **College Plunge** on **Saturday, February 10th** and the **Business Plunge** on **Friday, February 9th!**





Upcoming District Dates

February 7th	Facilities & Finance Committee Meeting
February 14th	Policy Committee Meeting
February 16th	In-Service Day
February 19th	District is Closed
February 21st	Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
February 26th	Regular School Board Meeting

