

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting
April 25, 2022



Wallingford- Swarthmore School District

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 Topics

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for Discussion

Swarthmore-Rutledge School - Dr. Tuck



Health and Safety Plan

Health and Safety

Spring Break Data



	HS	MS	NPE	SRS	WES		HS	MS	NPE	SRS	WES
Population Students and Staff											
5%	Closure Guideline						Excludes Spring Break 4/9 - 4/17				
	<2% over 14 days = Mask Optional Guideline										
4/22/2022	0.55%	1.10%	0.69%	2.20%	1.28%		0.41%	0.70%	0.17%	0.79%	0.96%
4/21/2022	0.55%	1.00%	0.69%	2.20%	1.28%		0.41%	0.70%	0.17%	0.79%	0.96%
4/20/2022	0.48%	1.00%	0.69%	2.05%	1.28%		0.41%	0.70%	0.17%	0.94%	0.96%
4/19/2022	0.41%	1.00%	0.52%	1.89%	1.12%		0.34%	0.60%	0.00%	0.79%	1.12%
4/18/2022	0.34%	0.90%	0.52%	1.73%	1.28%		0.20%	0.50%	0.00%	0.63%	1.12%
4/17/2022	0.27%	0.70%	0.52%	1.57%	1.12%		0.27%	0.70%	0.52%	1.57%	1.12%
4/16/2022	0.20%	0.60%	0.35%	1.26%	1.12%		0.20%	0.60%	0.35%	1.26%	1.12%
4/15/2022	0.14%	0.60%	0.35%	1.10%	1.28%		0.14%	0.60%	0.35%	1.10%	1.28%
4/14/2022	0.14%	0.60%	0.17%	1.10%	1.28%		0.14%	0.60%	0.17%	1.10%	1.28%
4/13/2022	0.14%	0.50%	0.00%	0.94%	1.12%		0.14%	0.50%	0.00%	0.94%	1.12%
4/12/2022	0.07%	0.60%	0.00%	0.79%	1.12%		0.07%	0.60%	0.00%	0.79%	1.12%
4/11/2022	0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.79%	0.96%		0.14%	0.60%	0.00%	0.79%	0.96%
4/10/2022	0.14%	0.50%	0.00%	0.47%	1.28%		0.14%	0.50%	0.00%	0.47%	1.28%
4/9/2022	0.14%	0.30%	0.00%	0.47%	1.12%		0.14%	0.30%	0.00%	0.47%	1.12%
4/8/2022	0.20%	0.30%	0.00%	0.47%	0.96%		0.20%	0.30%	0.00%	0.47%	0.96%

Health and Safety Plan

Health and
Safety

Current
Dashboard
4-25-22

Daily New Cases - 14 Day Window

	HS	MS	NPE	SRS	WES	Transp	Op	Total
4/25/2022	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	8
4/24/2022	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	5
4/23/2022	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	5
4/22/2022	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	4
4/21/2022	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
4/20/2022	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	5
4/19/2022	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
4/18/2022	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	5
Spring Break					See bottom of page			
4/8/2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4/7/2022	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
4/6/2022	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
4/5/2022	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
4/4/2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4/3/2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Incidence Rate

	HS	MS	NPE	SRS	WES
4/25/2022	0.68%	1.00%	0.35%	2.20%	1.12%
4/24/2022	0.61%	1.00%	0.35%	1.42%	1.12%
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4/6/2022	0.20%	0.30%	0.00%	0.47%	1.12%
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Per our [Health and Safety Plan](#), effective tomorrow, Tuesday, April 26, students, staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask at SRS for all building activities and when utilizing transportation.



Debt Restructuring

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January 19, 2022 - Finance Committee Meeting - Budget Challenges

- Debt-Service - Among the highest in Delaware County, on relative basis
- Debt services drops from 6.5% of our total budget to 3.4% [2029] to 1.1%[2030] and 0% [2035]

April 20, 2022 - Finance Committee Meeting - Proposed Debt Restructuring and Project Funding

- Fund Balance is rapidly consumed and eliminated in 2026-2027. Ultimately it is restored in 2029-2030 and continues to grow.
- Plan developed to alleviate problem DEBT RESTRUCTURING
- Raymond James Public Finance shared some scenarios that would allow restructuring of our debt
- Proposed restructure of \$13,680,000 par. Goal is to alleviate budget strain by approximately \$1.8 to 1.9 million per year, in exchange for longer term debt service. Two year extension
- For example, in 2023- 2024, debt service reduced from \$7,394,067 to \$5,500,630

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- Aligning our work to ensure each department is fulfilling its educational mission, and create a stronger structure to help us implement the goals and objectives of our strategic plan.
- Providing a clear hierarchy of responsibilities and communication, along with more clearly defined roles
- Providing more cohesiveness and collaboration (eliminating the 'silo' approach) as we work to address programmatic and educational challenges • Accelerating student outcomes, narrowing gaps, and better leveraging the district's strengths
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Assistant Superintendent & Director of STEM



1. A need to increase our curricular programming, innovation and rigor that create multiple career pathways for all students
 2. A need to more deliberately address the challenges of Diversity, Equity, Cultural Proficiency, Inclusion and Belonging
 3. A need to strengthen and improve counseling services and support our students' mental and emotional health, and continue with trauma-informed practices
 4. A need for significant improvement in student outcomes, especially those in historically underperforming, marginalized subgroups (students of color, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students)
 5. A need to provide increased support to our staff/teachers so they can best help our students and strengthen family partnerships
- A motion is before the Board of School Directors to approve the resolution to elect James Conley, Ed.D. as the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District Assistant Superintendent of Schools
 - The Administration recommends that the Board of School Directors approve the appointment of the Director of STEM Teaching, Learning, and Innovation.

Student Letters & Recommendations

Team Scott - Persuasive Writing Letter - WES - 3rd Grade

- **Four Day Day Week**
 - Support Social Emotional Wellbeing
 - Fiscal Savings
 - International Comparison (eg. Finland, Ireland, etc.)
 - Nominated at Best Superintendent Ever

Teams Corson & Sparks- Persuasive Writing Letter - SRS 5th Grade Class

Homework

- Operating homework in the same model since 1905

Recess

- Research shows “taking breaks for unstructured play is critical in increasing focus and attention”

Gender Neutral Bathrooms

- Girls, Boys and Non-Gendered Bathrooms

Summer

- Longer summer break to support social emotional wellness

Vending Machines

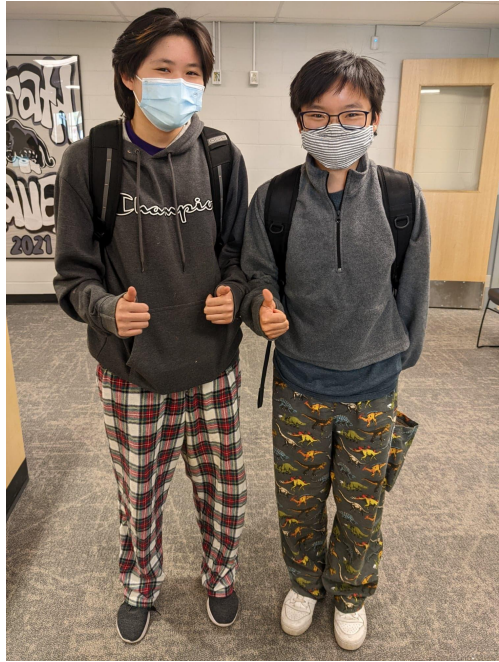
- “I think that if our school had vending machines it would motivate students with a drink.”

Standing Desk

- Increases test scores and better grades - Better learning opportunities

Student Letters
&
Recommendations





SHHS Spirit Week
Themed days all week.
Spring Fling - Friday, 4/29
4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Jump Rope for Heart
WES - April 22



Mental Health Resource Night - April 18



Earth Day - April 22



Pennsylvania State Modern
Language Association

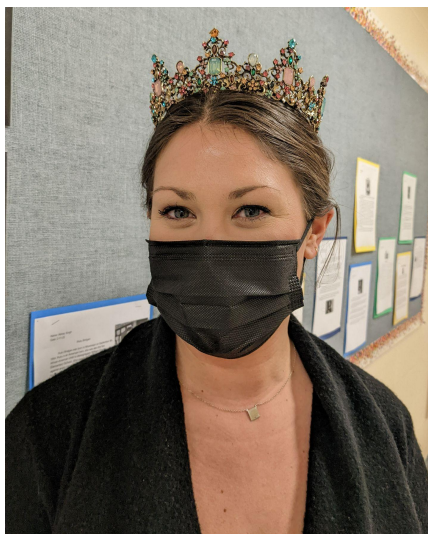
**2022-2023 Golden Globe Award
SHHS World Languages Dept.**



Mr. Dan Shaffer
*SHMS Social Studies
teacher, SHHS football
coach, and volunteer*
Excellence In Teaching Award



WSSD Jazz Night
Wednesday, 4/27 @ 7 p.m.
SHHS Auditorium



**Teacher Appreciation
Week
May 2-6, 2022**

PSSA

Strath Haven Middle School

ELA testing -Tuesday April 26th through Thursday April 28th

Math testing - Wednesday May 4th and Thursday May 5th

Science (grade 8 only) Tuesday May 10th and Wednesday May 11th

Elementary Schools (NPE, WES, and SRS) 9: 00 – 11: 30

ELA: April 25, 26, and 27 (Monday through Wednesday)

Math: Tuesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 4

Science: Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6



Committee Meetings

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Important Dates

Policy Committee - Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Strath Haven Middle School, Room B-226 - 7:00 p.m.

Educational Affairs Committee - Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Strath Haven Middle School, Room B-226 - 7:00 p.m.

- Comprehensive Plan

Regular Meeting of the Board School Directors - Monday, May 9, 2022

Strath Haven Middle School Library - 7:00 p.m.

Facilities and Finance Committee - Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Strath Haven Middle School, Room B-226 - 7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Board School Directors - Monday, May 23, 2022

Strath Haven Middle School Library - 7:00 p.m.

