



Learning is our Mission

EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE!

The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Board of Education is pleased to announce our District Goal for the 2018-2019 school year. Our District Goal is focused not only on community engagement for student success, but also on the well-being of each student in our schools:

The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District will undergo the process of creating a District-wide, Five-year Strategic Plan by June 2019.

Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Schools 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Initiative

Secure the history. Review the present. Map the future.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TALK WITH US

Tuesday, October 16, 2018,
WMS All Purpose Room, 7-8 pm

Wednesday, November 14, 2018,
MSS Library (After PTO Meeting)

Tuesday, December 4, 2018,
WHS Cafeteria, 7-8 pm

All meetings have the same agenda, which is to share dialogue about the future of our schools!

RSVP: Go to www.woodstown.org
"Strategic Planning" to reserve your seat!

In conjunction with this overarching goal, the District Administrative Team and Board of Education will revise and update the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District Policy and Regulation Manual to establish District-wide, updated, systems and processes by May 2019. We are also revising and updating several mandated District Plans via collaboration with each respective Department(s) by June 2019.

Along with this systemic initiative, we plan to continue to promote capacity for our professional community and positive acknowledgement of our outstanding school staff. Be on the lookout for a video series that will be linked to our website...more to come!

WHAT'S NEW? WPRSD INITIATIVES AND INNOVATIONS....

Instructional innovations are paramount to our work as educators, especially as we look to the future for our students. Utilizing data to chart our course, our district administrative team is working with our skilled staff to facilitate the following innovations to positively impact student learning:

Highlights of this work at the William Roper and Mary Shoemaker Schools include focusing on mathematics instruction and student achievement utilizing our mathematics curriculum document and through small group instruction. Emphasis is being placed on English and language arts instruction through supplemental resources including the Café and Read to Succeed model during our literacy instruction time. The STARS positive behavioral support system is also in place to increase overall well-being of the whole child. Teaching tolerance, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our students are all components of our positive school climate.

Woodstown Middle School was accepted into the third cohort of the School Climate Transformation Project, sponsored by the NJ Department of Education and Rutgers University. WMS continues to focus on positive school climate for our middle school students. WMS is also working to improve math instruction and student achievement through utilization of EnVision math resources and benchmark assessments. In the various content areas, our focus is on tailoring writing and reading skills for each specific area. The general well-being of students is always in our sights through "advisory" format during EEE and mindfulness activities during morning announcements.

Woodstown High School, in collaboration with staff, students, and administrators, is beginning to research, investigate, and develop potential options for a new bell schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Our goal is to maximize student learning, provide enrichment opportunities for the students, and incorporate common planning time for the staff. Quarterly Assessments are currently being developed to assess students at the end of each marking period. This data will serve as benchmark data to provide opportunities for the staff to analyze outcomes to inform their instruction. The math department at WHS is currently piloting the Pearson AGA Math Program in several of our math classes this year.

After evaluating pilot program results, we aspire to implement this pilot programming department wide in the future.

District-wide, our commitment to technology upgrades is reflected in the following initiatives:

- Switches and WIFI system upgraded
- Phone system upgrade (in progress)
- Fiber infrastructure upgrade

Clearly, a busy year is planned to keep the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District on the cutting edge of educational best-practices for our students.



Board of Education Agenda

Highlights from the
September 27, 2018 Meeting:

Regretfully, 3 of our Board of Education members resigned due to a change in residency. We would like to thank Patrick Bates, Robert Iocona and Ron Rattigan for all they have done for the District!

New members were interviewed and will officially begin at the October 25, 2018 Board meeting. Welcome to:

Floyd Pennal
Nelson Carney
Jessica Madiraca

Can't make the meeting but want to keep up with what is happening? All board agendas are listed on our website. [Click here](#) to go and check them out!

Moving on to New Chapters

Our Board of Education accepted the following retirement(s).

Name	Date
Andrea Bramante	12/1/2018
Cherie Lower	12/1/2018

Welcome New Staff!

High/District

PT Library Aide	McKenzi	Taylor
Athletic Director	Joseph	Ursino
PT Social Worker	Nicole	Stemberger

Mary Shoemaker

PT Lunch Aide	Denise	Hemsley
Teacher of Students w/Disabilities	Eric	Fizur

Long Term Substitutes

HS	Kieran Keyser
HS	Evelyn Porter
HS	Glenn Merkle
MS	Pamela Bergman
MS	Crystal Piro
HS/MS	McKenzi Taylor
WRS	Tara McQueston

Upcoming BOE Work Session Dates

Thursday	10/18/18	6:00 pm	BOE Office
Thursday	11/07/18	6:00 pm	BOE Office
Thursday	12/06/18	6:00 pm	BOE Office

Upcoming BOE Public Meeting Dates

Thursday	10/25/18	6:00 pm	MSS Library
Thursday	11/15/18	6:00 pm	MSS Library
Thursday	12/13/18	6:00 pm	MSS Library

