

Our Path to First Choice No. 8
2019/20

Everyone,

Here's Our Path note. Thank you for all you do for our students!

Our Path Topic

As stated last week, many things are going on in WASD this year to help make the vision of *First Choice* a reality. Whether elementary, middle, high school or support services, things are moving to create *First Choice*.

Under the leadership of Dianne Eberhardt, Dr. Diane McCallum, Emily Goodine, Megan McGuire, Matt Jenkins and staffs, below are some of the focus for supporting our First Choice vision.

The elementary schools are working on *First Choice* through several means. Below are a few.

Academic Pillar:

- Differentiated instruction within the classroom (guided reading groups, guided math groups)
- Pilot programs in grade 4
- Cross classroom grouping for guided reading
- Reading support from a reading specialist.
- Keyboarding grades 3 to 5.

The Career Pillar:

- Smart Futures CCR activities.
- Project TEAM career-focused lessons.
- Fifth-grade students visit the Franklin County Career & Technical Center

Whole Child Pillar:

- Project TEAM lessons each month.
- Social skills groups facilitated by Healthy Communities Partnership, school counselor, and/or social worker.
- Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP) established in all buildings.
- Social workers
- Check and Connect attendance program.
- Pre-K Counts Classes added additional classes in 2019/20—over 100 students served.
- Trauma Classroom (Inspire)
- Growth Mindset focus

First Choice for Staff:

- Professional Development Book Studies
- Self-paced and self-selected professional learning
- Visitations to model districts participating in IU8 grant
- Surveys—Professional Development and New Teachers
- DSW Differentiated Supervision
- Instructional Rounds Math 3-12
- PLDC (PA Leadership Development Corporation) training and coaching for WASD administration.
- Employer-sponsored child care-January
- WellSpan Walk-In Clinic for Staff and families.

Board Information and Policy Updates

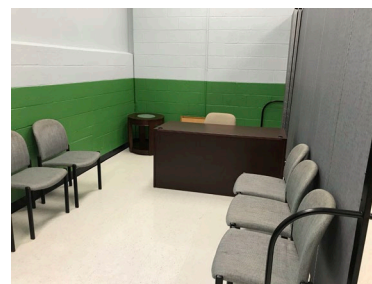
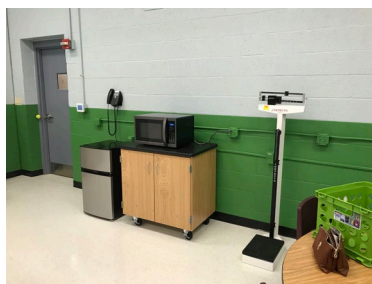
- Next School Board Meetings.
 - October 21st is the next Facilities Committee Meeting
 - October 28th is the next Board Meeting.

You may check out District policies by going to this site:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

The New WellSpan Clinic

Located at the high school in the new Early Learning Center, WellSpan is targeting October 15th as the opening for the clinic. Stay tuned for the definitive date. Here are some photos of the new clinic.



A Challenge for You

What are the pillars that support *First Choice*?

Piece of the Puzzle

This week's Piece of the Puzzle is Matt Brown. Matt Brown has been nominated for his commitment and hard work with the GED program. Under his leadership, this program has really made positive strides to meet the needs of community members who are seeking at GED. Matt has demonstrated his pride in the program and students by meeting their goal of a high school diploma. When you see Matt, congratulate him for being a Piece of the Puzzle!

*Challenge Answer (Important to Know)

WASD's vision is *First Choice*. The three Pillars needed to fulfill each child's *First Choice* are the Career, the Academic, and the Whole Child. Without one or the other, *First Choice* will be difficult to achieve. As we continue Our Path to First Choice, we must build the opportunities and supports within each of the pillars and the different levels as elementary, middle, and high school.

Final Thoughts

- *Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you.*—John C. Maxwell.
- *I discovered I always have choices and sometimes it's only a choice of attitude.*—Judith M. Knowlton,
- *Choice is what enables us to tell the world who we are.*—Barry Schwartz.
- *Choose your love, love your choice.*—Thomas S. Monson.
- *Everything in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made. If you want a different result, make a different choice.*—Boomsumo.com.
- *Happiness is a choice that requires effort at times.*—Aeschylus.

- *Don't judge my choices without understanding my reasons.*—Sean Kempenski.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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