

West Essex Regional School District Board of Education Meeting

October 17, 2022



Reports

- Board President's Report - Deb Calderone
- Superintendent's Report - Damion Macioci
- Student Data Safety System/School Self-Assessment Report - Julie Hoebee
- District Assessment Report - Ryan Gupta
- WEMS Principal's Report - Gina Donlevie
- WEHS Principal's Report - Caesar Diliberto

Superintendent's Report

- **Strategic Plan Update**

- Last meeting - Thursday, October 13 @4:00 p.m.
- Next meeting - Thursday, October 27 @3:30 p.m.
- Faculty/Staff - Planning Meeting - TBD

- **October 10 - Professional Development for Staff**

- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- ***“Teachers Teaching Teachers” - 7 different workshops***
- Team Building Activity
- Mental Health Workshop - St. Elizabeth University
- Pizza Lunch - over 50 pizzas **DONATED** from local businesses

- **Pizza Chats** with the Superintendent (Faculty/Staff) - Friday, September 23

- **Coffee Chats** with the Superintendent (Parents/Families) - Friday, November 4



Thank you for your generosity

La Pizza - Roseland

Frank's Pizzeria - Roseland

Forte Pizzeria - Caldwell

La Famiglia - Caldwell

Franco's Pizzeria - Caldwell

Mandara's Pizzeria - Caldwell

Frank's Pizzeria - Caldwell

Fresco - Caldwell

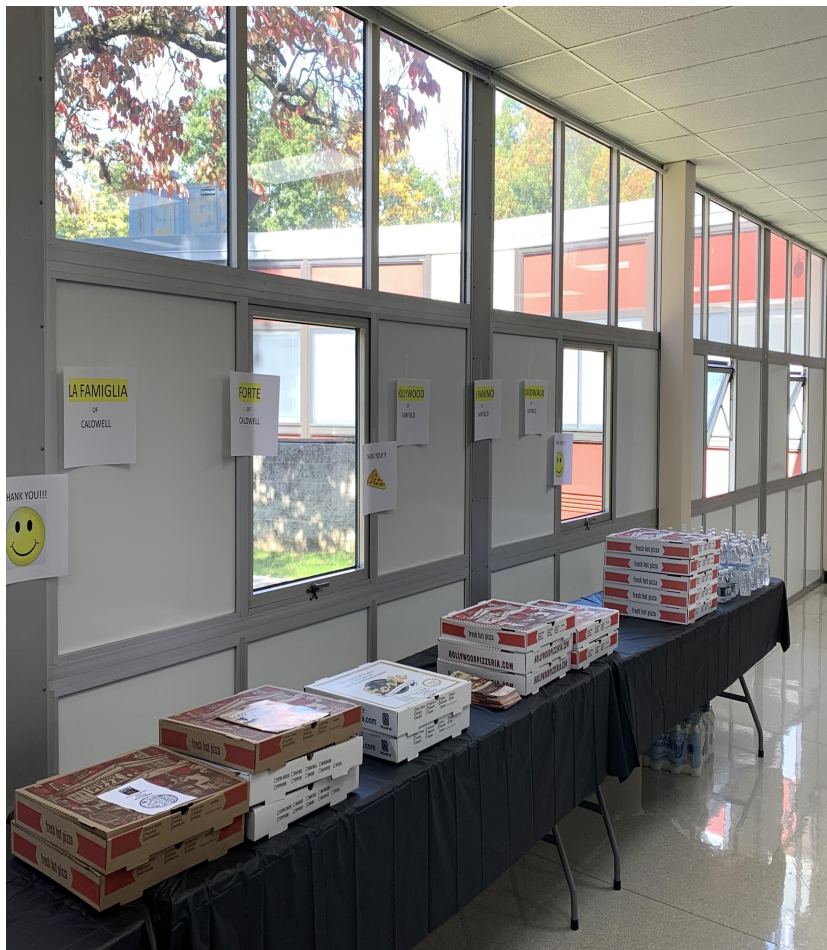
Hollywood Pizzeria - Fairfield

Boardwalk Pizzeria - Fairfield

Il Panino - Fairfield

Gencarellis - Pine Brook





Student Data Safety System (SSDS)

	WEHS						WEMS				
	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>		<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>
<u>Violence</u>											
Threat	4	3	0	0	0		2	0	0	0	0
Physical Contact	4	5	2	0	2		3	3	1	1	17
Simple Assault/Fight	0	0	2	0	2		0	0	0	0	2
False Alarm/Weapon	1	0	0	0	1		1	0	0	0	1
<u>HIB</u>											
Investigations	14	13	10	4	14		8	5	6	8	16
Confirmed	8	3	3	0	8		4	1	2	1	12
<u>Substance Offense</u>											
Use Confirmed	13	9	2	0	22		1	0	0	0	1
Electronic Vape	9	8	1	0	8		2	0	0	0	5

School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

West Essex High School Grade: 75 out of 78

West Essex Middle School Grade: 76 out of 78

- HIB programs, Initiatives, Board Policies/Procedures, Trainings, Curriculum & Instruction
- HIB Personnel-ABS, District Coordinator
- HIB Incident Reporting, Investigation, State Reporting (DOE)

High School

Initiatives and Awareness

- Fully compliant with new anti-bullying legislation: full staff training, safety team, District Administrative Security Meeting (summer)
- District Climate & Culture Committee (partnership w/St. Elizabeth)2nd year
- Legal One Trainings- HIB & Stephen Fogarty
- Multicultural Club, Student Advisory Panel, Door Decorating (Bully Prevention) (PEER LEADERS-U KNIGHT- Minding Your Mind-SPEAKER SERIES)
- Week Of Respect: Speaker (FBI:Cybersecurity), Winter Wellness, Quote of the Day, and Challenge students to different acts of kindness. All clubs participated.

Middle School

Initiatives and Awareness

- Fully compliant with new anti-bullying legislation and hazing policy: full staff training, safety team.
- **Week of Respect:** Middle School counselors spoke to all 7th & 8th graders. School Spirit (Stomp out Bullying)
- Throughout the school year on various weeks we have designated announcing quotes of the day
- Daily Bulletin is consistently updated and **expresses** positive awareness.
- **NCPD** partnership with WEMS - Regarding social media and HIB Laws.
- Anonymous Reporting System/Save Promise Club.
- **We Lead** - MS Peer leaders working with 7th graders for a Fun Night Event and Transition Activities
- 7th & 8th-grade level meetings.
- **St. Elizabeth** second year/Climate Culture groups with students & staff on going

Assessment Report 2022

Ryan Gupta

- ❖ Test Dates
- ❖ 2021-2022 Test Results
 - NJSLA
 - NJGPA
 - SAT
 - ACT
 - AP
- ❖ Using the Data to Improve Student Outcomes

LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL TEST DATES 2022-2023 School Year

SAT	Nov. 5, Dec. 3, March 11, May 6, June 3
ACT	Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, April 15, June 10, July 15
LinkIt Assessments - Math, ELA	Form A: September (Pre-assessment) Form B: January/February (Mid-year growth) Form C: April/May (End-of-year growth)
NJ Start Strong - Math, ELA, Science	September
NJGPA - Math, ELA (Juniors Only)	March 13 - March 17
NJSLA - Math, ELA, Science	Testing Window: May 1 - June 2
AP Exams	May 1 - May 12 (based on AP course)

For more details, follow this link to our [Assessment Schedule](#) on the district website



NJSLA Results

5 year comparison

English Language Arts/Literacy



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level Test</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2022</i>
ELA 7 (% ≥ Level 4)	81%	84%	80% (NJ - 63%)	77% (NJ - 52%)
ELA 8 (% ≥ Level 4)	76%	78%	80% (NJ - 63%)	73% (NJ - 51%)
ELA 9 (% ≥ Level 4)	55%	80%	79% (NJ - 55%)	74% (NJ - 49%)
ELA 10 (% ≥ Level 4)	52%	50%	80% (NJ - 59%)	*n/a
ELA 11 (% ≥ Level 4)	33%	22%	*n/a	*n/a

*In 2019, only grades 7-10 took the NJSLA. In 2022, the state only required grades 7-9.



NJSLA Results

5 Year Comparison

Mathematics



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level or Subject</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2022</i>
Math 7 (% \geq Level 4)	52%	62%	60% (NJ - 42%)	51% (NJ - 34%)
Math 8 (% \geq Level 4)	47%	51%	57% (NJ - 29%)	17% (NJ - 15%)
Algebra I (% \geq Level 4)	55%	70%	70% (NJ - 43%)	53% (NJ - 35%)
Geometry (% \geq Level 4)	38%	44%	57% (NJ - 31%)	*74% (NJ - 44%)
Algebra II (% \geq Level 4)	30%	32%	*92% (NJ - 56%)	*100%

*In 2019, only grades 7-10 took the NJSLA. In 2022, the state only required grades 7-9.



NJSLA Results Year to Year Comparison Science



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level Test</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2022</i>
Science 8 (% \geq Level 3)	34% (NJ - 20%)	18% (NJ - 16%)
Science 11 (% \geq Level 3)	41% (NJ - 27%)	41% (NJ - 29%)



NJGPA Results

Graduation Proficiency Assessment

Class of 2023



<i>Subject</i>	<i>Average Score</i>	<i>Graduation Ready</i>
English Language Arts	763 (NJ - 736)	64% (NJ - 39%)
Math	773 (NJ - 752)	77% (NJ - 50%)

¹NJGPA is administered to 11th grade students ONLY. Results in 2022 did not count, and the state waived the graduation requirement for the Class of 2023. The current junior class of 2024 must pass the NJGPA in Math and ELA to graduate. Other pathways to graduation are explained on the [NJDOE website](#).



West Essex SAT Results

Reading, Writing, Mathematics



Classes of/ Subject	2019	2020	2021	¹ 2022
# of test takers	247	230	171	189
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	579	552	579 (NJ - 562)	580 (NJ - 543)
Mathematics	588	558	578 (NJ - 563)	578 (NJ - 536)
ERW + Mathematics	1168	1110	1157 (NJ - 1125)	1158 (NJ - 1079)

¹Scores represent WE students in the Class of 2022 who took the SAT at any time during their HS years. For students who took the exam more than once, only their most recent score was used.



West Essex ACT Results

Reading/Writing, Mathematics



Classes of/ Subject	2019	2020	2021	¹ 2022
# of test takers	287	192	190	128
English	25.2	25.0	27.0 (NJ - 25.3)	25.6 (NJ - 24.9)
Reading	25.3	25.6	26.3 (NJ - 25.7)	26.1 (NJ - 25.1)
Mathematics	24.4	24.3	24.6 (NJ - 24.7)	25.1 (NJ - 23.9)
Science	24.0	23.7	24.7 (NJ - 24.4)	24.9 (NJ - 24.0)
Composite	24.7	24.0	25.3 (NJ - 25.1)	25.3 (² NJ - 24.6)

¹Scores represent the students from the Class of 2022 who took the ACT at any time during their HS years. For students who took the exam more than once, only their most recent score was used.

²NPR reported that ACT scores across the country dropped to their lowest average since 1991.



West Essex AP Participation & Performance

CollegeBoard

AP[®]

<i>Total Students Summary</i>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total AP enrollment	843	714	679	810	824
# of AP Exams taken	836	720	675	803	827
% of Students who took the exam	99%	100%	99%	97%	100%
# of Students enrolled in 1 or more AP courses	296	286	284	306	293
% of Total AP Students with Scores of ≥ 3	83%	83%	89%	77%	82%



AP Student Scholar Awards 2022



<i>Awards</i>	<i># of Students</i>
AP Scholar scores of 3.0 or higher on ≥ 3 AP Exams	58
AP Scholar with Honors average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on ≥ 4 AP Exams	22
AP Scholar with Distinction average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on ≥ 5 AP Exams	60
AP Capstone Diploma must pass AP Seminar, AP Research and at least 4 other AP exams with a score of 3 or higher	11



AP Scholar Student Performance



<i>Classes of/Awards</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>
Total Scholars (% of AP students who qualified for an AP Scholar Award)	100 (36%)	138 (46%)	132 (46%)	129 (45%)	129 (42%)	140 (48%)
Average AP Exam Score (among all Scholars)	3.86	3.86	3.87	3.82	3.59	3.63
AP Capstone Diplomas (Pass AP Seminar, AP Research and at least 4 other AP exams with a score of 3 or higher)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11



AP Capstone Diploma

Award Winners 2022



Joshua Adelsberg
Christine Agajanov
Zach Atlas
Nicole Candela
Isabella DeRose
Devin Golden

Zachary Lieberman
Thomas Mierzwa
Alyssa Rodriguez
Priya Shah
Molly Simon

Seniors from Class of 2022 are in bold, italic.



Using the Data to Improve Student Outcomes

- Presented assessment results to full faculty, including data trends and specific cross-curricular skills our students need to improve on
- Provided PLC time for teachers to discuss how they can address those skills within their subject area
- Provided PLC time for teachers to develop custom, standards-aligned assessments that emulate the format, style, and rigor of standardized tests
- Provided additional LinkIt training to staff
- Math, ELA, and Science departments have dedicated additional time to analyze test scores and content-specific standards.
- Support staff continues to use multiple forms of student data to identify students in need of support or possible intervention strategies

Any Questions?

Comments?



THANK YOU

**to our students and WE families who
persevered and supported the district's efforts.**

**to our faculty and staff for their sacrifices and
dedication.**

**to our Superintendent and the Board of
Education for their unwavering support.**

Middle School Principal's Report

Gina Donlevie, Principal

- School Safety Month
 - Week of Respect
 - NJ School Violence Awareness
 - Red Ribbon Week
- Giving Back
 - Soctober
 - Special Olympics
 - Pink Out
- Improving the Culture & Climate
 - Mindful Mondays
 - WE Be Social Wednesdays
 - Hispanic Heritage Month

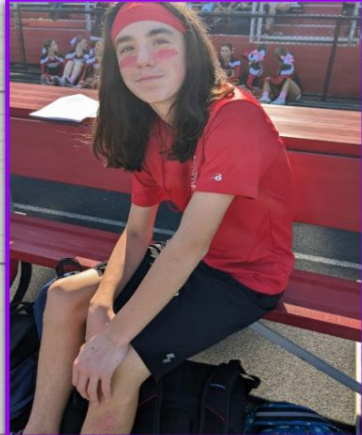
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High School Principal's Report

Caesar Diliberto

- New West Essex High School social media launch coming soon!
- Tournament of Bands Chapter X Championship this Sunday, October 23.
- Volleyball Turkey Classic on Thursday, November 17.
- Color Day returned indoors on Friday, September 30! Special thanks to Premio for donating 1200 sausage sandwiches!





Upcoming Board Meeting

Next Meeting

November 7, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.

WEMS Room 121

[West Essex Youtube](#)

For Board Information:

https://www.westex.org/district/board_of_education