

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools



SUPERINTENDENT FAMILY BULLETIN
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

GREETING

Hey, Bobcat Families! On Thursday (11/9), we are offering parent teacher conferences from 12-3pm and 4-7pm at both buildings. For the elementary, please look for a message from your child's teacher for a link to sign up using Sign-Up Genius, and for the middle/high school, conferences will be held in classrooms on a first come, first served basis that will last from 5-10 minutes. Since conferences are limited in length, it is important that as a parent/guardian you come prepared to address a couple of items of importance. In general, the goal of conferences for a parent/guardian is to gain some insight into how their child's school day is going with regards to academic work and social interactions with peers. For the teacher, it might be helpful for them to gain insight with how things are going at home. Overall, a partnership between the teacher(s) and parent(s)/guardian(s) is imperative in the future success of the child. Our time is short for an in person meeting, but please know that our teaching staff is willing to communicate further by email, phone, or in person as needed to ensure everyone has a good understanding of their child's academic and social progress. We value the home and school partnership. We are Better Together - We are Whiteford!

STRATEGIC PLAN ENROLLMENT VISION PRESENTATION

I want to thank the many parents, staff, and community members that attended the three (3) Strategic Plan & Enrollment Vision Workshops in October. We had about 100 stakeholders in total attendance for the meetings. During the workshop, I was able to gain much feedback and identified questions, concerns, and considerations for the enrollment vision that would regulate our enrollment growth. For those stakeholders unable to attend, the information gathered for each meeting is shared on the district website under "Our District" and "Strategic Plan" as well as some videos outlining the presentation details.

The four (4) videos that outline details of each presentation segment can be accessed below. A google survey is available to collect additional feedback. I am currently researching alternative recommendations, along with the recommendation of redistributing the 5th grade students, that were shared during the meetings, and I hope to share details of our next steps later in November or early December. As I shared in the meetings, no formal recommendation will be made until the January or February's Board of Education Meeting, where the Board of Education may make the final decision about how we will handle the enrollment growth/stabilization and its effect on grade-level locations and support services.

[Strategic Plan/Enrollment Vision/Stabilization Presentation](#)

[Teacher Letter](#) (Alternatives/Considerations)

[Stakeholder 10/3/23 Meeting Feedback](#)

[Stakeholder 10/10/23 Meeting Feedback](#)

[Stakeholder 10/12/23 Meeting Feedback](#)

[Segment/Video #1 - Strategic Plan Progress](#) (Year 1/Year 2)

[Segment/Video #2 - Enrollment Vision](#) (Foundation \$/SOC/Option 1)

[Segment/Video #2a - Enrollment Vision](#) (Options 2&3/Ratios)

[Segment/Video #3 - Stabilization Recommendations](#)

[Stakeholder Feedback Survey](#)

Strategic Plan Enrollment Vision Q & A (Coming Soon!)

NOVEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting is November 13, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the board room located in the MS/HS. The Board of Education agenda is typically posted the Friday preceding a meeting and can be found here: [BOE Agenda & Minutes](#).

MOTHER/SON NIGHT

The Whiteford Parent Association (WPA) has a medieval themed night of fun planned for our Knights (in grades K-5) and their Queens on Saturday, November 11 at the MS/HS Gym! They need lots of help in order to make this night run smoothly. Anyone 16 years old and older can volunteer! Parents with no elementary age boys, we are looking for YOU! Many of our regular volunteers are moms with sons attending the event, and we want them to be able to enjoy their night. Please consider volunteering a couple hours of your time and signing up to help with set up from 4-6pm or helping to monitor games, crafts, and snacks from 5:45-8pm: [Mother Son Sign-Up Help](#)

VOLUNTEER FORM

Whiteford Agricultural School District appreciates your willingness to serve as a volunteer in our district and become a substantial and vital part of our school programs! You can access the form [here](#) or from any school office. Please complete both sides of the form and return it to your student's building office, teacher, or coach. Background checks will be done on an annual basis. The background check process is time consuming; therefore, appropriate lead time must be given to ensure background checks are completed prior to volunteer service at the school or for any function conducted by the school.

STRATEGIC PLAN PILLARS OF SUCCESS

Whiteford Strategic Plan 2022-2027

→ **ENGAGED** in purposeful learning.

→ **EMPOWERED** for a meaningful role in our dynamic world.

→ **ENCOURAGED** by our community.

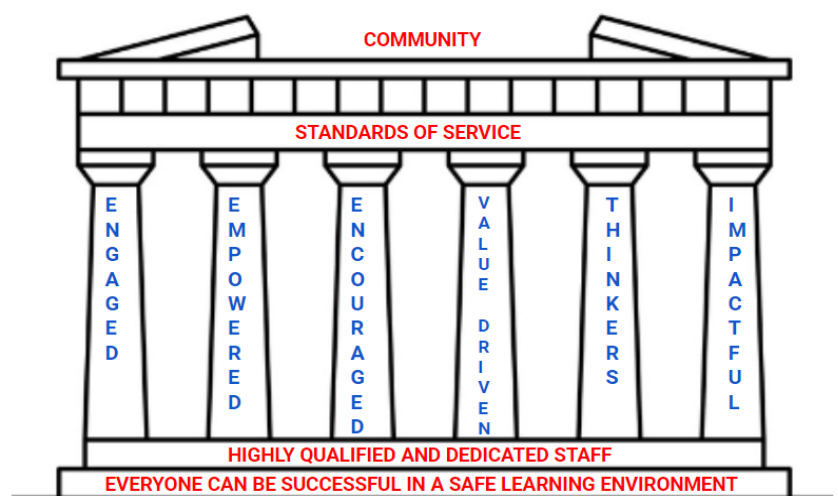
→ **VALUE DRIVEN** leaders.

→ Critical **THINKERS**.

→ **IMPACTFUL** in their community.

→ **STANDARDS OF SERVICE** We will treat all stakeholders (students, staff, parents/guardians, community members) with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.

→ **COMMUNITY** promotes, cultivates, and celebrates student and district success.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

<https://whiteford.nutrislice.com/menu>

SCHOOL CALENDARS

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

ATHLETICS WEBSITE/CALENDAR

<https://www.whiteford.k12.mi.us/athletics/>

THIS WEEK

- November 6-10 Elementary Scholastic Book Fair
- November 7 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
- November 8 Athletic Signing Day
- November 9 Cookie Dough Pick-Up
- November 9 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
- November 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-3pm; 4-7pm
- November 11 Erie Veteran's Day Parade 11am

November 11 Elementary Mother/Son Night 6-8pm Middle School Gym

NEXT WEEK

November 13 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
November 14 SEAB Mtg 3:30pm MS/HS Media Center
November 14 After Prom Parent Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
November 15 5th Grade Field Trip: Huntington Center Education Days 9:15-1:50pm

UPCOMING

November 20 American Red Cross Blood Drive 8-3pm Auxiliary Gym
November 21 Whiteford Parent Association Meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
November 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Nov. 23-24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Elementary Santa's Workshop
November 28 Robotics Parent Mtg 5:30pm MS/HS Media Center
December 4-15 NWEA Benchmarking Window
December 5 Whiteford Recreation Club Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
December 6 MS Field Trip: Walleye Hockey Game 10:30am
December 6 Ensemble Performance: Agora Chorale 7:30pm MCC
December 8 Ensemble Performance: Hope for the Holidays 11:30am Door St.
December 10 Ensemble Performance: Gift of Lights 6pm Indian Creek Zoo
December 10 Ensemble Performance: Christmas Cantata 6:30pm Shelton Park Church of God
December 14 Elementary Christmas Concert 6pm MS Gym
December 16 Ensemble Performance: Matthes Tree Farm 12pm Ida, MI
December 17 HS Christmas Concert 3pm MS Gym
December 18 MS Christmas Concert 7pm MS Gym
December 20 Ensemble Performance: Toledo Zoo 5pm
December 22 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Winter Break
January 2 Whiteford Recreation Meeting 7pm MS/HS Media Center
January 6 Robotics Kickoff 10am MS/HS Media Center
January 8 Board of Education Meeting 6pm Board Room
January 15 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 18 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
January 19 Early Release Elementary 10:55am; MS/HS 11:05am
January 19 End of 2nd Marking Period
January 24 FFA Leadership Contests (Districts) 3:30pm Dundee High School
January 27 WPA Family Fun Night 6pm MS Gym

My best,



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