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ON THE COVER

Kinder Camp 2026: See page 5 to read more on the week-long fun!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

As another school year begins, there is a renewed sense of excitement and optimism across the Williamsport Area School District. Our schools are once again filled with the energy of students returning to classrooms, educators preparing meaningful learning experiences, and staff working together to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed. I look forward to watching our students learn, grow, and achieve great things throughout the year.

Throughout the summer, important progress continued across our district, particularly on our hilltop campus. The addition of new tennis and pickleball courts, an upgraded stadium experience, and a brand-new state-of the art field house reflects our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for our students and a welcoming place for our community. We invite our families, alumni, and community members to enjoy these improvements throughout the year, attend our events, and share in the strong sense of pride that makes the Williamsport Area School District so special.

As we look ahead to the months to come, I am grateful for the many people who contribute to the success of our schools. Our dedicated educators and staff, supportive families, community partners, volunteers, and alumni each play an important role in creating an environment where students can thrive. Together, we are building a stronger future for our district and the students we are privileged to serve.

Thank you for your continued support of the Williamsport Area School District. I am excited for all that this school year will bring and look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our students, staff, and school community. Here's to another outstanding year of learning, growth, and being Millionaire Proud.

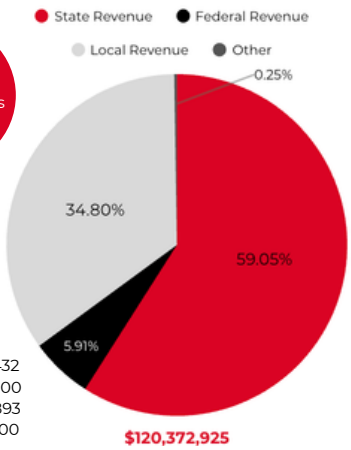
Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Bowers
Superintendent

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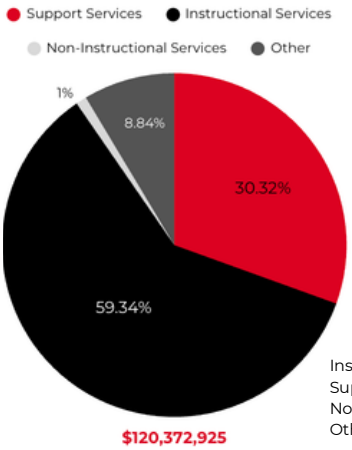
With an estimated enrollment of 4,800, the cost per student for FY27 is $25,078.

FY27 Estimated Revenue



$120,372,925

FY27 Estimated Expenses



$120,372,925

Revenue by the Numbers

Local Revenue	$41,884,432
State Revenue	$71,077,600
Federal Revenue	$7,110,893
Other Revenue	$300,000

Expenses by the Numbers

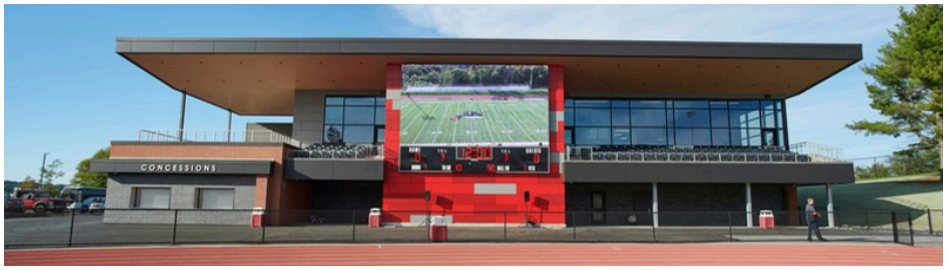
Instructional	$71,433,919
Support Services	$36,501,947
Non-Instructional	$1,791,530
Other	$10,645,529

A NEW LOOK »

MILLIONAIRE LEGACY CENTER

Turn the corner onto Fox Hollow Drive and head up the back hill, and you'll see the results of a summer of hard work at the Hilltop. Over the past year, construction has transformed the high school campus, bringing a fresh new look to the field house, now known as the Millionaire Legacy Center, the press box, and the tennis and pickleball courts. Additional upgrades include new restrooms, concession stands, locker rooms, a training room, and a golf simulator.

NEW COURTS, PRESS BOX, TRAINING ROOM, CONCESSIONS, AND MORE!





These improvements go beyond athletics, creating new opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. From state-of-the-art athletic facilities to enhanced spaces that support academic growth, the upgrades reflect the district's commitment to providing students with modern resources and meaningful opportunities to succeed. They also create welcoming spaces for the community to connect, gather, and enjoy.

We invite our community to come out, support our athletic teams, explore the new facilities, and experience the exciting future taking shape at the Hilltop!











AROUND WASD



SKILLSUSA PLACEMENTS

Thirty-five Williamsport Area High School students competed in the District 6 SkillsUSA regional competition at Pennsylvania College of Technology, with 28 students earning top-three finishes across 18 competitions. Seven students captured first-place titles and advanced to the SkillsUSA Pennsylvania State Competition in Hershey later this spring, showcasing the technical, leadership and career-ready skills developed through WAHS's CTE programs.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Williamsport Area School District's Odyssey of the Mind teams took their creativity to the world stage after standout performances at the state competition. At World Finals in Ames, Iowa, Curtin Intermediate School earned an impressive 11th-place finish, while Williamsport Area High School placed ninth in the world. With support from the WASD Education Foundation and the community, the teams capped off an incredible season with recognition on the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.



REAL WORLD LEARNING

Williamsport Area High School class of 2026 graduate, Julianna Lynch, left her mark on the Hilltop by designing a vibrant 300-foot fence installation showcasing Williamsport logos. Through the Commercial Art CTE program, Lynch and her classmates gained real-world design experience, including work for Blaise Alexander Dealerships, connecting classroom skills with professional opportunities. These hands-on projects allow students to build portfolios, gain confidence, and see their creativity come to life beyond the classroom.



WAHS SENIOR PASSION PROJECT COMBINES MUSIC AND MACHINING

What does a student do when they have many interests and many curriculum options to choose from during their high school years? For Tim Lichter, the choice was made by taking a few of the many introductory courses provided at Williamsport Area High School (WAHS). Lichter was able to select a program that not only suited him, but also allowed him to combine his different passions.

Lichter, a 2026 graduate in the Precision Machining Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program at WAHS, took a few classes during his freshman year that opened his eyes to many career possibilities. One of the classes, Introduction to Precision Machining, showed him the technical, hands-on side of work that he was looking for: "I took the [intro] program freshman year because I knew I wanted to work with my hands. I am so glad that I did."

With his interest peaking in machining, he was thriving. At the same time, he was also taking a music theory class, one of his general education courses. Lichter, being a musician, had a light-bulb moment when he realized these two courses could inspire each other. After listening to the band Primus and developing a deep interest in the bass guitar, he was inspired to create something that tied both passions, music and machining, together.

The project started as a plain slab of aluminum; something that had no purpose at the time until Lichter was able to bring his idea to life. He began by creating a design in his head, brainstorming ideas, and then programming the machines once the vision became clear. After weeks of programming, he was able to transform the unused piece of aluminum by intricately shaping the body of his very own bass guitar. The detail that went into this project was nothing short of precise.

When asked about the honeycomb design on the front, Tim shared that it was a carefully thought-out detail: "A typical bass guitar is 7 to 8 pounds. I had to keep in mind the weight distribution when creating my own. Aluminum is heavy, so I had to design a way to cut weight off of the guitar. The shapes were intentional, but also added to the design element. It looks cool."

It looks cool, indeed, and Tim also added that it sounds cool too...just like a "normal" bass guitar.

From start to finish, Tim enjoyed the project, but his favorite part was assembly. "Seeing it come together as an actual guitar felt awesome," said Tim. "Now I get to leave high school with a tangible item that I take pride in and that is meaningful to me."

Williamsport Area School District's CTE program offers students opportunities to find work that connects with them. Every student has unique interests, and at Williamsport, they are able to explore those interests. Tim shared advice with students who are entering high school and learning about all that CTE has to offer: "I hope future students consider the CTE program and pick something that truly inspires them and that they are interested in, not to take something just because they feel like they have to or because their friends are. You can truly get something out of being in a program that suits you."

Lichter also spoke about the quality of the programs at the high school. "CTE at Williamsport is extremely helpful not only in our high school careers, but beyond. I know that I want to stay in Williamsport for a while after graduation, and I have seen that employers really want us because the programs we have here are just that good. They want the style of work that we are taught in the classroom to be in their workspaces."

Tim will walk away from this experience with a tangible reminder that no matter what passions someone may pursue, it's possible to bring them together and create something truly special. And, above all, he walks away with a show-stopping, handcrafted, and awesome-sounding guitar.

WILLIAMSPORT CTE MILLIONAIRES

CLASS OF 2026

Graduating seniors proudly celebrated their achievements and received their diplomas during WAHS's 155th Commencement Ceremony in June. Those in attendance had the privilege of hearing commencement speeches from members of the senior class – **Elijah Hopton** and **Petrova Hinshaw**. Senior Class President **Emma Vollman** also delivered remarks. Each shared a message centered on this year's commencement theme, inspired by a quote from Dead Poets Society: "Carpe diem. Seize the day. Make your lives extraordinary."







289 STUDENTS
awarded their high school diploma

$142,761
granted in scholarships and awards by the WASD Education Foundation





IN THE CLASSROOM

WAHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Amid the excitement of the final week of school, Williamsport Area High School proudly recognized Mr. David Heller as the 2026 WAHS Teacher of the Year. A dedicated social studies teacher, mentor, coach, colleague, husband, father, and friend, Mr. Heller has made a lasting impact both inside and outside the classroom.



WASD TEACHER SELECTED FOR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GALÁPAGOS EXPEDITION

For Brooke Nenadal, Williamsport Area School District's K - 6 Gifted and Enrichment Educator, learning extends far beyond the classroom. This fall, she will travel to the Galápagos Islands as a National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellow, a highly selective two-year professional opportunity that provides educators with hands-on, field-based learning experiences.

Nenadal was selected as one of just 36 educators nationwide following a rigorous application process that included essays, videos, and multiple interviews. As part of the fellowship, she has participated in learning sessions in Washington, D.C., working with expedition leaders and exploring ways to bring global learning into the classroom.

Nenadal is especially excited to explore the Galápagos' biodiversity and bring those experiences back to Williamsport. She plans to develop new enrichment opportunities and resources that can be shared throughout the District.

"I want students to see themselves as part of the global system, but also understand that global learning starts right here in Williamsport," Nenadal shared.

She hopes the fellowship will help students not only learn about the world, but also see themselves as active participants in it and as future changemakers.

Through her experience as a Grosvenor Teacher Fellow, Nenadal will have the opportunity to model that mindset for her students.

She plans to return to Williamsport with stories, experiences, and new ideas that can inspire students to explore the world around them while recognizing that meaningful exploration and discovery can begin right here at home.





LITTLE ADVENTURES, BIG MEMORIES: WASD HOLDS 4TH KINDER CAMP

Year four of Kinder Camp wrapped up with 88 incoming kindergarten students building confidence, friendships, and excitement for the school year ahead. Hosted August 10–14 at each of the district's primary schools, the half-day summer program helps students make a smooth transition into kindergarten.

This year's bug-themed camp brought learning, creativity, and fun to each day, with activities featuring a different creature while introducing students to classroom and building routines. After a week of bugs, laughter, and new friends, these little learners are ready to "Bee Amazing"!









FIRST DAY!

WASD WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Williamsport Area School District welcomed students back to classrooms Monday, Aug. 31, for the start of the 2026-27 school year. Students in grades K-9 returned Monday, while students in grades 10-12 joined them Tuesday, Sept. 1. The first days of school brought excitement throughout the district as students reunited with friends, met new classmates, and got settled into a new school year.







MILLIONAIRE MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR CHAMPIONING MUSIC EDUCATION

WASD has once again been honored as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation, marking an extraordinary 24 consecutive years of recognition. This distinction underscores the district's commitment to ensuring all students have access to high-quality music education.

Williamsport remains one of the longest-running recipients of this award in the state, a testament to its enduring investment in the arts and its belief in the vital role music plays in a well-rounded education.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and instruction to all students. Applicants undergo a rigorous evaluation process, submitting detailed information on funding, graduation requirements, student participation in music courses, instructional time, facilities, community engagement, and overall program support. To uphold the program's rigor and credibility, all applications were independently reviewed and verified by WolfBrown, a leading research and evaluation firm specializing in education and the arts.

This honor reflects the district's enduring priority to make high-quality music education accessible to every student," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "Earning this recognition for 24 consecutive years speaks volumes about the commitment of our educators, the enthusiasm of our students, and the strong support from our community."

Students across the district continue to benefit from a vibrant and engaging music program.

My time in the music department at WAHS has helped me grow in so many ways," said Iris Cresko, a senior at Williamsport Area High School. "Not only has my confidence while playing the violin increased, but I have also developed a greater love for music, which has given me a deep appreciation for my time spent performing in Orchestra."

"The best part about being in the music is just the fact that we get to work with teachers who care so much about giving music to the students," said Xavier Johnson, a 2026 graduate at WAHS. "The music department in WASD has not only helped me improve and hone my musicianship but also gave me a sense of community in such a professional environment."

Music education is essential to developing the whole child," said Matthew Radspinner, Director of Orchestra/Strolling Strings. "It provides students with opportunities to grow creatively, academically, and socially as part of a well-rounded education. We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our district and community, which allows us to ensure every student has access to meaningful music experiences that support their overall growth and lifelong success."

Gianna Brockway, a 2026 graduate at WAHS, added, "Being involved in Orchestra and the Marching Millionaires has allowed me to make so many meaningful memories that will truly last a lifetime."

PMEA 9th GRADE BAND SELECTION

The Williamsport Area High School 9th Grade Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ryan Bulgarelli, was selected to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) State Conference, one of the most prestigious gatherings of music educators and student musicians in Pennsylvania.

The ensemble performed at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in the Poconos, presenting a diverse program featuring works by Katie O'Hara LaBrie, Frank Ticheli, Jorge Vargas, Kazuki Shimoda, and JaRod Hall.

The performance celebrated the variety of cultures represented throughout Williamsport Area High School and the greater Williamsport community.



Selection to perform at the PMEA State Conference is a significant honor, with ensembles chosen through a competitive application process. The recognition highlights the dedication of WAHS music students and staff while showcasing the district's continued commitment to excellence in music education.

POPTASTIK



WAHS celebrated another successful year of music with its annual "Poptastik!" concert, featuring band, choir, and orchestra students performing popular pop and rock hits spanning the decades.

HADESTOWN PRODUCTION



WAHS presented its annual musical production, "Hadestown: Teen Edition," featuring nearly 50 students in the cast and crew. The bold, folk-inspired musical retold the Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice while exploring themes of love, hope, and perseverance through the power of song.

WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION



WAMS presented its annual spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," featuring students bringing the beloved story of Dorothy, her journey to Oz, and the timeless themes of courage, friendship, and home to life on stage.

ALL DISTRICT CHOIR



More than 300 students from across Williamsport Area School District joined together for the Williamsport Area High School Music Department's 53rd annual All-District Choir Concert, celebrating another outstanding year of musical excellence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JASLIN SHAND ON BEING CROWNED THE 2026 JOURNEY BANK TEEN STAR!



SPORT SHORTS



RECORD-BREAKING SEASON FOR TRACK & FIELD

WAHS Track & Field capped off an exceptional season at the PIAA Track & Field Championships, earning eight AAA state medals and celebrating several record-breaking performances. Tevin Williams earned silver in the long jump and bronze in the 400-meter dash while setting new WAHS records in both events.

Isabelle Sanders, Isabelle Morrow and the girls' 4x800-meter relay team also secured spots on the state podium, highlighting an outstanding season for the Millionaires.



SOFTBALL CELEBRATED CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

The Lady Millionaires softball team capped off an outstanding season with an 18-3 record, a District 2/4 Championship and a first-round PIAA playoff victory. The team represented Williamsport with dedication, sportsmanship and pride throughout a memorable season. Their success marked another impressive chapter for the Lady Millionaires softball program.



ATHLETES COMMITTED TO COMPETE IN COLLEGE

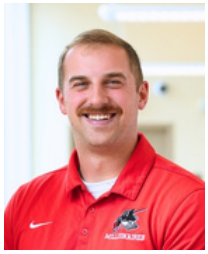
Fifteen WAHS student-athletes signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Lillian Rumsey was also recognized with a citation from the Office of State Rep. Jamie Flick for earning 100 career wins in girls wrestling.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT INTERMEDIATES

WASD is welcoming new leadership at two of its intermediate schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Jacob Anderson will step into the role of principal at Andrew G. Curtin Intermediate School, while longtime district administrator David Michaels will begin a new chapter as principal of Lycoming Valley Intermediate School.

Anderson has served the district as a math teacher, Dean of Students at WAHS and, most recently, assistant principal at Curtin. Michaels brings more than 20 years of experience in WASD, including 12 years leading Curtin Intermediate School.

Both leaders are excited to continue supporting student success, strengthening school communities, and advancing the district's mission of developing responsible citizens through excellence in education.



JACOB ANDERSON



DAVID MICHAELS

DIGITAL STUDENT IDS NEW FOR 2026-2027

New for the 2026-2027 school year, all students in grades 7-12 will be required to maintain a current district-issued Digital Student ID as their official form of identification while on school property and at school-sponsored events.

Students can access their Digital Student ID through a district-issued Chromebook or other approved web-enabled device; a personal cell phone is not required. The new Digital Student IDs will help enhance school safety, accountability, attendance monitoring and event management.

Students are expected to maintain access to their ID, protect their login credentials, and present their ID when requested by school personnel. Additional expectations are outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

CURTIN INTERMEDIATE ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

As Andrew G. Curtin Intermediate School prepares for the upcoming school year under the leadership of new Principal Jacob Anderson, a new administrative team has been established to support students, families, and staff.



DR. ANDREA SCHMUCKER



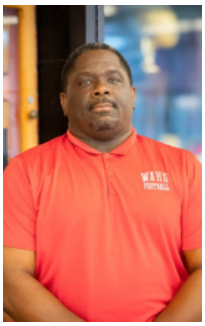
COLLIN GLORIOSO

Dr. Andrea Schmucker will join Curtin as Assistant Principal. She comes from Cochran Primary School, where she most recently served as an Emotional Support Teacher, bringing extensive experience in special education, PBIS, and restorative practices.

Mr. Collin Glorioso has been appointed Dean of Students. He joins Curtin from the Jersey Shore Area School District, where he has served in a variety of instructional and leadership roles, including Head Teacher, instructional coach, mathematics teacher, and Dean of Students.

Together, Principal Jacob Anderson, Dr. Schmucker, and Mr. Glorioso will provide strong leadership focused on fostering a positive school culture and an exceptional educational experience for Curtin students and families.

NEW COACHES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



KEVIN BROWN



CATHERINE WASHINGTON



JAMIE "ROCKY" MILLER

Williamsport Area High School welcomed three new head coaches: Catherine Washington for cheerleading, Kevin Brown for football, and Jamie "Rocky" Miller for golf. Each brings valuable coaching experience and strong ties to the Williamsport community. The district looks forward to the continued growth of each program under their leadership.

MILLIONAIRE SPORTS NEWS

The Williamsport Area School District is pleased to welcome **25** new faculty members for the 2026–2027 school year. Bringing diverse backgrounds, expertise, and experiences, these educators will help strengthen WASD's commitment to providing high-quality instruction, meaningful support, and opportunities for every student.

NEW FACULTY

2026 - 2027



Lauren Byers
Special Education
Jackson



Alayna Dake
Long-Term Sub
Lyco Valley



Matayah Deitrick
Long-Term Sub
Hepburn-Lycoming



John Francis
CTE Welding
WAHS



Stargell Fuhr
Long-Term Sub
WAMS



Katlyn Harrison
Long-Term Sub
Cochran



Kelsey Hein
Long-Term Sub
Lyco Valley



Jessica Hulslander
School Counselor
WAMS



Emily Huskin
Long-Term Sub
Curtin



Kristina Jones
Special Education
Cochran



Madison Kantz
Math Teacher
WAMS



Rachel Kilgore
Long-Term Sub
Hepburn-Lycoming



Julia Martin
Long-Term Sub
WAHS



Audra Mazzante
CTE Business
WAHS



Julianna McGovern
4th Grade Teacher
Lyco Valley



Braydon Miller
Long-Term Sub
WAHS



Mackayla Patterson
4th Grade Teacher
Lyco Valley



Marina Schappell
1st Grade Teacher
Cochran



Sara Shambach
Special Education
Hepburn/Jackson



Michael Samar
CTE Homeland Security
WAHS



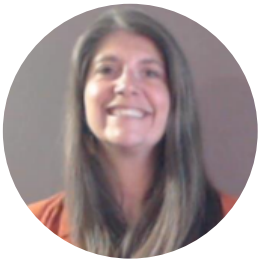
Kelsey Swift
Science Teacher
WAHS



Jessica VanGorder
6th Grade Teacher
Curtin



Isabel Vonstein
6th Grade Teacher
Lyco Valley



Jennifer Watt
Science Teacher
WAMS



Amber Wolfe
Special Eduaction
WAMS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2026 INDUCTEES

WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Inductees were honored at the fourth Annual Cherry & White Teacher Appreciation Night on September 30th, 2026, hosted by the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation.



Alumni Achievement
Dr. Robert J. Marsh, Jr. '89



Alumni Humanitarian
Shannon Synoracki (Dickey) '09



Outstanding Young Alumnus
Alisha Chen '17



Alumni Service
Spencer Sweeting '01

INVESTING IN EDUCATION, TOGETHER

The Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation is a recognized nonprofit affiliate of the Williamsport Area School District. Led by a volunteer board of directors, the Foundation facilitates charitable giving and permanent legacies based on individual areas of interest in educational innovation, the arts, athletics and scholarships.

Since 2004, WASDEF has been supporting students and teachers across the district with the financial resources provided by donors. Over the last decade, WASDEF has granted more than $3 million to the district in support of capital projects, innovative programs and initiatives, and scholarships.

WASDEF has grown in its mission in supporting students across the district by promoting, sponsoring and encouraging educational activities, having reached more than $3 million in assets.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS 25-26

$142,761 distributed in Scholarships & Awards
30+ Educators and Classrooms Supported
$87,766 distributed in Grants & Classroom Support
1,300+ Students Impacted

GIVING

LOOKING TO BE APART OF THE IMPACT?

Give online, today!

The Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation is the 501(c)3) nonprofit affiliate for the Williamsport Area School District. All donations are tax-deductible by law.

ONE YEAR LATER: COLLABORATIVE CORNER

One year ago, WAHS teacher Patricia Miller received a $40,000 Founders Grant for Educational Excellence through the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation, with a $20,000 match from the district. The grant brought Miller's vision for a Collaborative Corner to life, transforming an underutilized space into a flexible environment designed to encourage collaboration, innovation, and student-centered learning. Over the past year, the space has provided students with new opportunities to work together, engage in hands-on learning, and build skills beyond the traditional classroom. The success of the Collaborative Corner even inspired a similar project in E-Pod, made possible through EITC funds contributed by local community businesses. One year later, the impact of this investment continues to grow, creating new and innovative learning spaces for Millionaires.



IMPACT

WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

TASK BOXES WITH INTENTION

Sensory Task Boxes provide students with fine motor difficulties and self regulation concerns an opportunity to choose or be assigned activities that offer physical and sensory support. Students have found the activities helpful for calming and focusing, while also building fine motor skills. As one student shared, "*I like the Task Boxes because they help me calm down.*"



"We are grateful to the Foundation for providing these tools for our students."

CHOMPSAW ART CAMP

Thanks to a Teacher Mini-Grant, the Foundation supported the purchase of two ChompSaws for the third-grade sculpture center, providing students with an engaging, hands-on opportunity to develop cutting skills, creativity, confidence, and independence. Students learned to safely use a new tool while exploring materials and construction techniques, strengthening perseverance, problem-solving, and artistic decision-making. The ChompSaws will remain a permanent part of the sculpture center, benefiting future students for years to come.



SEE ANTHONY AND A'KYIAAH'S ARTISTIC JOURNEY WITH THE CHOMPSAW

THE "ZEN DEN" AT JACKSON

The Foundation supported Jackson Primary School through a Teacher Mini Grant to create a regulation space modeled after the successful Focus Zone at WAMS. The space provides flexible seating, sensory and motor regulation tools, and a calm, structured environment where students can practice coping strategies. It has supported students receiving Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and is utilized by counseling, intervention staff, administration, and NME Core Team members.



TOOLS FOR YOUNG ENGINEERS

A foundation grant for "Tools for Young Engineers" provided students in grades 4 through 6 with hands-on opportunities to experience the full engineering design process by designing, building, testing, and improving their own projects. Students strengthened fine motor, measurement, problem-solving, collaboration, and perseverance skills while creating projects such as picture frames, scaled houses, carnivorous plant models, and igloos. The grant also supported partnerships with Lowe's and Penn College of Technology, helping students connect classroom skills to real-world careers while building confidence, creativity, and pride in their work.





"This grant provided the missing piece between imagination and creation. The impact of this funding will continue for years to come as these tools become part of future engineering experiences for hundreds of students."

Together, We Make a Difference

We are deeply grateful to our donors, teachers, staff, families, and community partners who support the students of the Williamsport Area School District. Your generosity creates opportunities, strengthens our schools, and helps our Millionaires thrive. **Thank you** for believing in our students and investing in their future!

With Gratitude,

WASD Education Foundation, Board of Directors

WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2026-2027

24-25 New Teacher Induction

26-27 K-12 Professional Development Day

28 Building Meeting Day

31 Full Day for Students 1st Grade – 9th Grade (K-dg follow schedule that was mailed home for the first week)

AUGUST '26

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

TD = 4 SD = 1

SEPTEMBER '26

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	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

TD = 21 SD = 20

1 Full Day for Students 1st -12th grades

7 Labor Day

21 K-12 Professional Development Day

12 K-12 Professional Development Day

30 End of first Marking Period

OCTOBER '26

M	T	W	Th	F
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12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

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NOVEMBER '26

M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

TD = 19 SD = 16

3 Cochran Primary Remote Day **all other schools report in person**

23 K-12 Professional Development Day

24-25 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

26-27 Thanksgiving Break

23-31 Winter Break

DECEMBER '26

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

TD = 16 SD = 16

JANUARY '27

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

TD = 20 SD = 19

1 Winter Break

18 K-12 Professional Development Day

22 End of first Semester

15 K-12 Professional Development Day

FEBRUARY '27

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

TD = 20 SD = 19

MARCH '27

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

TD = 20 SD = 18

24-25 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

26-30 Spring Break

2 End of Third Marking Period

12 K-12 Professional Development Day

26-30 Grades 3-8 English/Language Arts PSSA Testing

APRIL '27

M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

TD = 22 SD = 21

MAY '27

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

TD = 20 SD = 20

3-7 Grades 3-8 Math & Science PSSA Testing along with Make-Up Testing

17-28 Keystone Exams

18 Cochran Primary Remote Day **all other schools report in person**

31 Memorial Day Break

2 Half Day for Students K-12 Last School Day

3 Teacher Record Day and High School Commencement

4 K-12 Professional Development Day

School Days and Holidays Board Adopted: February 10, 2026

Calendar is subject to change with Board approval.

JUNE '27

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

TD = 4 SD = 2

Make-up Days will be utilized in the following order: 3/30/26

Additional snow/emergency days will be added to the end of the school year, if needed.

Local School Holidays
- -November 26
- -December 24
- -December 25
- - January 1
- -March 26

Key

☐ No School students

= Assessment dates and important marking period dates