



# WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2023

*Inspiring Excellence, One Spartan at a Time!*



# WASD DISTRICT PROFILE

## ANNUAL REPORT



### WYOMISSING HILLS ELEMENTARY CENTER

110 Woodland Road  
Wyomissing, PA. 19610  
Grades K - 4



### WYOMISSING AREA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

630 Evans Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA. 19610  
Grades 7 - 12



### WEST READING ELEMENTARY CENTER

421 Chestnut Street  
West Reading, PA. 19611  
Grades 5 - 6



### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr. Robert Scoboria, Superintendent  
Dr. Melissa Woodard, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Mark Boyer, Business Administrator  
Dr. Jessica Lengle, Director of Pupil Services  
Mr. Scott Arnst, Director of Information Technology  
Mr. Mike Cafoncelli, Director of Facilities and Security  
Mrs. Dariely Marrero, Director of Food Services  
Mrs. Jennifer Mangold, Supervisor of Assessments and Instructional Interventions  
Dr. Corey Jones, JSHS Principal  
Mrs. Ginger Johnson, JSHS Assistant Principal  
Mr. Jason Zeigler, JSHS Assistant Principal  
Dr. Corbett Babb, WREC Principal  
Dr. Matthew Redcay, WHEC Principal  
Mrs. Michelle Kersikoski, WHEC Assistant Principal

### QUICK FACTS

**Communities Served:**  
West Reading Borough, Wyomissing Borough  
**Total Enrollment:** 1844

Jr./Sr. High: 907  
Elementary: 937

#### Student Ethnicity

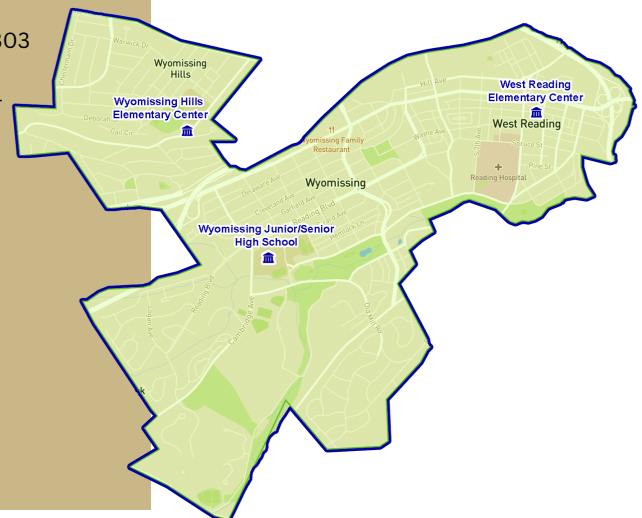
American Indian / Alaskan Native 0.3%  
Asian 2.7%  
Black 4.9%  
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander 0.3%  
Hispanic 26.4%  
White 61%  
2 or More Races 4.4%

Economically Disadvantaged 35.3%  
Special Education 15.7%  
English Language Learners 3.3%

**Total District Staff:** 303  
Professional: 172  
Administration: 14  
Support : 117

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mrs. Kathryn Harenza, President  
Mrs. Terrie Taylor, Vice President  
Mr. Steven Pottieger, Treasurer  
Mrs. Laurie Waxler, Asst. Board Secretary  
Mrs. Rachel Kuhn  
Mrs. Karen McAvoy  
Mrs. Melissa Phillips  
Mr. Ryan Redner  
Mrs. Maria Ziolkowski





### ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduation Rate - 96.4%
- 24 AP Courses with 84% of students scoring 3 or better on exams.
- 61 Students attending the Berks Career and Technology Center.
- 3 Students received National Merit recognition.
- 2 Students received National Hispanic Recognition Award from the College Board
- 32 Students completed internships as part of their coursework.

### SAT STATISTICS – CLASS OF 2022

	WYOMISSING AREA	STATE	NATIONAL
Reading / Writing	587	551	529
Math	557	540	521

### DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

Dual enrollment allows students to complete high school requirements while earning college credits. WASD has partnered with RACC and Alvernia to offer seven courses in 2023-24, all taught by WASD teachers at the JSHS. Upon course completion, students receive a college transcript that documents the earned credits. Contact our JSHS School Counselors for additional information on these courses for students in grades eleven and twelve.

### SCHOOL START TIMES

Starting in August 2023, students in grades 7-12 will begin their school day at 8:05 AM. This change followed a year of research, discussion, stakeholder input and guidance from local physicians. The goal of the initiative is to better support our students' academic and health needs. No schedule changes were made at WHEC and WREC. To learn more about this project, go to: [https://www.wyoarea.org/our\\_district/comprehensive\\_plan\\_district\\_initiatives](https://www.wyoarea.org/our_district/comprehensive_plan_district_initiatives)

### MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Our Mental Health Taskforce was created in 2022 to help WASD strengthen our programs to meet the needs of our students and families. This group is comprised of parents, staff members, community members and mental health agency representatives. To learn more about the supports and services in place for our students, contact your School Counselor and go to our website at: [https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/student\\_services/mental\\_health\\_task\\_force](https://www.wyoarea.org/departments/student_services/mental_health_task_force)



### STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Student Achievement - Demonstrate improvement in student growth and achievement in math

Mental Health Support - Continue to identify student needs, strengthen services, set goals, and measure the effectiveness of District programs

College/Career Preparation - Diversify offerings for secondary students and strengthen programs to prepare all students for success with career or college

Human Resources - Ensure highly-qualified employees are secured and retained to meet District needs

Financial Planning - Maintain and revise a five-year plan that provides the facility and resource needs for our students

Learn More: <https://bit.ly/WASD-StrategicPlan2022>



### JSHS – CARON CREATIVITY AWARD

Our JSHS Guidance Department received this award for the creation of a self-care room. WAEF support and resources guided by best practices allow students to use this space to destress and return to their course or program.

### AP CAPSTONE – JSHS

Twelve JSHS students received recognition for their work completing the AP Seminar and Research courses.

### MUSIC IN EDUCATION AWARD

WASD was again recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education as selected by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants). Our students have numerous opportunities to learn and grow through our music programs.



### TOTAL EXPERIENCE LEARNING

By 2024, over 30 staff members will have completed this energizing program through Albright College, earning a certificate for Innovation in Education. Teachers collaborate to strengthen instructional practices and help their students solve problems and navigate challenging, real-world applications. Many WASD students attend the on-campus summer program.



### WHEC - CELEBRATED SAP TEAM AWARD

Our WHEC SAP team was recognized for engaging students and families to remove barriers and promote academic and personal success for all students.

### GOVERNOR'S STEM COMPETITION

Dr. Brian Liskey (JSHS Engineering) facilitated the work of a talented group of HS students in this state-wide competition. Students networked with a leading company in solar energy and used donated materials to measure and maximize the energy generated through panels positioned on our building. WASD is following their lead to study the impact solar energy could have for WASD.



## LEARN MORE: CONNECT WITH US

 <https://www.facebook.com/WyoAreaSD>

 <https://www.instagram.com/WyomissingAreaSchoolDistrict>

 <https://twitter.com/wyoareasd>

 <https://www.youtube.com/@WyomissingASD>

 <https://BIT.LY/WASD-ENEWS>



## UNIFIED SPORTS / BOCCE BALL

2023 marked the beginning of WASD's Unified Sports Program with a recreational bocce ball team. Students of all ability levels enjoy time together after school to practice and prepare for competitions against other schools.



## STAFF RECOGNITION

Bob Wolfrum, stadium dedicated as "Bob Wolfrum Field"

Walter Holt, Annie Sullivan Award Nominee

Frank Ferrandino, National Wrestling Hall of Fame

## ARTS/THEATRE

The Wyomissing Area Drama Club involves students at all levels and presented *A Fall Thing*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *Seussical the Musical* in 2022-23. Students in our Art Department competed in several local competitions including the Yocum Institute Art Show with several Spartans being recognized for excellence.

## WHEC OUTDOOR STEAM AREA

WHEC students receive opportunities for hands-on outdoor learning at this new and exciting space. With PTA and WAEF support, K-4 students have numerous activity stations to stimulate innovation and creativity.

## WAEF

The Wyomissing Area Education Foundation serves to enrich educational opportunities for our students. Each year WAEF funds equipment, special events, teacher grants, and scholarships thanks to donations from generous community members. Information on how to get involved and support this community effort can be found at <https://www.wyoarea-foundation.org/>



## Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools

## WYO AREA MINI-THON

This K-12 and Community effort raised \$57,709 to support children and families affected by pediatric cancer. Students, volunteers and staff, facilitated by Mr. BJ Dramby (JSHS Social Studies), provided countless hours of service to prepare for and hold this special event. Many of our graduating seniors shared this program as the highlight of their high school memories.

## AP COMPUTER SCIENCE – FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD

Wyomissing Area JSHS earned the College Board's Female Diversity Award for expanding access for female students to both AP Computer Science courses. WASD is one of only 64 schools to receive this recognition for both AP Computer Science courses.

## DISTRICT III CHAMPIONS – 2022-23

WASD had multiple District 3 Champions, including Football, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Track and Field, as well as 11 individual Spartans.



**WREC OLIVET BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Our WREC Olivet Program provides after-school activities for students in grades 4-6. Students participate in academic enrichment, homework support, supervised recreation and daily meals. The summer program includes weekly trips to the Olivet Pool and Campground. Formed in 2021, this partnership brings two strong Berks County organizations together to support our Spartans.



**PTA**

Our Wyomissing Area Parent Teacher Organization works to engage and empower our community to advocate for students K-12. The PTA provides valuable funding and volunteer support to help our students and staff extend learning and celebrate special events. To join or support our PTA, visit their website at <https://www.wyopta.org/home>



**WREC WIN PERIOD**

As most of our WREC staff have received Total Experience Learning courses, the WIN period was developed to provide an extended learning opportunity for students. Students collaborate in high-interest areas to develop projects that connect WREC with the needs and challenges within our community. Connections with local businesses extend the scope of traditional classroom learning.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS (PTA, WAEF, ALBRIGHT, ALVERNIA, RACC, BCIU, BCTC, EXETER TOWNSHIP SD, WILSON SD, GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SD, OLIVET BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, READING YMCA, CARON, WAMA, HELPING HARVEST)**

As the saying goes... "It takes a village to raise a child." This rings true at Wyomissing Area and we rely on our valued partners to extend and enhance the learning opportunities and support services available to our students. We are fortunate to work with these local organizations to share resources and strengthen programs.



**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
MESSAGE**

The Wyomissing Area School District continues to provide outstanding opportunities for students to learn, grow and prepare for future success.

There are few Districts like Wyo Area - a place where talented students, dedicated employees and supportive community members collaborate to help all Spartans achieve.

We encourage all stakeholders to use the links in this report to follow our student and staff accomplishments through our newsletters and social media posts. We welcome those who are new to our Community and know Wyomissing Area is a great place to live, work and learn!

**Robert Scoboria  
WASD Superintendent**

# WASD ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

For the 2023-2024 school year, the Wyomissing Area School District will serve approximately 1,850 students and maintain three school buildings, a field house, a maintenance building, and multiple athletic fields. The budget for 2023-2024 supports the District's strong educational program and services while meeting all government mandates.

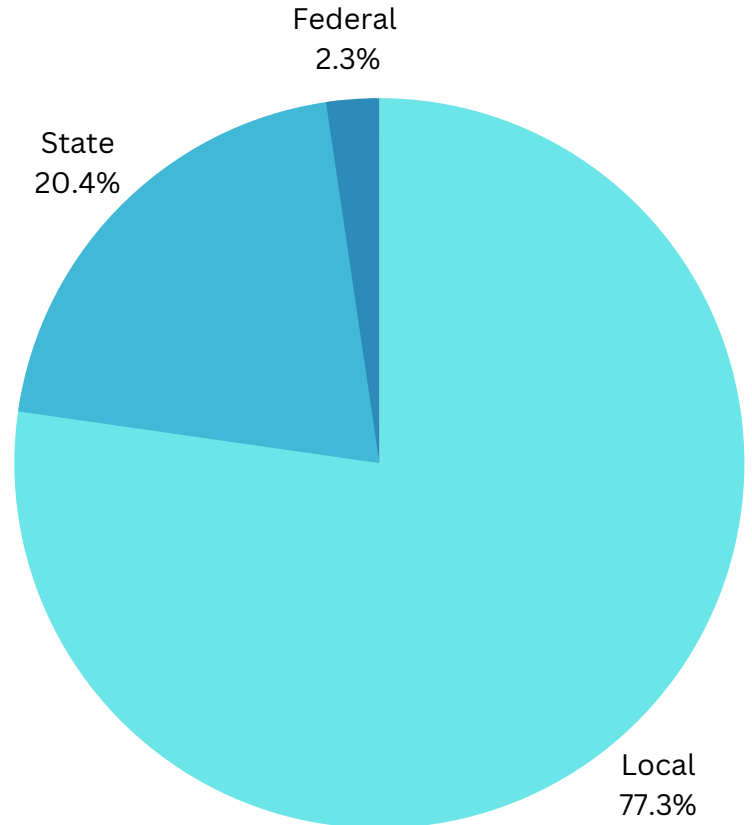
## BUDGET FAST FACTS

- Total Budget: \$43,264,659
- Property Tax Increase: 1.90%
- Millage: 33.826
- Homestead Exemption: \$253.46
- Bond Rating: AA-/Stable

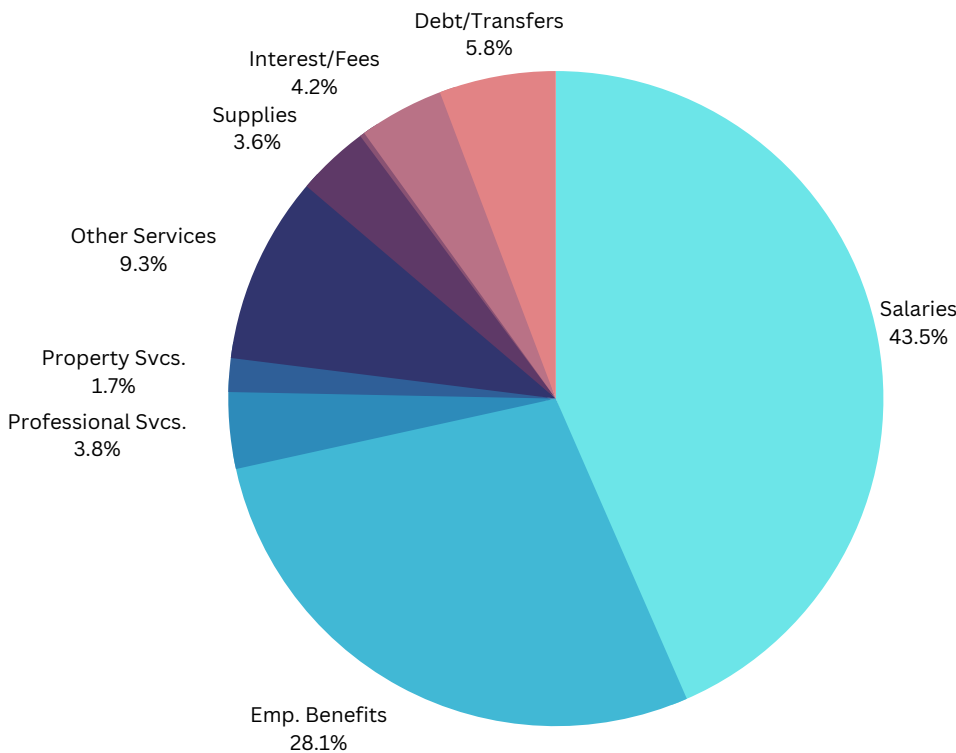
## BUDGET COST DRIVERS

- Salary/Benefit Costs
- Mandated Retirement Contributions
- Special Education Services
- Charter/Cyber School Tuition
- Utility Costs

## Revenue Sources



## Expenditures



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