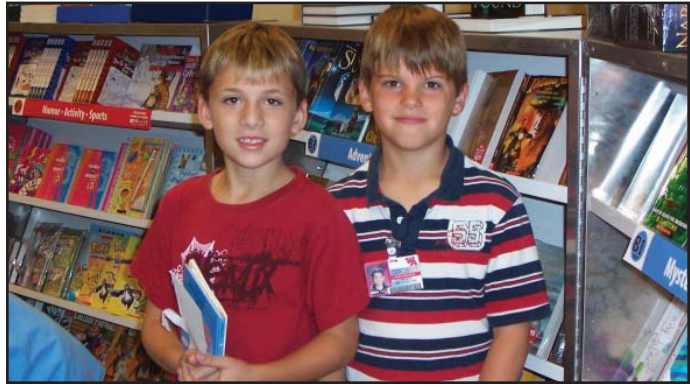




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NEWSLINE: 724-695-5205
TIP HOTLINE: 724-695-5235



Student Information



Total student enrollment (as of 8/14/09): 3,241

Enrollment by building:

Donaldson Elementary	479
McKee Elementary:	532
Wilson Elementary:	443
Middle School:	777
High School:	1,010

The following information applies to the class of 2008. The 2009 data will be available in October 2009.

Percent of 12th graders taking college boards:
71%

SAT Scores:

Average scores based on the scores of all seniors in the class of 2009 who took the exam:

Post Graduate Plans - Class of 2009:

A total of 255 seniors graduated with 86% continuing their education as follows:

- 86% pursuing a four-year or a two-year college degree
- 5% employed
- 5% training in the military services
- 4% undecided

⇒	Critical Reading	498
⇒	Math	495
⇒	Writing	476

Graduation Requirements: 26.25 credits

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Kindergarten Hours



West Allegheny School District operates a half-day kindergarten program. Parents have the option of registering for the morning session (8:55 - 11:35 a.m.) or the afternoon session (12:25 - 3:05 p.m.) on a first come, first served basis. (Each session is 2 hours 40 minutes.)

MODIFIED KINDERGARTEN HOURS

In case of a delay in the start of the school day due to weather/road conditions or other emergencies, kindergarten hours are modified accordingly.

One-hour delay Morning session: 9:55 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Afternoon session: 12:55 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.
(Each session is 2 hours, 10 minutes.)

Two-hour delay Morning session: 10:55 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.
Afternoon session: 1:25 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.
(Each session is 1 hour, 40 minutes.)

Likewise in the event of an early dismissal at 2:20 p.m., kindergarten hours change as follows:

Morning session: 8:55 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.
(Each session is 2 hours, 20 minutes.)

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Booster/Parent Groups



Baseball Boosters, Kelly Sinclair, 724-926-4222
Boys' BB Boosters, Anna Herman, 412-494-0551
Boys' Soccer Boosters, Sharon Kolarac,
724-695-8019

Football Boosters, Ruste Sinclair, 724-926-4222
Girls' BB Boosters, Mark Trautman, 724-695- 2866
Girls' SB Boosters, Mindi MdFate, 724-508-0140
Girls' Soccer Boosters, Jo Marie Tissue,
412-251-2271

Ice Hockey Boosters, Robert Burdzy,
724-695-3942

Swimming Boosters, Deborah Kaulius,
724-926-4436

CC/Track Boosters, Greg Hough, 412-974-8821

Wrestling Boosters, Teresa Reaghard,
724-693-0413

Band Parents/Boosters, T. J. Fox, 724-693-8451
Chorus Boosters, Mark McConnell, 724-899-3371
Aqua Club, Kathe Niznik, 412-608-4583
Cheerleading, Dana Kubatka, 724-695-0534
Golf Boosters, Sherri Browning, 724-695-1781
Tennis, Rita Wilson, 724-695-7368
Volleyball, Kelly Hunsberger, 724-693-9204
Bowling, Virginia Mitchell, 724-693-9797
WAMS PTA, To be announced
Donaldson PTA, Kris Sciulli, 724-693-8558
McKee PTA, Elizabeth Coghe, 724-693-0755
Wilson PTA, Vicky McLellan, 724-695-2809
Arts Advocacy Council, Nancy Volk,
724-695-3374

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Local Information Sources



- NEWSLINE: a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week telephone line which provides updated information about school events, school delays and closings - Dial 724-695-5205

- Local Newspapers: *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette West* (412-722-0085 e-mail: kfisher@post-gazette.com) publishes Thursdays; *The Allegheny Times* (724-775-3200, Ext. 171, e-mail: poshea@timesonline.com) and *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* (412-320-7995, e-mail: rjoesbury@tribweb.com) publish daily.

- Additional Print Outlets: Findlay Township Newsletter (724-695-0500), Walden Woods Newsletter (724-695-8100, e-mail: waldenwd1@verizon.net), and Allegheny West Magazine (724-695-3968, e-mail: alleghenywestmagazine@comcast.net)

- Local Cable TV:
 - Moon Community Access TV-14 (Phone: 412-269-1191, Fax: 412-269-9892) Required forms for fax submission of announcements are available online at www.mca-tv.com and in the Communications Office.
 - Comcast Cable Communications (Pittsburgh Office Phones: 412-875-1279, 412-874-1100; Administrative Office Phone: 412-875-1301, Fax: 412-875-1294) Send recorded message via e-mail: war_bulletinboard@cable.comcast.com. Required forms for faxing announcements are available in the Communications Office. If you submit by e-mail, you must use the same format as the printed form (maximum of 7 lines, 30 characters per line). Information must be submitted 30 days prior to the event; announcement will air for one week.

- Copies of school publications are available at the Western Allegheny Community Library, the Findlay and North Fayette Township Offices, the Oakdale Borough Office, and the Oakdale Senior Citizens Center.

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District Telephone Numbers, Addresses, Map



DISTRICT CONTACTS

☎ District Office Receptionist (724) 695-3422	Director of Food Services	695-5254
Superintendent 695-5211	Director of Transportation	695-5212
Assts. to Superintendent	Music Department/Chorus	695-7368
for Curriculum & Instruction 695-5204	Arts Office	695-5269
for Personnel & Student Support Svcs. 695-5216	Band Office	695-5279
Business Manager (budget) 695-5212	☎ Middle School Office 695-8979	
Pupil Services Coordinator 695-5221	Middle School Principal	695-5225
(special education, guidance and nursing	Middle School Assistant Principal	695-5226
services, attendance, testing, student and	Guidance Office	695-5230 or 5231
instructional support)	Nurse	695-5234
Director of Buildings & Grounds 695-5223	☎ Donaldson Elementary School 213-1010	
(maintenance, custodial services)	Donaldson Principal	213-1011
Communications Coordinator 695-5274	Home/School Visitor	213-1014
District Technology Office 695-5222	Nurse	213-1015
☎ High School Office 695-7368	☎ McKee Elementary School 693-8451	
High School Principal 695-5240	McKee Principal	695-5260
High School Assistant Principal 695-5259	Guidance Office	695-5267
High School Assistant Principal 695-5248	Nurse	695-5265
Athletic Director 695-5246	☎ Wilson Elementary School 695-3300	
Home/School Visitor 695-5253	Wilson Principal	695-5270
Guidance Office 695-5249 or 5251	Guidance Office	695-5276
Nurse 695-5256	Nurse	695-5275

Administration Office
Box 55
Imperial, PA 15126
Switchboard: (724) 695-3422
Fax: (724) 695-3788

West Allegheny Middle School
207 West Allegheny Road
Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: (724) 695-8979
Fax: (724) 695-8211

Wilson Elementary School
100 Bruno Lane
Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: (724) 695-3300
Fax: (724) 695-0610

West Allegheny High School
205 West Allegheny Road
Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: (724) 695-7368
Fax: (724) 695-8690

McKee Elementary School
1501 Oakdale Road
Oakdale, PA 15071
Phone: (724) 693-8451
Fax: (724) 693-0924

Donaldson Elementary School
600 Donaldson Road
Oakdale, PA 15071
Phone: (724) 213-1010
Fax: (724) 213-1002

Maintenance Building
1495 Oakdale Road
Oakdale, PA 15071
Phone: (724) 693-5223
Fax: (724) 693-8324

❖ Map of the West Allegheny School District: click the Information link on the home page, then click the District Map link.

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Athletic Programs



Sport	Varsity	Junior Varsity	9th Grade	Jr. High	Middle School
-----FALL-----					
Ice Hockey	X		X	X	
Inline Hockey	X	X			X
Football	X	X	X		X
Cross Country (B&G)	X	X			X
Girls' Volleyball	X	X			
Girls' Tennis	X	X			
Boys' Soccer	X	X			X
Girls' Soccer	X	X			X
Golf	X	X			
Girls' Basketball					X
-----WINTER-----					
Ice Hockey	X		X	X	
Inline Hockey	X	X			X
Boys' Basketball	X	X	X		X
Girls' Basketball	X	X	X		
Wrestling	X	X		X	
Swimming					
/Diving (B&G)	X				
Winter Track (B&G)	X				
Bowling (B&G)	X	X			
-----SPRING-----					
Baseball	X	X		X	X
Softball	X	X			X
Track (B&G)	X	X			X
Girls' Volleyball					X
Swimming (B&G)					X
Boys' Tennis	X				

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Community Services



COMMUNITY-ORIENTED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

The West Allegheny School District provides a variety of community-oriented services and activities including:

- ❖ Gold Card Club membership for complimentary admission to all district-sponsored events for district residents age 60 or older
- ❖ Use of the high school track when school activities are not scheduled
- ❖ Use of school swimming pools for township/borough-sponsored events
- ❖ Art Shows
- ❖ Preschool classes for three- and four-year-olds
- ❖ Senior citizen volunteer program
- ❖ Before- and after-school tutoring
- ❖ Breakfast program
- ❖ Parenting workshops
- ❖ Performing Arts Presentations: Concerts, Musical Theater, Plays
- ❖ Athletic Events
- ❖ Science Fairs
- ❖ YMCA After-School Programs
- ❖ A variety of programs sponsored by the PTAs and parent booster groups
- ❖ Use of school facilities for community events (Requests to use facilities may be made online at www.westallegheny.k12.pa.us. Click the Activities/Programs link and then the WA Facilities Request link.)

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Churches, Community Child Care



✝ PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Allegheny West Christian Church, 412-788-8818
- The Church of Jesus Christ, 724-899-2773
- Church of the Living Christ, 724-695-7188
- Clinton United Presbyterian Church, 724-695-7993
- Clinton Wesleyan Church, 724-695-7076
- Crossroads United Methodist Church, 412-494-9999
- Hebron Presbyterian Church, 724-899-2276
- Resurrection Lutheran Church, 412-788-4513
- Montours Presbyterian Church, 412-787-1050
- Noblestown United Methodist Church, 724-693-2755
- Oakdale United Presbyterian Church, 724-693-8950
- St. Columbkille Roman Catholic Church, 724-695-7325

☺ COMMUNITY CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL

- Coddler's Day Care Service, Inc., 412-787-1311
- Cutie Patootie Day Care, 724-695-1425
- Crossroads Preschool, 412-494-9999
- Helping Hands Child Care and Learning Center, 724-695-9200
- Holy Trinity Preschool, 412-787-2656
- Resurrection Lutheran Preschool, 412-788-4513
- Oakdale Kids Korner, 724-693-9733
- Sunny's Wee Kids' Palace, 412-788-2273
- Little Folks, 412-787-8822
- St. Columbkille Preschool, 724-695-2146
- Teddy Bear Village Child Care/Preschool, 724-695-3490
- West Allegheny High School Preschool, 724-695-5244, Ext. 3122

West Allegheny School District provides this information as a service to new residents and relocating businesses and not as an endorsement.

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Taxes



School Real Estate Tax

Payment: Face: October 31
 Discount: August 31
 Penalty: Beginning November 1

Local Real Estate Tax

Payment:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Face</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Findlay Twp.	July 31	May 31	Beginning August 1
North Fayette Twp.	August 31	June 30	Beginning Sept. 1
Oakdale Borough	September 30	July 31	Beginning October 1

Tax Collectors:	Findlay Township:	Dorothy McCullough, 724-695-2995
	North Fayette Township:	Tom Falcioni, 724-693-9366
	Oakdale Borough:	Donna Swider, 724-693-9889

Earned Income Tax

Payment: Quarterly

Tax Collectors:	Findlay Township:	Barbara Coates, 724-695-0521
	North Fayette Township:	Tom Falcioni, 724-693-9366
	Oakdale Borough:	Kelly Rohbeck, 724-693-9740

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Municipal Offices, Police, Fire, EMS

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

◆ Findlay Township, P. O. Box W, 1271 Rt. 30, Clinton, PA 15026 (724-695-0500)
Supervisors: Janet Craig, Thomas Gallant, Raymond Chappell; Manager: Gary Klingman

◆ North Fayette Township, 400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071 (412-788-4888)
Supervisors: James Morosetti, J. R. Mangan, John Meyers; Manager: Robert Grimm

◆ Oakdale Borough, 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071 (724-693-9740)
Council: Russ Campbell, Huck Gamble, Paul Henemuth, Keith Merlino, and Tom Potts; Mayor: Ross Rohbeck

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

◆ Findlay Township:
Jesse Lesko, Chief of Police
1271 Route 30, P.O. Box W, Clinton, PA 15026
Emergency: 911 or 724-695-7777
Non-Emergency: 724-695-1300

◆ North Fayette Township:
Jeffrey Falconer, Chief of Police
400 North Branch Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
Emergency: 911 or 724-693-8400
Non-Emergency: 412-787-8900

◆ Oakdale Borough:
Jim Lauria (Public Safety Director)
6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 724-693-9639

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

◆ Imperial Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary
Bob Bradburn, Chief
115 Main Street, Imperial, PA 15126
724-695-8845 or 0281

◆ North Fayette Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary
Rick Martin, Chief
7678 Steubenville Pike, Oakdale, PA 15071
412-861-3004

◆ Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department
Steve Trusnovic, Chief
6111 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071
724-693-9408

◆ Sturgeon Volunteer Fire Department
Craig Delaney, Chief
P.O. Box 317, 526 Main Street, Sturgeon, PA 15082
724-926-9149

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

◆ Northwest Emergency Medical Services (North Fayette/Oakdale)
Dave Gallagher, Chief
366 Helen St., Mckees Rocks, PA 15136
Emergency: 911
Non Emergency: 412-331-2600

◆ Valley Ambulance Authority (Findlay)
J. R. Henry, Director
3550 University Boulevard, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Emergency: 911 or 412-262-2620
Non-Emergency: 412-262-2621

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Staff Information



Total Employees:	424*
includes:	
Elementary teachers (K-5):	108
Secondary teachers (6-12):	137
Administrators:	12
Administrative Support	6
Support employees:	156
JROTC instructors	2

*does not include tax collectors, part-time summer maintenance staff, other part-time employees, or bus drivers (hired through contracted services)

Faculty Education Preparation:

All teaching staff are required to hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Of the total teaching staff (245), 131 also hold a master's degree or a master's and additional credits.

Teacher Salaries for the 2006-07 school year:

Minimum with B.S. degree:	\$41,915
Maximum with M.S.:	88,375
Maximum with Ph.D.:	90,075
Average Salary:	56,462

Other Staff Information:

- Approximately 18% of the teaching staff has at least 17 years of service.
- A five-year teachers' contract, effective August 2005 expires the first day of the 2010-2011 school year.
- The teachers are represented by the West Allegheny Education Association (WAEA).

The following needs updated by WAEA:

- The WAEA has received over \$25,000 in Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) grant money to fund numerous school and community projects, including the high school art festival and career day, elementary orientation for new families, the Multicultural Arts Festival, Read Across America Day, Native American Days, and the American Education Week Gold Card Luncheon.
- The WAEA has received 19 communications awards from PSEA (more than any other local in Pennsylvania).

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Strategic Plan



UPDATE

The West Allegheny School District Strategic Plan, which charts the course the district will take through the year 2011-12, was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in September 2006. Crafted by stakeholders representing various facets of the district and community, it reflects an analysis of the district's current status and the progress it intends to make over the next six years to achieve its mission.

A midpoint review was completed in 2009 to determine the progress of established action plans. Additionally, the educational technology, special education, and professional development plans were revised in order to establish new goals for the next three years.

MISSION

The mission of the West Allegheny School District, a leader in quality education, is to ensure that each student acquires the necessary knowledge and skills to be a responsible citizen prepared for lifelong learning and employment; this is accomplished by providing meaningful and personally challenging learning experiences within a safe, nurturing environment in partnership with family and community.

RATIONALE

As a continuous process of educational strategies, the Strategic Plan promotes high student academic expectations/achievement, enables the district to develop innovative programs, and formulates strategies to address challenges.

COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN

1. Chapter 4 (improvement of student achievement, opportunities, and support; enhancement of staff performance, and research into the factors affecting the district's culture)
2. Teacher Induction, Professional Education (comprehensive orientation training for new teachers and implementation of programs to meet professional staff development needs)
3. Special Education (identification of program strengths and inter-vention strategies and programs)
4. Educational Technology (prioritization of infrastructure, development of technology curriculum, and assurance of staff competence in technology)
5. Facilities Management (development of five-year plan for construction/renovation with estimated costs)

DISTRICT GOALS DRIVING THE PLAN

1. Student Achievement (improved PSSA math and reading test scores)
2. Staff Performance (highly qualified with required continuing education)
3. Student Opportunity/Support (achievement of Middle States objectives, improved graduation rate, and updated curriculum)
4. Culture (data collection to assess impact of enrollment and demo-graphic changes)

For more information on the Strategic Plan, contact Dr. Christine Assetta, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, 724-695-5204.

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Property Developments



Findlay Township

Marion Estates

92 single family dwellings off of Moody Road.
Thirteen homes are under construction in
Phase I.
Phase II is currently being planned.

Lenox place

Currently under construction with eight build-
ings.
55 townhouse & twin dwellings off of Main
Street.

Woodcreek Manor

145 Townhouse units at end of Craig Street.
Phase I, 82 Townhouse units started in 2007.

Clinton Commerce Park

186-acre business/industrial/warehouse park at
Clinton Road and Route 60

Route 30 Industrial Park

Final Land Development approval for 185 acres
off of Cummings Road along Route 30 in
Imperial.

Village at Clinton Lake

Proposed 115 townhouse units on 40 acres off of
Clinton Road.

North Field Development

2,700 foot roadway & utilities on 105 acres.
Future cargo area adjacent to Airport.

McClaren Woods #3000

60,000 square foot building off of McClaren
Woods Dr.

Dick's Sporting Goods

Phase I – 670,000 square foot office campus.
60,000 square foot aviation center.
116 acres at North Field – PIA

E.C. Lincoln Holdings

Five buildings for self storage off of Moon-Clin-
ton Road.
136 Units

Imperial Land

Findlay Industrial Park.
1,500 foot long roadway on 36 acres.
Burgettstown Road.

Okonite

Findlay Industrial Park, Lot #2.
79,100 square foot distribution center for copper
wire.

ADC

Findlay Industrial Park, Lot #1
155,000 square foot warehouse for appliances.

SunRidge

62 Village Dwelling units on 20 acres.
Birch Street in Imperial.

Chapman Commerce Center

West of Westport Interchange off of SR 576.
2.5 million square feet of commercial
development.
16 different building sites on 302 acres.
Phase I final approval in April of 2009 for a
90,700 square foot building along with
Westport Road and Campus Drive on 65
acres.

Flabeg

Clinton Commerce Park.
229,000 square foot light manufacturing.

Buncher in Clinton Commerce Park.

Additional 200,000 square feet of warehouse
space being added to 2291 Sweeney Drive

For more information contact Chris Caruso, Findlay Township, 724-695-0500.

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Property Developments

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North Fayette Township

Development under construction:

Seabright Plan (Seabright Road)

Phase 3	28 Single Family Lot Occupied 9 Single Family Lots Under Construction 18 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phase 4	27 Single Family Lots Remaining

Fayette Farms (Donaldson Road)

Phase 1 (Single Family)	38 Single Family Lots Occupied 4 Single Family Lots Under Construction 3 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phase 2 (Single Family)	15 Single Family Lots Occupied 5 Single Family Lots Under Construction 22 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phase 1 (Carriage)	22 Carriage Homes Occupied 1 Carriage Homes Under Construction 5 Carriage Home Lots Remaining
Phase 1 (Townhouse)	24 Townhouse Units Occupied 4 Townhouse Units Under Construction 12 Townhouse Units Remaining
Phase 2-7	249 Single Family Lots Remaining 60 Carriage Lots Remaining 84 Townhouse Lots Remaining

The Preserves at Pointe West (North Road)

Phase 9	32 Single Family Lots Occupied 1 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phase 10	26 Single Family Lots Occupied 2 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phase 11	4 Single Family Lots Occupied 1 Single Family Lots Under Construction 21 Single Family Lots Remaining
Phases 12-15	134 Single Family Lots Remaining

Forestbrooke (Cliff Mine Road)

	76 Single Family Lots Occupied 4 Single Family Lots Under Construction 0 Single Family Lots Remaining
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Canterbury Woods (Santiago Road)

Phase 1 and 2	28 Townhouse Units Occupied 7 Townhouse Units Under Construction 100 Townhouse Units Remaining
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For more information contact Brian Temple, North Fayette Township, 412-788-4888, Ext. 104.

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School Board



RESPONSIBILITIES

As the official governing body of the schools, the West Allegheny School Board is responsible under Pennsylvania school law to:

- Establish policy while the administration implements policy and supervises school operations.
- Employ and evaluate the school superintendent. The school board is responsible for hiring and evaluating all chief administrators who oversee the operations of the school system.
- Approve the appointment of teachers and staff members upon the superintendent's recommendations.
- Authorize the development and revision of the curricula.
- Secure finances to operate the schools. This responsibility includes authorizing expenditures and building programs. The school board is the authorizing body which approves the annual district budget.
- Work with the superintendent in establishing the district's educational standards and goals.
- Interpret the needs of the community regarding the educational program.

BACKGROUND

The school board is comprised of nine residents of the West Allegheny School District elected to terms of four years each. Three members are elected from each municipality--Findlay Township, North Fayette Township, and Oakdale Borough. School board members are not paid for their service to the school district. At the end of a four-year term, members may run for reelection to successive terms. Voting takes place at regular primaries in May and at general elections in November. If a vacancy occurs in the middle of a term, the school board names an appointee. This individual serves until a successor is elected at the next general election. The solicitor, secretary, treasurer, and auditor are appointed directly by the school board.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Debbie Mirich, President - North Fayette Region 2
724-796-5272
Serving second term
Term expires 2011

Jeff Sweet, Vice President - North Fayette Region 2
725-695-3964
Serving second term
Term expires 2009

Anne Bolind, D.V.M. - Findlay Region 3
724-695-8620
Serving second term
Term expires 2011

Edward Faux - Findlay Region 3
724-695-9009
Serving third term
Term expires 2011

Patrick Konieczny - Oakdale Region 1
724-926-2800
Serving first term
Term expires 2009

Tracy Kosis - Findlay Region 3
724-899-2906
Serving first term
Term expires 2009

Robert Ostrander - Oakdale Region 1
724-693-0121
Serving second term
Term expires 2011

Ronald Pasic - Oakdale Region 1
724-693-5949
Serving first term
Term expires 2011

John Scott - North Fayette Region 2
412-788-4539
Serving fourth term
Term expires 2009

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School Board

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The West Allegheny School Board of Directors invites residents to attend its monthly meetings. The board meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month for a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the following Wednesday's agenda items. The regular business meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The exceptions are the December meetings, which are held the first and second Wednesdays, and at other times when conflicts in dates arise. Public meetings generally begin at 7:30 p.m. Special meetings are advertised by newspapers, and notices are also posted at the district office. In the event a regular meeting date is changed, the new date is publicized. Any special meeting dates are also publicized. This is in compliance with Act 84 of 1986. The school district uses *The Allegheny Times*, *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, and *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* newspapers for all official advertisements. For more information contact the Office of the Superintendent at 724-695-5211.

Following are the meeting dates for the 2009-2010 school year:

Committee meetings

- September 9, 2009
- October 14, 2009
- November 11, 2009
- December 2, 2009
- January 13, 2010
- February 10, 2010
- March 10, 2010
- April 14, 2010
- May 12, 2010
- June 9, 2010
- July 14, 2010
- August 11, 2010

Regular meetings

- September 16, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December 9, 2009
- January 20, 2010
- February 17, 2010
- March 17, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 19, 2010
- June 16, 2010
- July 21, 2010
- August 18, 2010

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Financial Information



2009-10 BUDGET

Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,272,389
Revenues Projected	49,246,075
Expenses Projected	49,714,252
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	2,804,212

Real Estate Fair Market Values:

2007	% Change from Previous Year	2008	% Change from Previous Year	2009	% Change from Previous Year
\$1,365,031,600	+0.1	\$1,443,671,234	+5.76	\$1,463,173,029	+1.35

Real Estate Tax

Market Value

Tax

Based on 22 Mills:

\$ 50,000	\$1,100
100,000	2,200
200,000	4,400

2009-10 Budgeted Revenue Breakdown:

2009-10 Budgeted Expenses:

Local:	\$37,858,704
State:	10,654,521
Federal:	729,850
Other:	3,000

Instruction:	\$23,683,930
Instructional Support Services:	16,272,518
Non-Instructional Services:	9,757,804

General Budget Information:

- District policy prohibits nonresident students from attending the district's schools on a tuition basis.
- The 2009-10 real estate tax reduction for homestead properties as a result of gambling funds is \$207 per homestead/farmstead.

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Technology



Is there anything new involving technology this school year (2009-2010)?

Each year our Board of School Directors approves a budget that includes funds for the purchase of hardware, software, licenses, and services that enhance technology within the District.

- ◆ Elementary Level
 - Additional electronic white boards
 - Phase-in replacement of student computer monitors
- ◆ Middle School
 - Software to support new curricular offerings that include pre-advanced placement courses
 - Additional electronic white boards
 - Installation of Channel One program complete with over 70 televisions, digital satellite and video equipment
- ◆ High School
 - New Technology Education curriculum
 - Upgrade of Microsoft Office software package
 - Fully renovated state-of-the-art theater (mid-year completion date)
 - Installation of Channel One programming (scheduled for spring)
- ◆ District-wide
 - Redesign of the district web site
 - Access to a variety of new technologies available via the Allegheny Connect initiative. This will enable each school to share technological resources and programming with other districts throughout Pennsylvania and will also provide access to Internet II.
 - Installation of infrastructure upgrades to enhance security and band width capabilities

How much money has been budgeted for these enhancements?

The Board of School Directors approved approximately \$400,000 for technology for the 2009-2010 school year.

How has recent technology improved learning? West Allegheny utilizes technology to improve learning in several ways. Most importantly,

students who attend West Allegheny schools use computers and technology everyday in the classroom setting. The District implemented a new technology curriculum for grades K-12 during the 2007-2008 school year. One of the goals of the new curriculum is to integrate technology into all of the content areas. This goal promotes exposure to technology that prepares our graduates to excel in college, post-graduate training or employment in the technology-rich world of work. Technology provides access to the unlimited volume of information that is available through the Internet and via web-based resources to which the District subscribes. Many library materials are now available online that allow teachers to design interactive activities such as web quests or searches on topics related to the curriculum. Teachers use technology to plan effective lessons, assess student performance and to enhance their instruction. As the District revises each curricular area, the new curriculum is posted on our website and students are exposed to updated electronic materials. Teachers receive on-going training in the use of technology for instruction and have access to shared resources on the District network.

- ◆ Skills Assessment Manager training tool for teachers implemented in January, 2008
- ◆ Global Connect parent and staff notification system implemented in May 2008
- ◆ Computer inventory district-wide – over 1,500
- ◆ Aesop automated substitute calling service implemented in August 2008

How does the district make decisions regarding technology?

The District believes technology is an integral part of the educational experience for children and supports district initiatives in a variety of ways. For example, the District adopted a strategic plan that contains technology goals related to infrastructure, curriculum and staff development. In addition, the Board approves funds to enhance technology in the annual budget. This includes funding for technology support, which is currently provided by Questeq. The District

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also created a Technology Council to provide guidance and make recommendations related to the use of technology in the education programs.

What is the Technology Council doing to enhance opportunities for West Allegheny students?

The Technology Council chaired by Dr. William Englert, Jr., Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Student Support Services, guides the purchase, training and implementation of technology resources within the District. In conjunction with the Act 48 Committee, which plans professional development for teachers, and Dr. Christine Assetta, who coordinates curriculum and instruction, the Technology Council insures that enhanced opportunities for student learning through the use of technology exist at each level. This includes access to computers that are appropriately equipped with software for instructional and research purposes, access to the Internet, and exposure to resources that support interactive instruction such as electronic white boards.

How and when was the Technology Council formed?

The Technology Council was created in 2002 when the District initiated a contract with

Questeq for technical support and related services. It was formed by inviting key representatives from each school, the Administration and Questeq to work together in an effort to guide the implementation of technological resources within the District.

How many members serve on the Technology Council?

Currently there are eleven individuals who actively serve on the Technology Council. Members include the Building Technology Coordinators from each of the five buildings, three administrators and representatives from Questeq. The building principals are also invited to attend Technology Council meetings.

When does the Technology Council meet? How often?

The Technology Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month September through May and as needed during the summer months

What does the Technology Council do?

The Technology Council makes recommendations regarding hardware and software, services relating to technology, curricular issues and serves as a collaborative group that fosters communication between and among the staff, administration and Questeq personnel.

Technology in the West Allegheny School District A Historical Perspective

2008 – 2009

Renewed contract with Questeq, adding a full-time technician to on-site support staff
Addition of 60 new computers and projector carts throughout the district
Increased the amount of interactive whiteboards and projectors in both elementary and middle schools
Provided upgrades related to software and other services throughout the district
Second year for Classrooms For the Future purchases to accommodate additional high school classrooms with laptop carts, interactive white boards, and projectors
Implemented a parent-staff notification system to increase communication capability with parents and community
Implemented K-12 Technology Curriculum

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2007 – 2008

Acquired \$93,346 Classrooms For the Future Grant
Received Middle States Accreditation that included the following technology goals: (1) Increase academic performance, (2) Use data analysis to diagnose academic strengths and areas of refinement, and (3) Necessary improvement measures planned for continued growth
Implemented the Skills Assessment Manager (SAM) to assess current technological skills with related tutorials available to students and staff for assistance and professional development
Added Technology/Study Skills course designed for Freshman entering their first year at the high school
Technology Curriculum rewritten (K-12)
Created a partnership with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to bring Internet II to all schools serving Allegheny County students
Implemented Edline communication software for parent/student/teacher use at the middle school

2006 – 2007

Increased bandwidth of the Internet providing increased speed and services to the district
Began preparing to create a new (K-12) Technology Program
Continued professional development to increase technology competency of all district staff
Added 215 computers across the district
Adopted PA Secure ID to enhance the confidentiality of student records
Created Student ID cards for safety and security of our student/staff population
Implemented the Web-based GradeQuick Software Program for grading and increased accessibility for parental involvement
Created the new storage management system at the High School
Added computer configuration upgrades throughout the district
Implemented MyLunchMoney and Winsap to support the Food Service Department
Implemented Edline communication software for parent/student/teacher use at the High School
Initiated the Online Bulletin Board (Intranet) to increase communication and collaboration among the staff within the district network

Since 1998 when the Pennsylvania Department of Education chose West Allegheny as the state's model for other educational institutions looking to integrate technology into their curricula and programs, the district has continued to prioritize technological advancement. The school board approved a three-year, \$2.8 million technology (E-Tech) plan in April 2002 to upgrade the district's computer hardware and software. The district's Technology Council, consisting of board members, administrators and staff members, finalized the plan and monitored its implementation with advice from Questeq, the district's technology services provider.

Following state approval, implementation began in 2002 with new equipment in the computer labs and libraries and system upgrades, including server enhancements and new wiring. Interactive white boards were also provided as electronic teaching tools in each building. Included in the early phases of the plan were improvements in the e-mail system for teachers and staff and installation of an electronic grade book for teachers.

A technology support center, designed to help employees quickly solve hardware and software problems via e-mail, telephone, and web requests became available in 2002-03.

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With the installation of fiber optic cable connecting all buildings to the servers at the middle school in the fall of 2002, system users saw a significant increase in the speed with which they access network resources. This wiring also enabled computer programs to run faster and improved e-mail communication speed. Another benefit is increased reliability, reducing communication problems between the buildings and minimizing system down time. Long-term advantages include the capability for video transmission between buildings and, eventually, distance learning from programs in other schools, including those on other continents.

Other technological improvements during the first year included an upgrade to provide individual storage space for all teachers and students on the network. Another important component of the plan was the installation of technology at Donaldson Elementary School.

The second year of the technology plan included a new link to the Internet, which increased capacity six times that of the previous connection and allows for additional expansion as needed. Almost 500 new computers were added and electronic portfolios for high school students were expanded to another grade.

During year three (2004-05) improvements included the use of an emergency generator to preserve e-mail and Internet service during power outages, centralization and expansion of district-wide backup, and the installation of new hardware and software in the libraries and computer labs.

The new hardware included a wireless hand scanner at the high school and a receipt printer at the middle school. Updated computers replaced older models in the middle school special education and learning support classrooms. Students at all buildings have available such programs as WebMARK, which incorporates Internet searches into card catalog searches, and World Book 2004

Encyclopedia, which has been added at the middle school level and updated at the elementary level. Other software acquisitions include Home Architect Version 6 in the Computer Assisted Design (CAD) lab at the high school and Print Shop 15 Enhanced Educators Edition at Wilson. At the elementary schools, Kid Pix, a multimedia software program, encourages investigation and exploration, supporting and enhancing just about any curriculum topic or skill application.

Scantron, a computer-based nationally standardized assessment test, replaced the Terra Nova test in 2004. Scantron takes less instructional time while providing more diagnostic information more quickly for teachers. In addition, the district adopted a web-based writing assessment system through Vantage Software.

The West Allegheny School District upgraded technology with new software and hardware district-wide for the 2005-06 school year. Working with Questeq, its technology services provider, the District added software enhancements (Edline and Gradequick) to facilitate online grades. Vision Software now allows teachers to monitor student computers. Applications, like Deep Freeze, which prohibits unapproved installation of programs, will protect and extend computer life. Others, like Turn IT In, are used at the high school and middle school to prevent plagiarism. Students also benefit from the latest in music notation and assessment software with the installation of Finale 2005. As an upgrade to the current e-mail system, Exchange 2003 improved the Web Outlook Interface for checking e-mail over the Internet. Installation of the latest version of Winebago, an upgrade to the present Library Circulation software, expanded the functionality of the library system.

Improvements in instructional support areas include updating the program that manages the cafeteria transactions in order to maintain software support and upgrading the personnel system to a Windows version. The district also increased

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training and utilization of the testing and tracking program Scantron.

With computer replacement on a four-year cycle, 265 new computers replaced those that were four years old this year. While smaller than the current computers, the new models have CD ROMs. CD Writers /DVD Readers will be added to new computers designated for teacher and presentation workstations. New flat panel 17-inch monitors also save on space. The new computers were allocated for the elementary and middle school libraries and various computer labs at all five buildings. Other replacement equipment includes scanners for the McKee and Wilson libraries, printers for Wilson and the middle school, a CAD (Computer Assisted Design) plotter for the high school, and servers in the district computer center.

In 2005 the district received approval from the state for an extension of the E-Tech Plan approved in April 2002 until the beginning of the next strategic planning cycle. In 2005-06 the district updated its long-range E-Tech Plan as a part of the five-year strategic plan. In addition, it developed a

K-12 technology curriculum in 2006-07 and prioritized the integration of technology into the rest of the curriculum.

In February 2006, the district communications coordinator launched an online bulletin board (Intranet) for employees. Effective December 2006, the communications coordinator assumed new responsibilities as transition web content manager. Along with several staff computer facilitators, she has been expanding and revamping the district's website at www.westallegheny.k12.pa.us to provide updated and accurate school information to the West Allegheny community in an attractive format on an ongoing basis.

With the 2007-2008 school year came a number of initiatives to enhance technological opportunities for students and staff. These include Classrooms for the Future, Skills Assessment Manager (SAM), expanded Scantron training, the addition of a new Technology/Study Skills course at the high school, and plans for appropriate technology infrastructure as part of the high school renovations.

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Community Organizations



COMMUNITY SERVICES & ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary, 724-693-9458
 American Legion (Oakdale Post 171), 866-693-8759
 Daughters of the American Revolution, 724-899-2719
 Findlay Cub Scout Pack 830, 724-695-7526
 Findlay Township Senior Citizens, 724-695-000
 Imperial Lions Club, 724-695-3471
 Montour Trail Council, 412-257-3011
 Montour Valley Grange, 724-695-0481
 Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS):
 724-693-5004 (Crossroads Methodist Church)
 724-899-2552 (Hebron Church)
 North Fayette Boy Scout Troop 355, 412-490-0507
 North Fayette Garden Club, 724-693-8413
 North Fayette Senior Citizens, 724-693-3118
 Oakdale Community Center, 724-693-9740, includes:
 Cub Scout Pack 848
 American Legion
 Oakdale Leisure Club
 Oakdale Masonic Lodge, 724-693-8330
 Oakdale Senior Citizens (in the Oakdale Community Center), 724-693-8540 or 2621
 SNPJ Lodge 106, 724-695-1411

St. Columbkille Senior Citizens, 724-695-7325
 VFW (Montour Valley Post 7714), Findlay Township, 724-695-0177
 VFW (Oakdale Post 7070), 724-693-0535
 Walden Woods Community Service Association., 724-695-8100
 Western Allegheny Community Library, 724-695-8150
 Western Allegheny Friends to Enhance the Library (WAFEL) 724-695-8150
 West Allegheny Historical Association, 724-695-2469
 Western Area YMCA 412-787-9622

COMMUNITY YOUTH ATHLETICS

Findlay Athletic Association, 724-695-1993
 North Fayette Athletic Association, 412-580-0655
 North Fayette Floor Hockey, 412-498-4510
 Oakdale Youth League, 724-693-8951
 West Allegheny Inline Hockey, 724-695-4292
 West Allegheny Youth Association (WAYA) 724-695-2449
 West Allegheny Youth Soccer, 724-695-8897
 West Allegheny Youth Wrestling, 412-974-3655

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Programs and Curriculum



INTRODUCTION

A leader in its instructional efforts, the West Allegheny School District earned accreditation for the high school from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in March 2006 for a period of seven years through 2013. By granting accreditation status, MSA confirms that West Allegheny provides an educational environment of growth and change for continuous improvement by setting objectives and implementing plans to achieve those objectives. In February 2009, MSA approved the district's mid-term report without the need for a site visit. The district's curriculum development, Title I (Reading), Title II (Improving Teacher Quality and Technology), Title V (Innovative Education), special education, and ESL programs have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

CURRICULUM

West Allegheny's curriculum is aligned with the state standards in all subject areas. It is also aligned to state assessment anchors and eligible content and national standards for applicable content areas.

Teachers and administrators are involved in re-writing and updating all content area curricula on a 3-5 year cycle. The revision process includes reviewing best practices for content instruction and assessing the status of the present curriculum, to identify strengths/needs. The committee then identifies objectives and expected learning outcomes and uses curriculum mapping to monitor the meeting of all standards and assessment anchors/eligible content (when applicable), eliminate unnecessary overlaps and close gaps and to focus on key curricular transition points (primary grades to intermediate grades, intermediate grades to middle school level, middle school level to high school level). The committee determines the need for new textbooks/instructional resources in order to implement the revised curriculum. When a new

textbook is necessary, an extensive textbook review process is initiated in order to select the book that is most closely aligned with curricular expectations. The completed curriculum document is posted on the district website, including a checklist component to monitor implementation and mastery of objectives.

Revised curricula timeline: 2006: math, science, social studies, MS/HS physical education/health, technology education; 2007: world language, family and consumer sciences, information and communication technology; 2008: music, language arts, ESL; 2009: science, art, life skills; and 2010: math, social studies, library sciences

As of the 2009-2010 school year, the following AP course are available: AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP Studio Art, AP Calculus AB, AP Statistics, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, AP U.S. History, and AP Economics.

Pre-AP English/Reading courses in grades 6-8 will be offered for the first time during the 2009-2010 academic year. A curriculum was designed consistent with Pre-AP/AP Board expectations. Teacher training related to Pre-AP instructional strategies was provided. Multiple criteria for student participation in Pre-AP courses were defined. English/Reading Pre-AP placement exams (to be administered in grades 5-7 through Scantron's Achievement Series) were developed to determine student eligibility.

The Middle School uses the electronic Accelerated Reading Program for student assessment and instruction.

Effective 2009-10, the middle school schedule was revised to provide Pre-AP reading/English courses in grades 6-8, a full-year course in a world language in grade 8, and an opportunity for intensive

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studies in Research/Inquiry and Health.

Core academic courses will be scheduled before ninth period in order to benefit students involved in an extracurricular activity.

Since the start of the 2009-10 school year, Project Lead the Way expands the High School technology education program with pre-engineering opportunities in a hands-on instructional environment through the following courses introduced in sequence as indicated: Introduction to Engineering Design (2009-2010), Principles of Engineering (2010-2011), Digital Electronics (2011-2012), Computer Integrated Manufacturing (2011-2012), and Engineering Design and Development (2012-2013)

The West Allegheny School District collaborates with ASSET and the Math and Science Collaborative to promote sound math and science instruction across the grade levels.

COCURRICULAR OFFERINGS

The West Allegheny School District provides a variety of arts opportunities for students including drama, forensics, dance, music, and theater. The Marine Junior ROTC program emphasizes leadership and citizenship. Each year the annual fall play and spring musical production afford students a chance to experience the performing arts. National Academic League competition is offered at the middle school level. Through a student-to-student mentoring program, high school students are trained to help elementary students with reading and math homework. West Allegheny conducts a two-week summer recreation program for its elementary students.

CRISIS PREVENTION/INTERVENTION

The district has a crisis prevention/intervention plan to provide information on procedures before, during, and after a crisis. This plan is reflected in a crisis handbook developed in 2007 as a convenient, easy-to-use reference guide. In August 2002

West Allegheny's crisis plan was selected by State Attorney General Robert P. Casey as the Pennsylvania state model for school safety. In conjunction with the plan, the district's Crisis Prevention/Intervention Policy, developed in December 1999, addresses the health, safety, and welfare of all students, staff, and visitors using prevention and response approaches.

PUPIL SERVICES

A variety of instructional initiatives include a drug and alcohol education program with prevention and intervention components, alternative education, and character education. The West Allegheny School District provides a continuum of comprehensive special education services in grades K-12 in the areas of learning support, emotional support, life skills support, autism, speech and language support, deaf/hearing-impaired support, blind/vision-impaired support, and gifted support.

The district has a comprehensive English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) program. The program employs one full-time teacher and one half-time teacher servicing all buildings. The level of service depends on the students' level of receptive and expressive English skills.

Support services are provided by the Instructional Support Team, Primary Intervention Program, and Math Resource Program in grades K-8 to help students with academic, social or behavioral adjustment. Student support teams are functioning in the middle and high schools. These teams provide services to students and families dealing with mental health and drug and alcohol issues. The West Allegheny School District employs a guidance counselor at each elementary school, two middle school counselors, and three high school counselors. Also employed at the high school is a transition counselor who assists students with disabilities by providing academic counseling and developing transition goals from school to work.

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The district employs a full-time social worker/attendance officer at the secondary level and a half-time social worker for the elementary schools. Also at the elementary level, the district contracts with mental health agencies to provide educational groups. A full-time school psychologist services all five district buildings. A full-time nurse is employed at each building. Preschool services are contracted through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

West Allegheny embraces an early childhood concept in the elementary grades K-3. It encourages a more common readiness level among students with more direct, hands-on activities related to the curriculum. Various learning centers throughout the classrooms give the students an opportunity to expand on their individual learning through experienced-based activities.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The district's teachers have also been trained in widely respected techniques such as Cooperative Learning, ADAPT, brain-based methods of instruction, harassment intervention and prevention, character education, technology, school safety, literacy strategies, and analysis of data to guide instructional decisions.

A strong commitment to the participatory process provides teachers many opportunities to be actively involved in curriculum development.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, professional development focused on the use of formative assessment strategies to monitor student mastery of

curriculum and to drive instructional decisions. Dr. Otto Graf and Dr. Joseph Weirlich from the University of Pittsburgh provided several sessions on effective formative assessment strategies such as the use of exit cards, quick writes, think-pair-share, concept maps, journal entries, and choral responses. During the 2009-2010 academic year, professional development will continue to focus on formative assessment strategies as each grade level/department identifies formative assessment practices that they will implement in their classrooms on a regular basis.

During the 2009-2010 school year, selected middle school and high school science teachers are participating in Math and Science Collaborative sessions to promote an inquiry-based model for science instruction. Additionally, selected elementary, middle school, and high school math teachers are participating in Teaching Mathematics for Learning: Standards Aligned System Leadership Academy sessions at the AIU to focus on sound instructional math practices that complement the Pennsylvania Department of Education Standards Aligned System (SAS) for Mathematics.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement at West Allegheny reinforces and broadens the instructional experience for students. This includes cooperative efforts with the district's three municipalities (Findlay and North Fayette Townships and Oakdale Borough), local police, senior citizens, businesses, ministerium, local library, local preschools and day care centers, educational institutions, parents, athletic associations, veterans organizations, PTAs, YMCA, and other community groups.

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Facilities



The West Allegheny School District facilities include the High School (grades 9-12) located at 205 West Allegheny Road; the Middle School (grades 6-8) located on the same 75-acre campus as the High School at 207 West Allegheny Road; Wilson Elementary School located on a 27.5-acre campus at 100 Bruno Lane; Donaldson Elementary located on a 26.8-acre campus at 600 Donaldson Road; McKee Elementary School on a 79.4-acre campus at 1501 Oakdale Road; and a maintenance building located on the McKee campus at 1495 Oakdale Road. The three elementary schools are all kindergarten-grade 5. All the facilities are located in North Fayette Township except Wilson Elementary, which is in Findlay Township.

West Allegheny High School, 207 West Allegheny Road, Imperial Pa 15126

The current High School building was begun in 1961 and opened in 1962. The academic sections of the building are two stories with common areas on the ground level. Renovations in 1972 added a classroom wing, a swimming pool and increased the cafeteria/kitchen areas. In 1992 more classrooms were added along with extensive renovations to the facility, and in 1999 a new 2,000-seat two-story gymnasium, a music classroom, an expansion to the cafeteria, and an academic classroom wing (including a video studio) were added. As part of that project, the library was moved to the old gym area, a new chorus room was created, and the old library space was converted into classrooms. The kitchen was remodeled incorporating a food-court design in 2006. In 2007 artificial turf was installed in the stadium in addition to other improvements to the stadium grounds. A \$26 million two-year project began in 2008 to add a two-story, 22-room classroom wing and a two-story locker room/offices/two-classroom addition to the gym. This project also provided for the expansion of the auditorium to add 50 percent more seating utilizing a balcony; the relocation and expansion of the tennis court area on the campus; and

extensive renovations to the rest of the building and its mechanical systems. In addition to the stadium (which has a capacity of approximately 4,000 and includes a press box, scoreboard and concession stand/storage building), the campus includes a softball field, a multipurpose field, a football practice field, four tennis courts, and an outdoor classroom. Parking exists on campus for approximately 500 cars, including a lot with approximately 200 spaces for student parking. The project initiated in 2008 should allow the district to accommodate the expected increase in enrollment over the next ten years.

West Allegheny Middle School, 205 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, Pa 15126

The two-story Middle School was opened in 1976 and is located on the same campus as the High School. The building was renovated, and additions made in 2000-2001, which included a new roof, new heating and air conditioning systems, a gymnasium expansion and eleven new classrooms besides remodeling the entrance, cafeteria (to include the addition of a food court), industrial arts area, common areas, and existing classrooms. The middle school includes a planetarium, computer labs, a library, and a gymnasium.

Wilson Elementary School, 100 Bruno Lane, Imperial, PA 15126

The Wilson Elementary School is located in Findlay Township, just off Boggs Road. The building was built in 1971-1972 as a twin of the McKee Elementary School, which was constructed concurrently. In 1993 an eight-classroom wing was added to the building, which has a swimming pool, computer lab, library, cafeteria and gymnasium/multipurpose room, in addition to regular classrooms and administrative space. The school also has an outside playground. The Wilson campus also includes a historic two-story log house with an outdoor amphitheater, which is used by students periodically as a part of their curricular activities and for events to which the community is invited.

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McKee Elementary School, 1501 Oakdale Road, Oakdale, PA 10571

The McKee elementary School was built in 1971-1972 as a twin to Wilson Elementary School. Eight classrooms were added in 1999. The building has a swimming pool, computer lab, library, cafeteria, gymnasium/multipurpose room, and art and music rooms in addition to regular classrooms and administrative space. The school is equipped with an outside playground area and a wooded amphitheater area used for outdoor classes. The McKee campus has a large area for fields used for soccer and midget football in addition to a concession stand building.

Donaldson Elementary School, 600 Donaldson Road, Oakdale, Pa 10571

Donaldson Elementary was opened for students at the start of the 2003-2004 school year. Additions were made in 2004 to add eight classrooms to allow the District administrative offices to be located in one wing of the building until those

spaces are needed by students for classrooms. The building includes a swimming pool, cafeteria, gym, computer lab, art and music rooms in addition to regular classrooms and administrative space. The school also has an outside playground area, an outdoor classroom in a butterfly garden area, and a reading amphitheater outside the two-story glass-enclosed library. The full service kitchen in the school also prepares meals for its students and those at McKee and Wilson Elementary Schools. Also located on the campus is the varsity baseball field.

District Maintenance Facility, 1495 Oakdale Road, Oakdale, PA 10571

Constructed in 2006, the District Maintenance Facility is located on a portion of the McKee campus on Oakdale road. The building includes maintenance bays for repair and storage of vehicles and equipment; and a storage area for supplies and equipment in addition to offices for the maintenance staff. The facility includes sufficient space for vehicle parking, road salt storage and equip-

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Overview of the Community



General Information

West Allegheny School District was formed in 1949 from the schools in Findlay and North Fayette Townships and Oakdale Borough as a jointure. A formal district was formed in 1966. With approximately 20,000 residents in its 58 square miles, West Allegheny is the largest district, geographically, of the 42 school systems in Allegheny County.

West Allegheny is located 15 miles west of the heart of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, five miles from the Parkway West, six miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport, and seven miles from Interstate 79. Pittsburgh attracted worldwide acclaim in September 2009 as the host city for the G-20 Summit where representatives from 19 countries and the European Union met to discuss key issues in the global economy. Pittsburgh was also rated the most livable city in the United States and 29th worldwide in 2009 by Economist Magazine. The last time Pittsburgh earned this distinction was in 2007 in author David Savageau's annual Places Rated Almanac. Criteria included ambience, housing, jobs, crime, transportation, education, health care, recreation, and climate. In quality of education, Pittsburgh ranked 29th out of 379 metro areas across the country included in that study.

About our Municipalities

Once primarily a rural community setting, the district comprised of the townships of Findlay and North Fayette and the borough of Oakdale has become a focal point for regional growth. Ongoing residential development in Findlay and North Fayette has resulted in an increase in student enrollment from 2,576 in 1993-94 to approximately 3,240 in 2009-10.

Findlay Township

Home of the Pittsburgh International Airport and Dick's Sporting Goods Headquarters, Findlay Township is the largest municipality in

Allegheny County with 32.42 square miles. Rural in character with village-type settings in Clinton and Imperial, and suburban-type setting in Westbury, the Township has recently experienced residential and commercial development growth. Small businesses line Main Street and Route 30 in Imperial and Route 30 in Clinton. Business Parks exist throughout the Township, with the largest being the RIDC ParkWest located off of the Montour Run and McClaren exits of the Parkway West. New commercial developments are occurring along McClaren Road, Industry Drive, Clinton Road, Route 30 and within newly created development-ready parcels in the Westport Area, adjacent to the Findlay Connector. In addition, the new Dick's Sporting Goods Headquarters is nearing completion in Phase II of the Northfield Area of the Pittsburgh International Airport located at the Flaugherty Run Exit of Business Route 60. Phase I of Northfield includes Cargo and Distribution facilities being developed by Trammell Crow.

Newer residential developments are expanding the Township's population in the Clinton and Imperial areas. To support these developments, Findlay Township has five (5) existing Parks and six (6) miles of the Montour Hiking/Biking Trail. The relatively new Recreation and Sports Complex includes a lighted skate park, lighted basketball courts, lighted Dek Hockey court, lighted soccer/all purpose field, a regulation size baseball field, and other support facilities.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission completed construction of the first phase of the Southern Beltway in the Pittsburgh region, known as the Findlay Connector, in 2006. The Findlay Connector connects the Pittsburgh International Airport to Route 22 with interchanges at Route 30 and Westport. Water and Sewer expansions to support this roadway

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have been constructed, which has opened up over 2,000 acres of land for commercial development. The Findlay Industrial Park is under construction, and there are plans for the Chapman Commerce Center in the Westport Area. The Clinton Commerce boasts development that includes Knepper Press, FedEx, Flabeg and American Tire

Distribution. The Findlay Industrial Park includes companies such as, Okonite (copper wire manufacturer) and ADC (Appliance Distribution Cooperative).

With its rural character, large geographic area, and low residential density, Findlay Township is sensitive to preserving its natural environmental future. Current zoning and comprehensive planning prepare the Township for additional anticipated development.

North Fayette Township

This quickly developing municipality has numerous new residential developments springing up throughout its 24.74 square miles. Twentieth century farms and coal mining operations gradually give way to residential and commercial enterprise.

The township is home to The Pointe at North Fayette adjacent to the R.I.D.C. Park West, several national and international business facilities, and since July 2000, Pittsburgh Technical Institute. In January 2007 Community College of Allegheny County opened its CCAC West Center in the township.

North Fayette calls itself a bedroom community with a strong focus on recreation. A township park, several ball fields, a community library, and a community swimming pool facility are located throughout the township. The township recently acquired 35.5 acres of land near the Donaldson Elementary school to develop more recreational facilities.

Running directly through North Fayette Township is Route 22-30, connecting the easternmost portion of the township to the Parkway West and the westernmost portion of the township to Washington County.

Oakdale Borough

Oakdale is a small residential community, which celebrated its centennial in 1992. Only .58 square miles, it is a community limited in its development but strong in its community spirit. Oakdale has an

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- ❖ A West Allegheny Middle School teacher received the first ever Root American Music Award from Gateway to the Arts in 2009. The award included two complimentary music assemblies for middle school students presented by well-known blues artists John Cephas and Phil Wiggins.
- ❖ Two West Allegheny High School students placed in the top ten in the country at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California in July 2009.
- ❖ In March 2008 the board approved an emergency notification system to provide telephone messages to the district community. This rapid-call system allows the district to reach parents, students, and staff members instantly connecting with thousands of people within minutes.
- ❖ Plans for the 2009-2010 school year included enhancing instruction with daily 12-minute television broadcasts of student news and information in a student-friendly format for middle school and high school students. This initiative was made possible pursuant to an agreement with Channel One, which provided all the necessary equipment including 77 televisions, digital satellite and video equipment, cable, brackets, and Smart Board connectivity. The equipment will also be available for daily announcements and classroom instruction.
- ❖ On the 2009 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) writing test, West Allegheny's 2009 seniors scored within the top one percent of schools across Pennsylvania. In this group, 97% of the students scored in the top two ranges (advanced and proficient) All West Allegheny Schools surpassed the state targets for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the PSSA reading, math and writing tests and far exceeded proficiency requirements under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- ❖ Committed to integrating technology with our classroom instruction, the West Allegheny School District completed a revision of the K-12 Information and Communications Technology curriculum in 2007 and a new technology curriculum in 2008. The District received Classrooms for the Future grants in 2007-08 and 2008-09 for technology equipment at the high school for use in the Math and English Departments. The District has joined a consortium of schools within Allegheny County that have received a grant to fund a regional wide area network (RWAN). The RWAN will allow students in West Allegheny schools to interact with students from classrooms throughout the region and permit the District to share software resources.
- ❖ The West Allegheny School District website (www.westallegheny.k12.pa.us) received awards of honor in the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) "Excellence in Education" communications competition in 2003 and 2004, making West Allegheny the only district to win this statewide award in both years.
- ❖ In 2004 the State Department of Education presented Keystone Achievement awards to McKee, and Wilson Elementary Schools and West Allegheny middle school and high school for having met the state's standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Donaldson Elementary School was not eligible for the award since the school had just opened in 2003.
- ❖ In August 2002 the district's crisis prevention/safety plan was selected as a model for school safety by State Attorney General Robert P. Casey, Jr. from among 595 local education agencies across the state responding to a school safety survey.
- ❖ Effective 2002 the district launched an annual employee recognition program to emphasize the importance of the dedicated service provided by its staff. All employees who have reached desig-

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- nated milestones in their years of service are recognized with a complimentary dinner and a small gift.
- ❖ The West Allegheny School District received commendable results from a 2007 audit of its special education program by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
 - ❖ The Grants for Teachers program launched in 2005-2006 by the West Allegheny Foundation rewards innovative instructional ideas. Through the 2009-2010 school year, the foundation has awarded over \$45,000 in grants to teachers through this program
 - ❖ West Allegheny earned accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) in March 2006. By granting accreditation status through 2013, MSA confirms that West Allegheny provides an educational environment of growth and change for continuous improvement by setting objectives and implementing plans to achieve those objectives.
 - ❖ The district's vision for the future is reflected in its Strategic Plan targeting curriculum and instruction, professional development, teacher induction, technology, special programs, and facilities.
 - ❖ The district earned perfect scores for its Title I (Reading) and Title II (Improving Teacher Quality and Technology) programs in April 2009 through a federal program audit by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
 - ❖ Regular audit reports of the district's financial operation continue to reaffirm its reputation for responsible fiscal practices. Biannual audits conducted by the State Auditor General have found the district's business records in good order with no written findings of noncompliance. Likewise, annual audits performed by the district's independent auditor have resulted in favorable reports.
 - ❖ A variety of support groups have been implemented to help elementary students deal with problems relating to social skills, divorce, separation, and step or blended families, which often affect children's school behavior and academic work. These six-week programs are facilitated for students during the day by Family Links in conjunction with district guidance counselors. Additional educational support groups pertaining to student adjustment are provided by school counselors and social workers at all levels.
 - ❖ In 1992 parent volunteers, with the support of the school board, administrators, and the community, established the all-night graduation party (Pow Wow), to provide graduating seniors with a night of substance-free, safe fun following their Commencement.
 - ❖ West Allegheny Middle School was honored by the Pennsylvania Middle Schools Association as the recipient of the 1998 Don Eichhorn Award for Outstanding Middle School of the Year in recognition of its outstanding middle level program.