

Superintendent Report for Meeting

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- The Middle School hosted the alternative energy camp for approximately 30 students in grades 5-7, where students were able to learn about the various types of renewable energy resources. I was able to visit one afternoon and I have heard positive reports from the staff and students.
- Our summer Be Better camp continues to go well. We have had a great turnout and our staff is working hard to fill in learning gaps and get our young people ready for next school year. I am proud of our students and our teachers who are working over the summer in this worthwhile program.
- We are putting the finishing touches on our new website and the school app. You can actually go to the app store or Google Play and download the Wapakoneta City Schools app.
- The state continues to work on the school funding plan, with both houses presenting two different models. The school district will benefit financially from both, but the House plan offers a long-term solution to a problem that has been around for many years. We will receive more dollars in state funding over the next two years in the Senate plan, but the House plan appears to benefit all schools in a fair way--the reason it is referred to as the "Fair School Funding Plan." It also has less dollars flowing to private and charter schools, as well as the way it funds open enrollment. Wapakoneta City Schools is not in opposition to school choice; however, we do believe if schools are funded by the state they should follow all of the same rules and be held to the same standards and admission policies.