

## Superintendent Report for Meeting

Aaron Rex

1/12/20

- I recently spoke with our Career Counselor, Laura Mears. She stated that our 8 students in the STNA program have all completed and passed the course in our partnership with Rhodes State. They will now move on to the state board exam. There will be 8 more students starting the course during second semester. We have had multiple students take part in the internship program first semester and there will be approximately 40 more getting this experience the second half of the year. They have been in areas such as police work, accounting, skilled labor, law, veterinary work and more. We have received a lot of positive feedback and see the program growing.
- We were able to do some of our classroom walkthroughs at the high school once we returned from break. I say this every time, but it is always enjoyable to see the teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms.
- As you know the district submitted a bid for 8 acres of land on the south side of Redskin Trail near the softball field. Our bid for this strip of land was not accepted as another individual purchased the entire property.
- This month is school board recognition month. I would like to recognize and thank our school board members for their leadership and dedication to Wapakoneta City Schools. The one thing that I appreciate most about our 5 school board members is that I know that they truly care about our school and this community. In every decision they make they take into consideration what is best for our young people and our staff. I would like to recognize them now:
  - Mr. Brian Cossel-He has been a member of the school board for 3 years and serves on the Athletic Board/Parent Information Group, and the Performing Arts Center Committee.
  - Mr. Josh Little-Has been a board member for 6 years and is our current Board President. Mr. Little is on the Finance Committee and is the Legislative Liaison.
  - Mr. Ron Mertz-Has been a school board member for 20 years. He has served in many different roles and is currently on the Facilities Committee and is Student Achievement Liaison. In addition he is a member of the Performing Arts Center Committee.
  - Mr. Gregg Ruppert-Gregg has been a board member for three years and is our current Vice President. He serves on the Athletic Board/Parent Information Board and the Finance Committee.
  - Mr. Willie Sammetinger-Willie has been a board member for 16 years. He is a member of our Facilities Committee.

Even though we see board meetings taking place once a month, there is much, much more that goes into being a board member. Phone calls, emails, events, and big decisions are all part of job that may not always receive a thank you, but truly make a huge impact on our outstanding school system. Thank you for your service to Wapakoneta City Schools.

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January 2021

### New Elementary Students to Wapakoneta

Each year at this time, I begin to notify the board about the growth we are seeing in this district at the elementary level. To date, we have added 101 new students to our classrooms. Not all of the 101 are brand new to the district, but well over 95% are. Some of these students were unenrolled at the beginning of the year due to COVID restrictions and were homeschooled. At the halfway point of the school year, several of these parents have enrolled their children back with Wapakoneta City Schools. I believe that at no other time in the lives of anyone living, have we understood the importance of learning in a classroom with a teacher. Thank you to everyone in this room for making this happen at WCS.

### Guys in Ties

We are up and running again! I have personally met with each grade level and discussed with them the plan of meeting and topics. As this has turned into something in previous years that has gained a lot of traction, another "group" has also started at CES. Girls in Pearls will be very similar to Guys in Ties in that they will have topics focused on being Respectful, Responsible and Kind. Aundrea Brown, Cori Fields, and Jill Stubbs will be leading these groups.

Together we are creating a schedule so that when the girls are with them, the boys can come with me or whoever is working with the boys that week. In the past, Mr. Rex and Mr. Watt have agreed to speak with them. This year I thought it would be great for Mr. Cutnaw or Mr. Snyder to lead a session about Middle School expectations. We will work on this closer to the time of delivery.

### Returning Students from Online

At the beginning of the school year, 50 students from Cridersville Elementary School had families choose to do online schooling rather than send their student to school. Shortly after the school year started, that number was reduced to around 25. At the end of the first nine week grading period, this number was reduced a little over half again. At the end of the second nine weeks, CES has only 6 students that will remain online. Now some of you might say, "That's because the parent needs a break." I say, "We're just that NEEDED!"

### SEL and Guidance

I have spoken on the addition of the SEL position in the past but just wanted to take a moment to reiterate the important job Mrs. Fields is doing. Carrie Knoch as my witness, our preschool rosters have taken a sudden increase in number, but have exponentially increased in needs and supports. Having the addition and support of the SEL has proven to be worthwhile for student and family. We will continue to grow this program in the hopes that Mrs. Fields can become permanent at CES.

1/12/2021

**-ENROLLMENT 2021/22-**

Preschool enrollment for 2021/22 opened on Monday. Packets can be picked up at the Board Office. Once the packet is returned, we will place them on a waiting list. New students will be added to classrooms in late February/early March when we have a good idea about the intentions of current students. In the last few days, we've had a GREAT response and already probably have 20 on a list!

Kindergarten Registration will be online this year. It worked well last year this way. This also gives the parents a little more flexibility with time and keeps the Board Office staff safer without so many visitors. Here is the information if you are asked:

**How to become part of the Wapakoneta CLASS OF 2034\***

\*Child must be 5 years old on or before Aug 1, 2021

**STEP 1:**  
Mark your  
calendar  
for March 8th  
- March 19th  
to complete  
Steps 2 & 3

**STEP 2:**  
Gather Required Documents:

- Proof of Residency (Current utility bill, deed or rental lease, bank statement, check stub, etc)
- Any custody or divorce papers if applicable (including shared parenting)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Records

**STEP 3:**

**Submit Information**

Documents and following information (1) current email and (2) phone number, (3) building preferred Wapakoneta Elementary or Cridersville Elementary, and the (4) name of the parent that will be completing the online enrollment need to be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email - [schnch@wapak.org](mailto:schnch@wapak.org)

(If you do not have access to a scanner, you should be able to take a picture with your smart phone and email to the above.)

Fax - 419.739.2918 Attn: Charlotte

Copies may be placed in the drop box located to the right of the front door at the Administration Office (1102 Gardenia Drive, Wapakoneta).

**ONLINE ENROLLMENT  
PROCESS**

• Once the required documents are received and reviewed, you will receive an email or phone call with an access code to begin online enrollment.

• Online enrollment cannot be completed with a cell phone. It must be done on a tablet, chromebook or personal computer.

• If you are unable to complete this at home, call 419-739-2905 and an appointment will be set up to do the enrollment via telephone.

• If your residence is not in the Wapakoneta City School District, an open enrollment form will be sent to you.

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

A school nurse will review your child's immunization record and medical concerns disclosed on the enrollment form and contact you, if additional information is required. Additional concerns can be discussed at the screening appointment.

**SCREENING APPOINTMENTS**

Once your enrollment is processed, you will be contacted via email to schedule a screening appointment.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Schnippel at 419-739-2905.



Kindergarten  
Registration

This information can also be found at <https://www.wapak.org/EnrollingYourChild.aspx>

**-STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT-**

Mid-Year testing has been completed. A summary of the results can be found on the next page



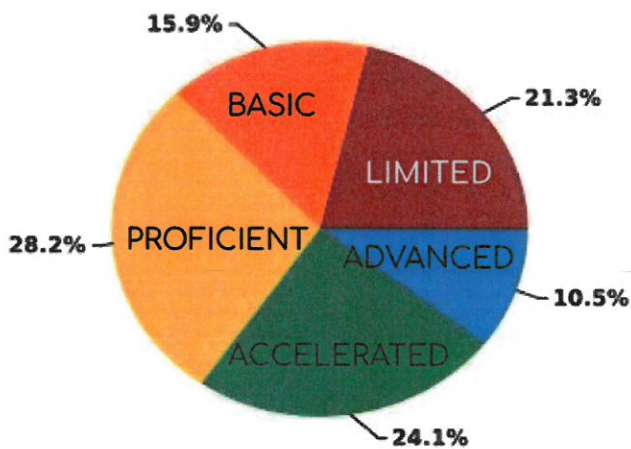


**Celebrations:**

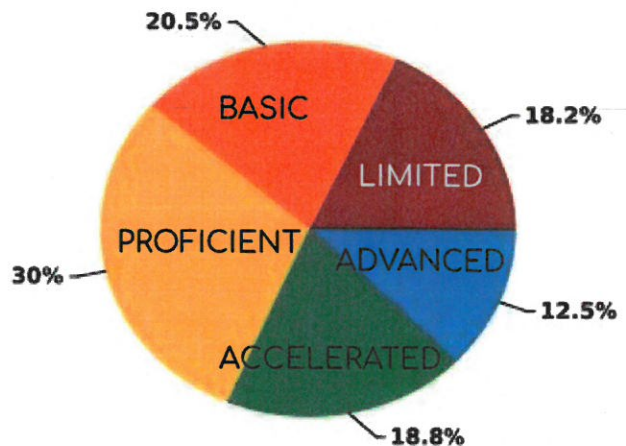
- Projected proficiency reports from 19-20 and 20-21 are somewhat similar in the proficient and accelerated areas. This is good news due to being remote last spring and with quarantines this fall.
- Growth for 1st Grade Math, 8th Grade Math, 1st Grade Reading, 2nd Grade Reading, 6th Grade Reading, 9th Grade Reading and 5th Grade Science
- Numerical and Algebraic Expressions is an area with relatively strong performance in math in grades 8-10 over several years
- Geometric Measurement and Modeling is an area with relatively strong performance in math in grades 8-10 over several years
- Geometry is an area with relatively strong performance in math in grades 2-4 over several years
- The Real and Complex Number Systems is an area with relatively strong performance in math in grades 6-8 over several years

**Challenges:**

- Number of students projected to score advanced has dropped in reading and math.
- Growth for 5th Grade Math, 3rd Grade Reading, 4th Grade Reading, 5th Grade Reading, 7th Grade Reading, 8th Grade Reading, 10th Grade Reading, 6th Grade Science, 7th Grade Science and 8th Grade Science
- Descriptive Statistics in grades 8-10
- Applications of Probability in grades 8-10



PROJECTED PROFICIENCY MATH



PROJECTED PROFICIENCY ELA



**Celebration:** Reading, Literary Text Scores are above the state average.

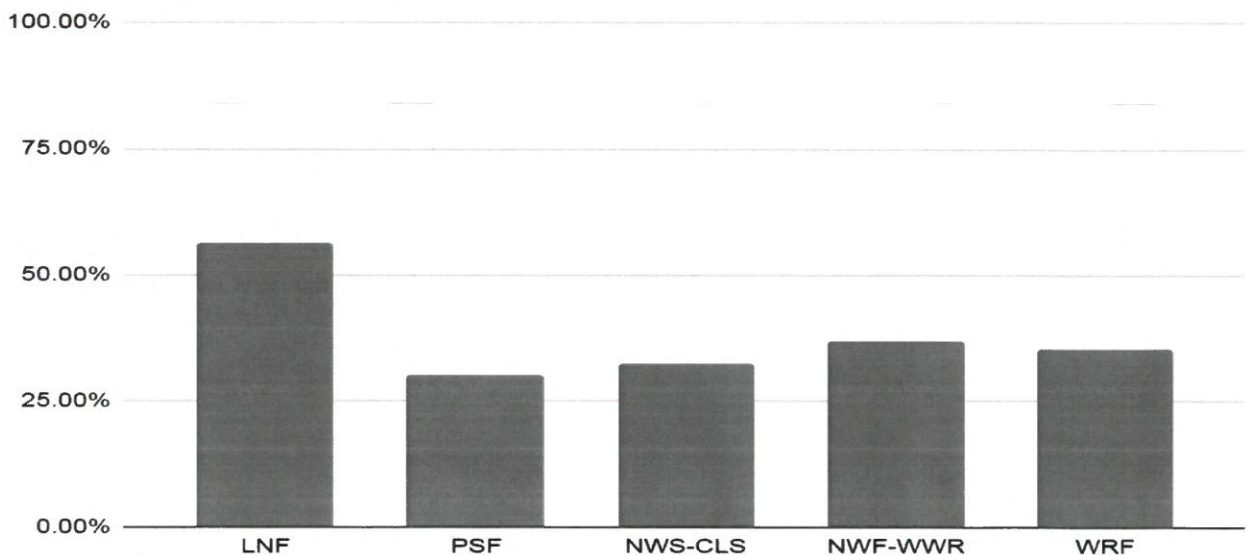
**Challenges:** Writing (56% are below proficient), Average Score is below the state average

<u>WCS</u>		
<b>Total Students Tested:</b>	<b>219</b>	
	Count	Percentage
Limited	86	39%
Basic	67	31%
Proficient	36	16%
Accelerated	24	11%
Advanced	6	3%
Proficient and Above	66	30%
Students Meeting TGRG	132	60%

OST (3 ELA)

**Celebration:** Nice Growth in Letter Naming Fluency Overall from fall to winter

**Challenges:** Overall Achievement, Phonemic Awareness is a concern



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