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School Directory

HIGH SCHOOL HO)URS - 8:45	a.m 3:15	p.m.
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Webster Schroeder High, 875 Ridge Road	670-5001
E-K Zandy Tasber, Assistant Principal L-Re Krista Quick, Assistant Principal	
Rf-Z Jacqueline Goodwine, Assistant Principal	
Registrar's Office Lucia Potenza	
Webster Therese High 000 Fire Mile Line Book	670 0000
Webster Thomas High, 800 Five Mile Line Road Principal Glenn Widor	
A-E Kylene Anson, Gold House, Assistant Principal	
F-L Jeremy McBride, Gold House Assistant Principal	
M-R Tara Wade, Blue House Assistant Principal	
S-Z Susan Clark, Blue House Assistant Principal	
Registrar's Office Jodi Gloskey	
MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS - 8:45 a.m 3:15 p.m.	
Report absences to your child's school house office.	
Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue	265-6500
Interim Principal Jackie Saunders	
Red House Brandi Wallace, Assistant Principal	
White House Matthew Mietelski, Assistant Principal	
Blue House Jackie Saunders, Assistant Principal	
Blue House Jackie Saunders, Assistant Principal	216-0093
Willink Middle School, 900 Publishers Parkway	670-1030
Principal Dr. Brian Powers	670-1034
Red House David Kramer, Assistant Principal	670-1038
Green House Jason Simoni, Assistant Principal	670-1040
Blue House Erin Zeller, Assistant Principal	670-1042
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS AS LISTED	
DeWitt Road Elementary, 722 DeWitt Road, 7:50 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Principal Mark Schichtel, Asst. Principal Derek Peterson	
Attendance Line	
Klem Road North Elementary, 1015 Klem Road, 7:40 a.m.	- 2:10 n m
Principal Laura Ballou, Asst. Principal Sarah Welsh	
Attendance Line	
Alteridance Line	217-4100
Klem Road South Elementary, 1025 Klem Road, 7:50 a.m.	
Principal Martha End, Asst. Principal Stephen MacAdam	
Attendance Line	217-4137
Plank Road North Elementary, 705 Plank Road, 7:40 a.m.	- 2:10 p.m.
Principal Craig Bodensteiner, Asst. Principal TBD	
Attendance Line	
Plank Road South Elementary, 715 Plank Road, 7:50 a.m.	- 2:20 n m
Principal Jill Doyle, Asst. Principal TBD	
Attendance Line	
Allendance Line	010-4062
Schlegel Road Elementary, 1548 Schlegel Road, 7:50 a.m.	
Principal Kate Hesla, Asst. Principal Cody Miller	
Attendance Line	265-2513
State Road Elementary, 1401 State Road, 7:50 a.m	2:20 p.m.
Principal Dr. Christine Kayes, AP Matthew Palermo	
Attendance Line	
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ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION HOURS AS LISTED GOAL, 8:45 a.m 3:15 p.m.
Rebecca Saiff, Administrator & Attendance670-5265
One Webster Learning (OWL) High, 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.
Anargyros Halaris, Administrator & Attendance217-5770
OWL Middle, 8:55 a.m 2:55 p.m. Dr. Chris Callahan, Administrator & Attendance787-3762
OWL Elementary, 7:50 a.m 2:00 p.m.
TBD, Administrator
OWL Elementary Attendance787-3780
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Administrative Directory
Brian Neenan, Superintendent
Heather Murphy, Assistant to the Superintendent & District Clerk216-0001
Erin Land, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Brian Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business216-0017
David Swinson, Assistant Superintendent for Administration &
Human Resources216-0011
Dr. Andy Maillet, Executive Director of Student Services216-0036
Dr. Francine Leggett, Executive Director of Elementary K-12216-0111
Dr. Robert Chalwell, Executive Director of Family & Student Services & Inclusivity216-0036
Athletics - Spry/Schroeder
Athletics - Willink/Thomas
Buildings & Grounds
Communications & Public Relations216-0013
Community Education670-5039
Curriculum & Instruction
District Information Desk
Food Service
Registration
Safety/Security/Planning216-0314
Student Services
Technology Services
Transportation

Community Forums Being Planned for Capital Improvement Project

Universal Pre-Kindergarten.....216-0122 Webster Aquatic Center......670-1087 Webster Health & Education Network: (WHEN: DFCC)..........216-0026 WonderCare......216-0019

Join Community Group for Info

Webster CSD is in the process of planning community forums to provide information and dialogue about the proposed Building

Our Future capital improvement project (see stories on the district website, websterschools.org/capitalproject, for the latest information on the proposed project and to sign up for the Webster CSD News and Information Community Group. Webster CSD will email periodic commuimportant information to the community group through ParentSquare, a secure communications platform used by the district to communicate with families. **Join the group** by scanning the QR code above or by going to websterschools.org/capitalproject and selecting Webster CSD News and Information Community Group under Links at the bottom of the web page.

A vote on the proposed project will be held Wednesday, October 11, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., in the Webster Schroeder High School gym, 875 Ridge Road.

From the Superintendent

Dear One Webster Families,

Welcome back to school, everyone! The first day of the 2023-24 school year is just around the corner on Tuesday, September 5. We're excited to open our doors for what we know will be another memorable year together. Our team of more than 1,600 employees is privileged to work with 8,000+ students in 11 schools every year. We're thankful to partner with our Webster CSD community to offer students and families an outstanding educational experience.

Please be sure to review the important information highlighted in this back to school newsletter. You can also find more district-wide information on our website, websterschools.org, and by checking in with us on Facebook @WebsterCentralSchools and X (formerly known as Twitter) @WCSDProud throughout the year.

Included in this newsletter is a reminder about the district's proposed capital improvement project, *Building Our Future*. The \$85 million project will affect all 11 schools with ZERO tax impact for district residents. Our students' and staff's safety and security remain a priority with this capital project. *Building Our Future* will need to be voted on by the community on Wednesday, October 11; polls will be open at the Webster Schroeder High School gym from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. We hope you exercise your right to vote!

NEW this year, Webster CSD residents may sign up for periodic communications to learn more about *Building Our Future* (including upcoming capital project information ses-



sions to be scheduled later this fall) and other district news via our online communications platform, ParentSquare. You can find out how to do that on page two!

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer making memories with your families and friends! We look forward to seeing our students again on September 5.

All my best, **Brian Neenan**Superintendent of Schools

Webster CSD Proposes Improvements with Zero Tax Impact

Webster CSD has announced a capital improvement project that will affect all 11 schools with zero tax impact for district residents. The proposed \$85 million project focuses on *Building Our Future* and aligns with the district's ongoing commitment to providing a safe educational environment for students. Proposed renovations and improvements at every school will ensure

that all students have safe, accessible spaces to learn well into the future.

The project will need to be approved by a community vote. That will be held on Wednesday, October 11. 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., at Webster Schroeder High School's gymnasium, 875 Ridge Road.

Building Our Future's proposed improvements are highlighted by the added security measures at all 11 buildings that include interior and exterior upgrades to physical spaces and communication abilities. In ad-



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dition to those upgrades, new roofing and parking lot/driveway reconfigurations at select schools. improvements to interior building spaces, and expansion of the One Webster Learning (OWL) special education program at Willink Middle School are included among the proposed improvements. The project will utilize \$10 million from the district's capital reserve fund and will receive 76.4% in state aid - with 0% impact on the tax levy.

Webster CSD residents are encouraged to visit websterschools.org/capitalproject to learn more about proposed school-by-school improvements and review other important information regarding *Building Our Future*. District residents may also receive periodic communications from the district regarding this capital improvement project, and other important information, by joining the Webster CSD News and Information community group. Further details on how to join the community group may be found in the story in the yellow box on page two of this

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2023-24 Board Meetings

Unless otherwise noted on the agenda, the Webster CSD Board of Education typically meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor professional development center of Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue.

BOE meetings are live streamed on the district website at websterschools.org/boemeetings; previous meetings may also be accessed there. Agendas are posted on the district website: websterschools.org > District > Board Home > BoardDocs hot button and at the district administrative offices located on the third floor of Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, Webster.

BOE Agendas & Minutes Easily Accessible in BoardDocs

The Webster CSD Board of Education has implemented BoardDocs, an easy to use school board management software program that makes information more easily accessible for our community. BoardDocs is the primary source to find a wealth of information, including the BOE calendar, agendas, and minutes. Policies and library information will be added at a later date.

The community is encouraged to explore this communication tool. Find it at websterschools.org > District > Board Home > BoardDocs hot button.

Keeping Informed

In an on-going effort to connect with our community, Webster CSD employs a variety of communications tools. The largest resource is the district website, websterschools.org. Additional resources include:

ParentSquare: The district's newest form of school-to-home communication, ParentSquare is designed to keep parents/guardians informed and encourage greater engagement. It provides a safe way for district administrators, principals, teachers, staff, coaches, and parents/guardians to communicate, all in one place! New this year, the district has created the Webster CSD News and Information community group, in which community members may sign up to receive periodic communications on important district information, such as the capital project (see box on page two for details on how to sign up) through ParentSquare.

Infinite Campus Parent-Student Portal: This resource, at websterschools.org/portal, provides parents/guardians and students with student attendance, student grades, bus schedules, student schedules, report cards, and New York State testing results. The Campus Backpack on the portal also contains previous report cards and additional letters

and reports from the school district. Surveys and questionnaires may be found there from time to time as well.

District News: Online website stories about student and staff accomplishments, district events, etc., found on the main landing page of the district website.

E-flyers: This virtual backpack program enables groups and organizations in the Webster CSD community to share information on events and programs within One Webster. Approved e-flyers are shared on district social media and in e-flyers newsletters sent to families through ParentSquare.

Newsletters: Several times a year the district mails Webster CSD residents newsletters containing important district information on district events and student and staff accomplishments.

ThoughtExchange: An open-ended, confidential, and easy-to-use community engagement platform.

Videos: The WebsterSchoolsProud You Tube channel (youtube.com/channel/UCHcGmTN7JHQ8IXZlmrJAjgQ) provides video profiles and features.

Social Media: The district utilizes X (formerly Twitter) @wcsdproud and Facebook @WebsterCentralSchools to share positive student, school, and district information with our readers. Please note, while Webster CSD shares information such as school closings on district social media, it recommends families and staff get important information of this nature from Parent/Square and the district website as they are not subject to social media algorithms.

Administrative Appointments

Several administrative appointments have taken place in the past few months at Webster CSD. They are: **Jill Doyle**, principal at Plank Road South Elementary School; **Tony Britt**, assistant principal at Webster Schroeder High School; **Renee Reagan**, director of transportation; **Dr. Andy Maillet**, executive director of student services; **Dan Sepka**, director of student services; **Brenda Roof**, district registrar and student data coordinator; and **Jim Baehr**, manager of district data. Also, **Heather Murphy** has accepted the appointment as the new executive assistant to the superintendent and board of education clerk.

When to Expect Report Cards

Report cards for Webster CSD students are published to the Parent-Student Portal at websterschools.org/portal. For secondary students this will take place in late November, early February, late April, and at the close of the school year. For elementary students this will be in early February and at the close of the school year.

Wellness Policy

Webster CSD is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by fostering healthy eating and physical activity. The district collaborates with the Webster Health Education Network: A Drug Free Community Coalition (WHEN) to develop the district's proposed local wellness policy (5170), making such policy recommendations for review and adoption by the board of education. The goal is to promote student wellness through nutrition education and physical activity. The primary goal of nutrition education is to influence students' healthy eating habits and other nutrition-related behaviors conducive to health and well-being. The primary goals for the district's physical activity components are: to provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, to maintain and enhance students' physical fitness, and to promote regular participation in physical activity as a lifelong healthy lifestyle choice.

The district's complete wellness policy may be found in its policy manual, which is available in school main offices and online at websterschools.org > District > Board of Education > Policies and Regulations.

Tax Rates

Tax rates are published on the district website at websterschools.org > Departments > Business Department > Tax Information at a later date.



2023-24 School Calendar

Please note that dates are subject to change. Families are encouraged to note test days and plan vacations around them.

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Aug. 29-30	Superintendent Conference Days			
Sept. 5	School Opens UPK-12			
Oct. 6	Superintendent Conference Day: No School UPK-12			
Oct. 9	No School UPK-12			
Oct. 11	Capital Improvement Project Vote			
Nov. 10	No School UPK-12			
Nov. 16, 17, 20 & 21	K-5 Parent-Teacher Conference Days: 1/2 days K-5			
Nov. 22-24	No School UPK-12			
Dec. 25- Jan. 2	No School UPK-12			
Jan. 15	No School UPK-12			
Jan. 23-26	Regents Exams			
Jan. 26	Superintendent Conference Day: No School Grades 9-12			
Feb. 19-23	No School UPK-12			
March 14, 15, 21 & 22	K-5 Parent-Teacher Conference Days: 1/2 days K-5			
March 29-April 8	No School UPK-12			
April 16-17	Grades 3-8 ELA Testing			
April 26	Superintendent Conference Day: No School UPK-8			
May 7-8	Grades 3-8 Math Testing			
May 14	Grades 5 & 8 Science Written Test			
May 21	Annual Budget Vote and Election			
May 27	No School UPK-12			
June 4 & 14-26	Regents Exams & Local Exams			
June 13	Last Day of Classes, Grades 9-12			
June 19	No School UPK-12			
June 20	Last Day of Classes, Grades 6-8			
June 21	Middle School Testing			
June 21	Last day of Classes, UPK-5			
June 21	Webster Schroeder Graduation			
June 22	RAIN DATE Webster Schroeder Graduation			
June 25	Webster Thomas Graduation			
June 26	RAIN DATE Webster Thomas Graduation			
June 26	Last day for teachers			

Required Immunizations

Students must meet New York State immunization requirements for age and grade level to enter and attend school. Students whose health records are not in compliance will not be permitted in school. Immunizations must be administered in accordance with the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) with respect to number of doses, minimum interval spacing between doses, and minimum age requirements. All students must have the following immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT, DT, DTaP)
- Hepatitis B
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Polio (OPV, IPV)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)

In addition to the above:

 Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib) and Pneumococcal (PCV) in UPK

- · Tdap one dose in grades 6-12
- Meningococcal one dose in grades 7-11, two doses in grade 12

If catching up on delinquent immunizations, follow-up doses must be administered within 14 days after the minimum interval spacing. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) does not accept alternative schedules for required grade level specific immunizations.

Exemptions to immunizations are only permitted for documented medical reasons accepted by the ACIP and must be renewed annually. Requests for medical exemptions must be completed by the student's physician on NYS-DOH form 5077 and submitted to the school nurse. The district physician will review the completed form and has final approval of all medical exemption requests.

For details on state law regarding vaccinations, refer to https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf.

Monroe County Department of Public Health, 111 Westfall Road, administers immunization to children free of cost. Call (585) 753-5150 to make an appointment or for more information.

Communicable & Infectious Diseases

School nurses may exclude any student from school upon suspicion of a communicable disease and until a medically confirmed diagnosis or clearance to return to school is provided in writing. These include, but are not limited to:

- COVID-19 or Influenza-like Illness:
 Students who exhibit symptoms
 (fever or chills, severe fatigue, headache, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, loss of appetite, cough, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) should not be sent to school. Please check with your school nurse or the district website for current information about the most current return to school requirements following COVID-19 or Influenza-like illness.
- of having strep throat should have a throat culture and await results before returning to school. If positive, please notify the building nurse. Students may not return to school until 24 hours after the initiation of antibiotic therapy AND the student has been fever-free for 24 hours

without the assistance of fever-reducing medication

 Head Lice: If live lice are noted by the nurse, parents will be notified and encouraged to bring the student home for prompt treatment as recommended by the student's healthcare provider. Parents should follow the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control to prevent re-infestation in the home. Parents are asked to accompany the student back to school so they are present when the nurse inspects the child's head for the first time after treatment and can discuss any concerns in person. Students are rechecked by the school nurse at days seven, 14, and 21 after initial clearance. Parents will be notified by the school nurse if there are any concerns.

Reducing the Spread of Illness

Hand washing and respiratory etiquette help prevent the spread of illness, including COVID-19 and Influenza. Please discuss and practice these healthy habits with your children:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use waterless hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when you cannot wash your hands.
- Stay home from work or school if you are ill or have a fever of 100 degrees
 F or greater.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve; dispose of the tissue and wash your hands.
- Avoid using shared items whenever possible.
- Clean and disinfect shared items such as phones, keyboards, and toys more often.
- Refrain from sharing personal items such as forks, spoons, toothbrushes, and towels.
- Avoid people who are ill.







Medications in School

School personnel may dispense medication to a student ONLY under the following conditions for over-the-counter AND prescription medication:

- The medication is necessary to keep the student in school.
- A written order from the student's healthcare provider, indicating the medication, dosage, frequency, and reason, is provided. (A prescription label or parent instructions from the provider are not considered medical orders.) This must be renewed annually.
- The parent must authorize in writing that school personnel may administer the medication.
- Medication must be brought to school by a parent in the original container. Pills in baggies or in mislabeled Rx bottles are not accepted.
- Parents of children who require special attention should discuss their concern with the nurse.
- Check your school's health office website for information about dates the school nurse is available to accept medication before the school year begins.

Health Appraisals & Dental Certificates

Health Appraisals (well-child physical exams) are required and dental health exams are requested for all new entrants to Webster CSD and students in UPK, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and 11th grades. Per NYS Law, all physical exams must now be completed on the Required NYS School Health Examination Form. We are no longer permitted to accept other forms.

Exams dated on or after September 1, 2022 meet the date requirement for the 2023-24 school year and should be

submitted to the school health office within 30 days of school attendance.

Students in grades seven through 12 participating in Section V sports should have a physical by their own healthcare provider. Physicals are valid for one calendar year only. Contact the school health office for further information.

Health Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings are required for students in grades kindergarten, one, three, five, seven, and 11 and for all new entrants to Webster CSD. Scoliosis screenings are required for girls in grades five and seven and boys in grade nine. Parents will be notified of any significant findings by the school nurse.

Allergy Protocol

Food, latex, and environmental allergies are prevalent among the childhood population. No food may be consumed on the bus. If shared food is permitted in classrooms for special celebrations, it must be commercially prepared and labeled. In elementary schools only, parents are notified if their child is in a classroom where exposure must be reduced due to food allergies.

Health Insurance

Students injured during school sponsored/supervised activities are first covered under their parents' insurance. Uninsured parents should apply through Child Health Plus. For more information call 1-800-716-4885, TTY 800-421-1220, OR 585-613-7662, or log on to https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/.

Potassium Iodide

Webster CSD lies within the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant evacuation area. In the event of a nuclear accident, the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management may determine that students should receive a Potassium Iodide (KI) tablet to block the effects of radiation. If you do NOT want your child to receive KI, you must submit a refusal form one time to your child's school. Refer medical concerns to your healthcare provider.

Building Health Office Phone Numbers

DeWitt Elementary	670-1003
Klem North Elementary	217-4107
Klem South Elementary	217-4136
Plank North Elementary	670-4011
Plank South Elementary	670-4054
Schlegel Elementary	216-6023
State Elementary	217-5307
Spry Middle School	216-0042
Willink Middle School	670-1035
Webster Schroeder High	670-5026
Webster Thomas High	670-8019
District Flex Nurse	670-5208
Nurse Coordinator	670-5217

Find more health-related information on the district website at websterschools.org > Departments > Health Office-District.

BMI Reporting

Webster CSD is required to report Body Mass Index (BMI) summary data to the New York State Health Department. BMI is recorded on your child's required physical for kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and 11th grades. No names or individual student information is shared. You may choose to have your child's information excluded from this report by sending a letter to your child's building nurse in September. This request must be renewed for each physical.

No Smoking Policy

Federal and state laws prohibit smoking and tobacco products in schools, on



Celebrating our Students

Seven Earn Citizenship Award

The 2022-23 school year wrapped up with much excitement as students throughout the district celebrated milestones and accomplishments. At the elementary level, this meant presenting the Citizenship Award to deserving fifth graders.

Given in June at fifth grade Moving Up Day or school-wide Flag Day celebrations, the award is gifted by the Webster Retired Educators Association (WREA) to the fifth grader at each of the district's seven elementary schools who best models the attributes of scholarship, service, leadership, and sportsmanship in all areas of life. Webster CSD is proud to announce that the 2022-23 recipients are: Lainey Sagona, DeWitt Road Elementary; Julianna Godoy-Gomez, Klem Road North Elementary; Connor Beach, Klem Road South Elementary; Quinn Dougherty, Plank Road North Elementary; Lylah Boller, Plank Road South Elementary; Alexandra Black, Schlegel Road Elementary; and Vivian DaBella, State Road Elementary.

The WREA presented these honorees with a medal and their names were added to the Citizenship Award Winners plaque that hangs in their elementary school. The Webster CSD

Board of Education will recognize the winners at its September 12 meeting.

Empty Bowls Feed the Hungry

Webster CSD's high school art students fought local hunger

with empty bowls this past spring! Students from the Webster Thomas and Webster Schroeder National Art Honor Societies and the ceramics classes taught others to make or glaze handmade ceramic bowls that were then filled with soup and sold at each school's Student Art Show and Empty Bowl Night. Proceeds exceeding \$4,500 from the combined sale of the bowls at both high schools were donated to organizations such as Webster Community Chest, Webster Hope,



and food pantries within Webster CSD schools, that support local families and individuals experiencing food shortage.

WCSD IS HIRING



Bus Drivers - Bus Monitors - Teaching Assistants Student Aides - Cleaners - Food Service Staff Substitutes - Health Office Aides - Tutors WonderCare Staff - Cafeteria Aides - Clerical Positions

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TUITION DISCOUNTS

COMPETITIVE PAY AND BENEFITS

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES





Webster Graduates 625+

Congratulations to the One Webster Class of 2023! Approximately 625 students walked the stage at either Webster Schroeder or Webster Thomas high school this past spring!

Rain moved the Warriors' graduation from Friday night to the following sunny Saturday morning, June 17. While precipitation also threatened the Titans' ceremony, they were able to have it as planned the evening of Friday, June 23. Both events were held in their home stadiums with the stands packed with family and friends on hand to cheer on their graduates.

Schroeder Student Wins National Art Award

Sophia Thompson has done something that no other Webster CSD art student has done before. Sophia, who recently graduated with the Webster Schroeder Class of 2023, won the American Visions Award at the national level from the Scholastic Art & Writing competition.

Celebrating our Seniors

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12. It provides students with the opportunity to earn Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention Northeast Art Region-at-Large Awards.

As a Regional Gold Key winner in this year's Scholastic Art & Writing competition, Sophia was nominated for the American Visions Award. National jurors then selected one student from each of the five regions across the country to be presented with the American Visions Award. Jurors consider factors that



combine the recognition of talent and the representation of diverse mediums, viewpoints, and backgrounds. Sophia won the American Visions Award for her digital piece "Trials of a Mother". She received a medal and scholarship



opportunities. An advanced placement drawing student of Webster Schroeder teachers **Cate Zalewski** and **Cheryl Simon**, Sophia is now attending Monroe Community College as a fine arts major.

Seal of Biliteracy

Congratulations to the Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas students who received the New York State Seal of Biliteracy in the 2022-23 school year! At the close of school year, 87 One Webster seniors were honored for attaining proficiency in two or more languages by graduation! They combined to achieve 90 seals in such languages as French, Hindi, German, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian.

The Seal of Biliteracy is a backing from New York State that the student has demonstrated at least an intermediate high level in English and another world language. Students who earn the NYS Seal of Biliteracy earn the seal for their diploma, a medal, and a certificate of recognition.







Food Service

Meal Costs & Free/Reduced Information

The Webster School Lunch Program offers high quality nutritious meals that comply with all U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) federal guidelines. Student lunch prices for the 2023-24 school year are Breakfast \$1.75 K-5 and \$2.00 for 6-12. Lunch \$2.90 K-5 and \$3.00 6-12. Milk \$.65. Your child(ren) may qualify for free reduced priced meals, at a cost of \$.25. For 2023-24 there is no cost for reduced priced meals if you submit an application and qualify in advance.

Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications must be submitted each school year on or before September 30, 2023 for the current school year. Parents can submit applications online and receive a response the same day in the Parent Portal. Applying online speeds up the process and eliminates the need for a paper application. For more information on this program, or to obtain the Free/ Reduced Price Meal Application, visit the district website at websterschools.org and select the quick link Food Service. Print and complete the application, or fill out the application and return it to your child(ren)'s school. Only one application is required per family.

Breakfast

All Webster schools offer a hot breakfast every day beginning on the first day of school. For children who qualify for free or reduced priced meals there is no charge. We hope children will take



advantage of the opportunity to start the day with a healthy breakfast. Your MySchoolBucks account works for both breakfast and lunch.

Nutrition/Ingredient Information

Visit the Food Service website to access nutrition/ingredient information. From the school district website click on the quick link Food Service and then the link Menus. Then choose the appropriate menu and scroll over items to see nutrition information including ingredients and carb counts.



Menu items designed to appeal to students are offered daily. Snack items such as milk, fruit, yogurt, ice cream, etc., are available daily for an additional cost at all schools. To see the snack price list, look for the link on the Food Service website. It also contains a form to restrict snack purchases. Complete the form for each student and send it to the school kitchen or simply email Mark_Balfour@webstercsd.org. The snack price list is subject to change at any time.

Menu Publication

Lunch menus are posted at every serving line and on the district website. Menus can be sent to your email by visiting the Food Service website.

Prepaid Point of Sale & Online Prepayment Service

The Webster CSD Food Service Department utilizes a free computerized Point of Sale system, MySchoolBucks.com, which enables students to participate in a prepaid system for all lunches and snacks. This system is NOT a charge account. Students MUST have money in their account or pay with cash or check made payable to Webster Food Service. Prepayments with a paper check may be mailed directly to your child's school or sent with your child to be given to the lunch cashier. If you have more than one child at a school, please include a note that explains how much to deposit into each account. If siblings attend different schools, a separate check must be written for each student. Prepayments can



also be made online. Students are encouraged to use the prepaid system to avoid lost money and expedite service.

High school students can also access MySchoolBucks.com. Simply create an account for your student without the banking information. Heartland offers a mobile app for cell phones to make balance information available at any time.

Payment Options are: a one-time subscription fee of \$12.95/year for one student; or \$26.95 per/year/family. You can then make as many deposits as you like for the entire school year. Or a flat fee of \$2.79 for credit/debit cards. and \$2.49 for E/check is charged for all online deposits, regardless of dollar amount. To minimize online convenience fees, please consider making larger, less frequent payments. As always, cash or paper check prepayments may continue to be made at the school kitchen register with no fee. Free services include, transaction history, low balance email alerts, automatic account replenishment. Please visit the Food Service website for more information.

Charge Policy

If a student does not have money for lunch, he/she will receive a full meal and be charged the full lunch price.

Dietary Restrictions

If your child has dietary restrictions based on medical needs, it is possible to have a special meal prepared. Please contact the Webster Food Service Office at 670-5105 for information and necessary paperwork.

See Something Unsafe? Call, Text, Email the Safe School Helpline

See a health or safety concern? Say something!

Webster CSD is enrolled in the Safe School Helpline, a toll-free number anyone may call to anonymously report health and safety concerns. The number 1-800-4-1-VOICE, ext. 359 is monitored 24-7. Reports may also be made by texting the word "TIPS" to 614-426-0240, online at safeschoolhelpline.com, or using the Safe School Helpline app.

Callers are able to reconnect with the agency to be advised as to what actions were taken on the information they provided.

In most cases, Safe School Helpline sends the district transcripts of calls they receive the next day; however, if the matter is urgent, school officials are contacted immediately, day or night.

For more information on the Safe School Helpline, please visit their website at schoolhelpline.com.

And please remember, break the silence, prevent the event. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

School Closings, Early Dismissal & Emergency Evacuation

If weather prohibits students from attending school, this information will be communicated as soon as it is available using the district's ParentSquare system. Information will also be provided on the district website (websterschools. org), on district social media, and to local television and radio stations.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to develop a plan for their children in the event of a closing. Please note that when school is closed due to weather, all aquatics, community education, and evening classes and activities are canceled as well. WonderCare may be an exception; please consult their website, websterschools.org/wondercare, and social media, Facebook.com/WonderCare and Twitter @wondercarewcsd.

Should an emergency occur at the Ginna Nuclear Power Station, parents/guardians will be notified through ParentSquare. Information will also be shared through the district website, district social media, and local media outlets. Students will either be dismissed early or transported to Monroe Community College's Brighton Campus. This is the designated site for a district-wide evacuation of this nature. Should a need arise to evacuate an individual school or schools, students and staff will be relocated to predetermined sites, and parents will be notified as described above.

Sex Offender Notification

Persons who wish to be informed regarding registered sex offenders residing in the Webster CSD area can go to the district website: websterschools.org > Departments > Safety and Security. There they will find links to local, state, and national organizations tracking registered sex offenders, including NY ALERT, a site where persons may register with the state to receive notifications when moderate to high risk sex offenders (Levels 2 and 3) move into the school district.

Visitor's Pass Requirements

In the interest of safety, a camera and intercom entry system are located at each Webster CSD building. Visitors must press the red call button to alert building staff of their presence. Office staff then speak via intercom with the visitor to determine the nature of the visit prior to allowing entry. Per board of education policy, visitors must provide photo identification, sign in, and wear a visitor's pass.

- Annual Notifications -

Annual Professional Performance Review

In accordance with New York Education Law Section § 3012-c(10)(b), parents/guardians may request the final quality rating and composite effectiveness score for each of the teachers and for the principal of the school building in which their student is assigned for the current school year. The district will also provide an oral or written explanation of the composite effectiveness scoring ranges for final quality ratings and an opportunity to understand such scores in the context of teacher evaluation and student performance. Parents/guardians interested in obtaining this information should contact Eric Blask at (585) 216-0055 or eric_blask@webstercsd.org for the request form that needs to be completed before any information can be released.

New York State Education Department regulations mandate that the APPR plan be posted on the district's website by September 10 or within 10 days after it is approved by the commissioner, whichever is later.

Code of Conduct

Webster CSD is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students receive and district personnel deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Respectful and responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents, and visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The board of education recognizes the need to clearly define expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline is administered in a prompt and fair manner. It has adopted a Code of Conduct that is in compliance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act. A copy of the district's Code of Conduct is available in every school office, and on the district website: websterschools.org > District > Board of Education > Policies & Regulations > Code of Conduct.

Annual Notifications

Family & Student Rights

Under provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and the No Child Left Behind Act, parents and guardians must be notified of their rights annually with regard to student records and information. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18.

FERPA

Webster CSD complies with FERPA, a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA provides parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when the student reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records that they believe to be inaccurate or misleading.

Personally identifiable information contained in a student's educational records will not be disclosed without parental consent, except to the extent that FER-PA authorizes. Under the provisions of FERPA, the district may release student directory information without parental consent. In addition, two federal laws require the district to provide military recruiters, upon request, with names, addresses and telephone listings unless parents have advised the district that they do not want their student's information disclosed to military recruiters without their prior written consent.

FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to other school officials within the district whom the district has determined to have legitimate educational interests. Personal identifiable information may also be disclosed to officials in another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for the purpose of the student's transfer or

enrollment. Student education records may be released to authorized representatives of certain designated federal and state agencies pursuant to a lawfully issued court order or subpoena; and persons who need to know in case of a health or safety emergency.

Complete information may be found in the Board of Education Policy 5210, which was updated in 2017, and on the district website, websterschools.org.

PPRA

PPRA affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. The rights under PPRA transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under state law. These include the right to:

- Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
 - Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - Sexual behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 - Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 - Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.
- 2. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
 - Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 - Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or sco-

- liosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
- Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- 3. Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:
 - Protected information surveys of students;
 - Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Webster CSD has developed policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The district will notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in such policies. The district will also directly notify parents, such as through U.S. mail or e-mail, at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification and an opportunity to opt their child(ren) out of such activities and surveys.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.



Parents' Bill of Rights

Webster CSD is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations and district policies. To this end and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations (Education Law §2-d), the district is providing the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

- A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial or marketing purposes.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record.
- State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the state is available for public review both online and via regular mail from the New York State Department of Education (SED).
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to:

Brian Zimmer, Director of Educational Technology and Information Data Protection Officer Webster Central School District 110 Sanford Street Webster, NY 14580 Brian_zimmer@webstercsd.org 585-216-0099

And to: Chief Privacy Officer New York State Education Department 89 Washington Avenue Albany, NY 12234 cpo@mail.nysed.gov The bill of rights is subject to change based on regulation of the Commissioner of Education and the SED Chief Privacy Officer. Changes/Additions are also anticipated as SED releases further guidance documents.

More information

If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Zimmer at (585) 216-0099. More information is also available on the following websites:

- New York State Department of Education guidance document issued on July 29, 2014 (pdf)
- U.S. Department of Education press release: Guidance for Schools Issued on How to Keep Parents Better Informed on the Data They Collect on Students (pdf)
- Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC): newly established one-stop resource for education stakeholders to learn about data privacy.

Dignity for All Students Act

In Webster CSD incidents of discrimination/harassment are taken very seriously and are not tolerated. It is important to work with your school teams initially, including teachers, counselors, administrators, etc. to ensure that they are aware of the concern and are able to address, without delay, situations related to discrimination and/or harassment.

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) (§§10-18 of Education Law) defines harassment as the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety. DASA prohibits harassment against students based on, but not limited to, a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression).

Dignity Act coordinators are assigned to each school building. To learn more, contact your building's main office or consult Student Services under Departments on the district website, websterschools.org.

As part of its offerings, the Webster CSD Office of Family and Student Services and Inclusivity will be facilitating a series of workshops and training on DASA this school year. Forums will be targeted and differentiated for students, staff, and families. Please check the district website or future correspondences for more detailed information.

Attendance

New York State Education Law requires that all children attend school until the last day of the school year in which they turn 16. Attendance will be taken every day as school districts must record all absences, tardiness, and time lost by a pupil. The board of education has established 85 percent as its minimum attendance standard. Therefore, parents must inform their school if their child will be absent for any part of the day. School personnel will contact parents whose children are absent and have not been reported as such.

Absenteeism is classified as excused or unexcused. Excused absences are those that are due to unavoidable circumstances or are related to the educational needs of the student, such as personal illness, religious observance, weather conditions, required legal appearance, approved college visits, military obligations, or other reasons as may be approved by the commissioner of education.

Absences for activities that could have been done outside of the school day or avoided with appropriate planning, such as vacations and baby-sitting, are considered unexcused. School principals or their designees will determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

Discipline

Students engaging in inappropriate behavior are subject to disciplinary action such as reprimand, parent contact, detention, and suspension. Examples of student behaviors that may result in an out-of-school suspension include, but are not limited to: actions that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of others; violation of criminal code; possession, sale, use, or manufacture of drugs, alcohol, or weapons; verbal abuse toward a staff member or student; and assault of a staff member or student.

For complete information see the Code of Conduct and Regulation 5201 on the district website.



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For over 50 years, Webster Central PTSA has been committed to supporting every child, their families, and our amazing staff. Be sure to follow us on social media and sign up for eNews for updates and info.

Join now or renew your annual membership! WebsterPTSA.org

Being a member means:

- Supporting PTSA programs and events
- Having a voice in your child's education
- Access to local discounts



Congratulations again to the Class of 2023! We were thrilled to share in your success by celebrating every graduating senior at our co-sponsored luminary walk event in May!

2023-24 WCPTSA members receive a discount card for local favorites including:











\$10 Adult \$5 Student

We always welcome volunteers in any way they are able to contribute! Visit our website & browse to see open positions & needs.

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Notice of Non-Discrimination

Webster CSD does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ancestry, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, or any other basis prohibited by New York State and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs, activities, or employment practices and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated groups.

Any parent, student, or employee who has questions regarding this non-discrimination policy or who wishes to report a violation of the policy may do so by contacting David Swinson or Dr. Amanda Bayer, Title IX coordinators, or Dr. Robert Chalwell, Section 504 coordinator, at Webster CSD, 119 South Avenue, Webster, NY 14580; telephone: (585) 216-0036.

Pesticide Neighbor Notification

New York State Education Law requires school districts to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The law covers all instructional and administrative buildings and grounds, including playgrounds, athletic fields, and bus garages.

Webster CSD is required to maintain a list of persons who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Webster CSD pesticide representative Blaine Cunningham, manager of buildings and grounds, at (585) 265-6585 or blaine_cunningham@webstercsd.org.

Your name will be kept on the contact list until July 1, 2024.

Photo, Video Consent

Throughout the school year, photographs or video may be taken of students for use in Webster CSD produced social media, publications, videos, podcasts, website, promotional or marketing materials, or by the news media. Parents/guardians who do not wish their child to be photographed or videotaped must indicate this in writing to their child's school principal before the start of school in September. Email does not constitute a written request; please provide a typed and signed written request via traditional mail or delivery. Parents/guardians with children in multiple buildings will need to submit a letter to each child's principal. This request must be updated annually. Be sure to include all instances in which you do not want your child's image used.

Public Records

In accordance with the state Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, requests for access to public records are to be made through the District Clerk, Heather Murphy, Webster Central School District, 119 South Avenue, Webster, NY 14580; Heather_Murphy@webstercsd.org or (585) 216-0001..

Register Online for School Sports

Webster CSD student athletes are reminded that all district sports in every season are available for registration online at familyid.com. This secure website provides families with an easy, user-friendly way to register for athletic programs throughout the year. When you register through FamilyID, the website keeps track of your personal information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your personal information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

Webster Athletic Booster Organization

Webster Athletic Booster Organization (WABO) supports and enhances the district's interscholastic athletic program. For more information, please contact Shawn Strege, Webster Schroeder Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Health, at 670-5230, or Steve LaMonica, Webster Thomas Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Health, at 670-8065.

Webster Marching Band Summer Update

Webster Marching Band members have been showing remarkable commitment by attending weekly rehearsals throughout the summer. Despite the heat, they have been fine-tuning their skills, strengthening their ensemble, and building a strong foundation for the upcoming fall season. To create a cohesive and visually stunning performance, the band has been diligently honing their marching fundamentals. It promises a remarkable competitive show for audiences.

The upperclassmen have taken on leadership roles, guiding and mentoring newer members. These young role models are leading by example, encouraging everyone to strive for excellence and foster a nurturing environment.

As the summer comes to a close, the band eagerly anticipates the start of the school year when it will compete and perform every Saturday throughout September and October! Also, as this newsletter was headed to press, the band and its sup-



porters were preparing for their Food Truck Rodeo, to be held August 25. Come enjoy some great food and company from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Webster Fireman's Field!

As you drive by Webster Schroeder High School, check out the marching band's new trailer! Thank you to the Webster Marching Band Booster Organization!

Lastly, Webster Marching Band wants to express its sincere gratitude to all the parents, guardians, and community members for their unwavering support of their program. Your encouragement and involvement make a significant impact on the students, and they are grateful for the shared commitment to their musical growth and success.

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Capital Improvement Project Overview

Webster CSD proudly announces *Building Our Future*, a proposed \$85 million dollar capital improvement project that will affect all 11 schools with ZERO tax impact for district residents. Proposed renovations and improvements ensure that our students have safe, accessible spaces to learn for years to come.

Building Our Future includes the replacement of every interior door and added window security film in all 11 schools. Several schools will receive new roofs and reconfigured parking lots and bus loops for safer, more efficient traffic patterns.

Select schools' entrances and restrooms will be reconstructed to better serve students and staff of all abilities, along with upgrades to existing elevators. Energy efficient LED lighting and generators will be added along with flooring and ceiling upgrades.

Expansion for the One Webster Learning special education program (known as OWL) at Willink Middle School is part of the blueprints for Building Our Future. OWL Middle School students will have reimagined classroom spaces to enrich their educational experience and accommodate their growing program.

And, at both Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas high school stadiums, original turf fields from 2011 have surpassed their 10-year life cycle. They'll be replaced as part of this project, along with Webster Thomas' track.

This is just a snapshot of *Building Our Future* – a project for our entire One Webster district and community.

We hope you'll exercise your right to vote on this proposed project on Wednesday, October 11 at the Webster Schroeder High School gym. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School's gym. Please mark your calendars for this important vote.

Please visit websterschools.org/capital project to learn more, including upcoming dates for community information sessions.



School Starts September 5. Is Your Child Registered?

School opens for Webster CSD students on Tuesday, September 5, and all students new to the district need to be registered. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register now, and not wait until the last minute.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment. Families new to the district with

children grades 1-12 should also enroll their children at this time. Families can go online to websterschools.org/registration to complete a 100% online registration process.

School registration is based on residency. Webster students attend the school assigned to their home address. Use the School Locator Tool on the Student Registration web page for placement information.

For further information, please email student registration at wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org or call (585) 216-0029.

Work Permits for Teens

Any student under the age of 18 who seeks employment must obtain a work permit. While school is in session, students may pick up applications in any of the district's secondary schools. They are also accessible on their high school's websites:

- For Schroeder and Spry students: websterschools.org > Schools > Webster Schroeder HS > Work Permits.
- For Thomas and Willink students: websterschools.org > Schools > Webster Thomas HS > Nurse's Office > Work Permits for Thomas High School Students.

For further information about employment for minors, please visit the Department of Labor's website: dol.ny.gov.

