

FROM THE DESK OF
Superintendent DiLeo

We want your input for our school district's next strategic plan!

Developing a strategic plan for a school district is an essential and important process that sets up the district's goals and how to reach them. To do that successfully, we need your help. By taking part in this survey, you'll be able to share your opinions about what's important for the future of Ware's schools. Whether you are an employee, a parent/caregiver, student, or a community member without children in the schools, your opinion matters!

Fill out the survey here (https://www.wareps.org/news/whats_new/2023_planning_survey) and make sure your voice is heard! It will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Thank you!

Healthy Learning Environment

Dear Families and Students,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on the progress that has been made over this past week with our new Vape sensors. Since last Tuesday, the number of alerts have declined by Over 50%. We have also observed an increase in students reporting concerns for their friends health and wellness, which is providing us with the information that is needed to work towards implementing supports and educational services for these students.

I would also like to share some details with you, explaining how the detectors work. When an alert is triggered, a message gets sent to my administrative team and I. Cameras in the halls immediately turn their attention to the doors of each bathroom. We monitor this from our computers and our phones (from the halls). If it is Vape then the alert will indicate that it is Vape, measuring the particles that are in the air. These detectors will pick up on other activities as well. For example, if someone throws water on the sensors or tries to rip the sensors off the wall, the alert will come to us labeled as "Tampering." If there is screaming and yelling in the bathrooms, the detector will tell us that there is potentially an unsafe situation in the bathroom. This technology is very intuitive and very accurate. Our hope is to utilize these devices in a way that will aid us in providing the safest possible environment for our students. We are also utilizing this resource as a means to help educate students on the dangers and health risks of vaping.

If you have any questions or concerns on this or any other topic, please feel free to reach out to my office.

I want to wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

Best Wishes,

*Mr. Eugene M. Rich
WJSHS Principal*

FITNESS ROOM REMODEL

The WJSHS Fitness Room Remodel is almost complete. We are excited to provide this space for our students.



IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL
Monday, January 16th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**2ND QUARTER
GRADES CLOSE**
Tuesday, January 17th

**2ND QUARTER
REPORT CARDS ISSUED**
Tuesday, January 24th

CAREER FAIR

On Wednesday, February 8th, the WJSHS Guidance Office will be taking a field trip to the Palmer Public Library for a Career Fair.

Trades and STEAM careers will be highlighted. WHS students interested in signing up should see their counselor.

MEETING NOTICE

Ware Department of Special Education
Special Education Parent Advisory Council
January 24, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Meeting ID: 293 658 743 359

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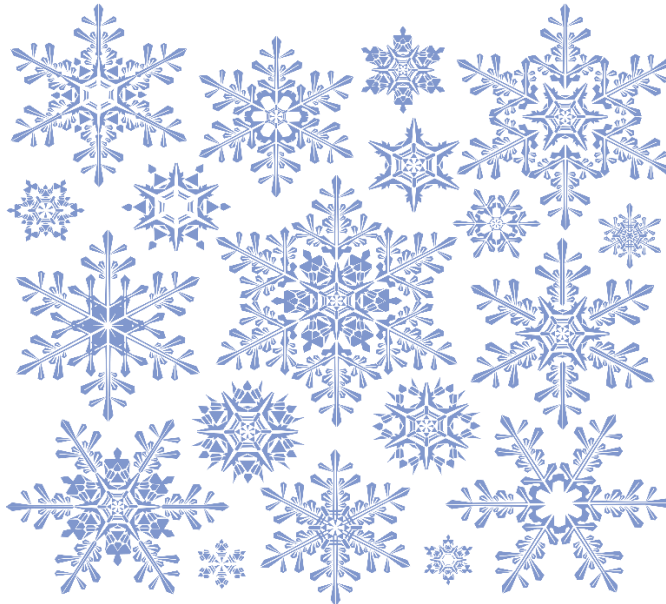
Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 464 214 219#

Agenda

- Reestablishing the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
- Understanding the IEP Process



If you require translation or interpretation services, please e-mail the Office of Special Education at jbolduc@ware.k12.ma.us

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KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE: A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

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Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.
Log-in begins at 6:15 p.m.

Topics

Social Media 101/Digital Footprint
Cyberbullying
Sexting
Gaming
Victim Support
Protecting Against Online Predation

Panelists

Anne Paruti, Assistant United States Attorney
Andrew Kelleher, HSI Special Agent
Lauryn Myers, Victim Witness Specialist

**This presentation is for adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe and secure online.
Content is inappropriate for young children.
Please be aware of who can see your screen and hear your audio!**

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Event address for attendees (use **Chrome!**):

<https://usao.webex.com/usao/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec3d8ccd61ccdd26ee39d8c6ffd5c57aa>

Password: PSC1

Questions or difficulty registering?

Please contact Karen Legace @ USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov