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Celebrations Help Wrap up this Historic School Year



The end to this school year was certainly like no other, but WSD students and staff wanted to cap off the end of the year in style; to have one last chance to say goodbye for the summer. In addition to parades on school lots and in neighborhoods, many schools held virtual ceremonies, and others made the most of supply pickups to say farewell. In many ways, it was evident how much our students and staff miss each other, and how excited we are already to be reunited in the future. Stay safe everyone and have a wonderful summer! [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube. #WeAreWentzville

Election Day is Tuesday

PROPS C&S
Classrooms & Staffing:
Building for our Future

The postponed Election Day is just days away. While the pandemic has certainly affected our short-term operations, it has not changed our long-term needs. The WSD continues to be the fastest growing District in the state, adding on average nearly 600 students each year over the past two decades. Propositions C and S are on the ballot June 2 to address the needs of our growing District.

Here are some visual descriptions of the propositions:

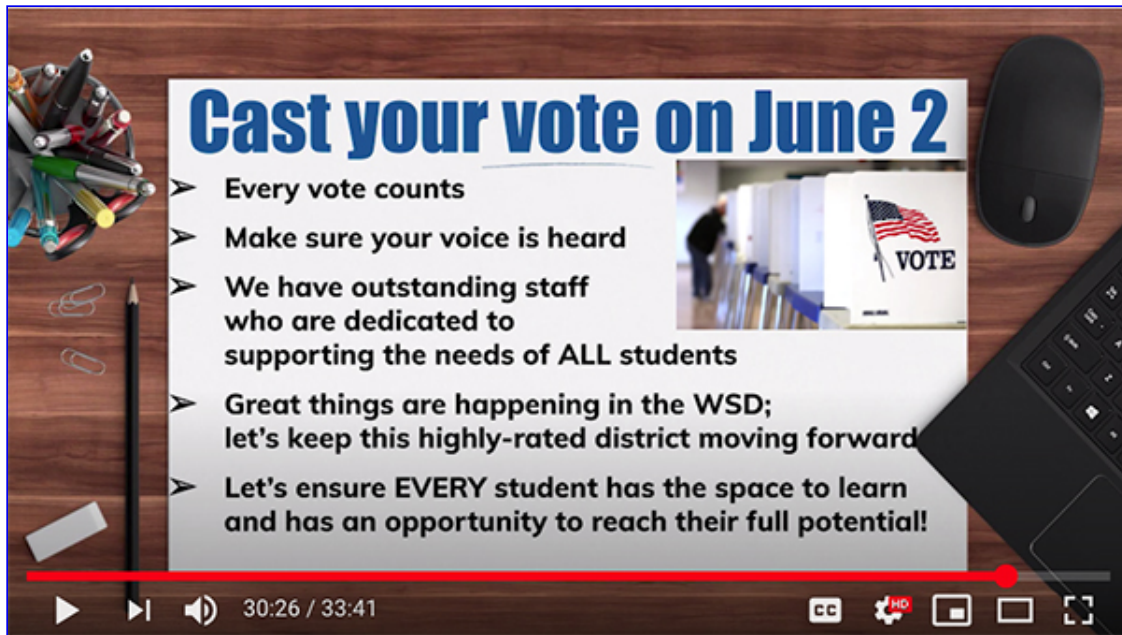
[Proposition C: #WSDgrows - Part I](#)

[Proposition C: #WSDgrows - Part II](#)

[Proposition S: #WSDgrows - Part III](#)

Props C&S are on the ballot to address the District's continued growth: both for additional classroom space (Prop C) and funds to hire more staff and address pay discrepancies with neighboring districts (Prop S), as well as safety needs across the District (Props C&S). For more information about both propositions, visit the [Propositions C and S page](#) on the WSD Website.

For a comprehensive presentation about these Propositions made by WSD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain, [watch it here](#) on WSD YouTube.



Message from WSD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain



Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain talks with the WSD community about the end of the school year, some moments of pride, and how plans and contingencies are being made on how next school year will look. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube.

The District values your feedback and asks that you take a moment to take the following surveys:

[Extended School Closure Survey.](#)

[Communications Survey.](#)

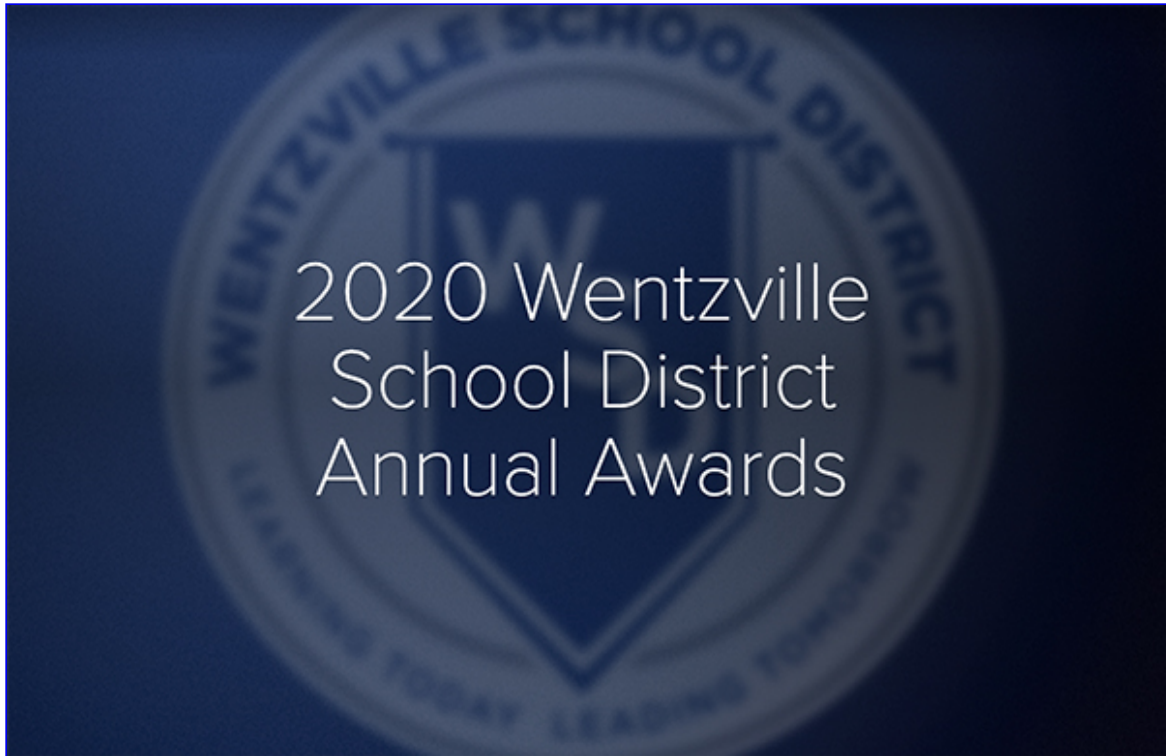
WSD Board of Education Candidates for June 2020 Election



COVID-19 UPDATE: Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order on March 18 moving the date of local government elections from April 7 to June 2.

The biographies that have been submitted from this year's Board of Education candidates have been [posted on the WSD website](#). The bios are posted exactly as they are received from the candidates as an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about who is running for the Board of Education. Seven candidates will be on the ballot for three open seats in the June 2, 2020 election. The open seats are currently held by Betsy Bates, Barbara Fine, and Heather Reiter, and each open seat is for a three-year term. After clicking the link above, simply click on the candidate's name under their photo to view their submitted biography.
#GrowingTogether

WSD District Awards Celebration Held Virtually This Year



Each year in May, we look forward to paying special tribute to our employees at the District Awards Banquet. For the first time since its inception, the event was canceled - like so many other special, end-of-the-school-year celebrations - due to the pandemic. Many elements of the celebration were shown virtually on Facebook and YouTube in individual video tributes to honor them and their work. Now there is a District Awards Banquet Digital Program where you can see all the honorees and videos all in one place. [See the Digital Awards Program here.](#)

Support Staff Employee of the Year Announced



One of the special awards given each year is the District Support Staff Employee of the Year. This year's winner is Liberty High School Nurse Bridget Thomason. Dr. Cain and a few staff members were able to surprise her with the news earlier

this month and it was shared publicly this week on social media. [Watch the surprise](#) on WSD YouTube.

Honors Convocation 2020



The Wentzville School District Class of 2020 has been awarded over \$140,000 worth of local scholarships this year. These deserving students from Holt, Liberty, and Timberland high schools will be receiving their diplomas on July 25, 2020 before they continue on with their post-secondary education. Individual amounts of these awards range from \$500 to \$4,000. "The pandemic may have changed the large-scale ceremonies we typically hold this time of year, but our pride in our student accomplishments and in our community for rewarding those accomplishments, has not been diminished," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "These students are exceptionally talented and have worked very hard to reach this point. We are very fortunate to live in a community where so many people are eager to support them in their goals and dreams for the future." In lieu of the traditional Honors Night celebrations, each high school compiled a video tribute to seniors that was shared on the District Facebook page on May 14, which was the last day of virtual instruction for seniors.

To read the [full list of scholarships and recipients](#), please visit the WSD website.

Three WSD Students Win Cuivre River Youth Tour



Three students from the WSD have been selected as winners in the Cuiivre River Electric Cooperative's 52nd Annual Youth Tour Competition. Meghan Coyle, Matthew Long, and Jonah Tate from Liberty High School were selected as three of six winners out of over 60 entrants from 12 area high schools in the annual contest that begins with an essay submission. The essays, all entitled "My favorite Cooperative Principle," were judged based on the student's cooperative knowledge, composition, originality, grammar and neatness. Normally, a finals banquet and competition is held each year where finalists present their essays orally. However, due to the coronavirus situation, the judges read each of the essays remotely and the scores from the preliminary and finals competition were combined to determine this year's Youth Tour delegates.

As Youth Tour delegates, Coyle, Long, and Tate will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this summer's trip to Washington, D.C. has been cancelled. The delegates will have the opportunity to participate in future virtual activities planned by the Youth Tour organizers.

Liberty students Kailey Cain, Olivia Guffey, and Erin Hughey were finalists in the competition and will each receive a \$500 scholarship.

Timberland Student Earns DESE Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship

Timberland junior Abby McCallum has received the DESE 2020 Missouri Award for Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship, which is reserved for those who demonstrate high academic achievement, extracurricular leadership and community service.

McCallum has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked in the top 5% of her class. She has also been very active in civic-minded programs while in high school, and has been selected for exclusive civic/leadership programs like Missouri Girls State and the YMCA Youth Conference on National Affairs. "Good citizenship means to me the ability to stand up, for not only your beliefs, but to stand up for what is right for



your community,” said McCallum. “It also means to provide an environment that feels inclusive, so that everyone can bring up their own ideas.”

Timberland teacher Mike Kaiman wrote in his nomination letter for her that as he was composing it, Abby was lobbying Senator Josh Hawley’s office in St. Louis to increase family leave time for both mothers and fathers. He shared that when he asked her why she decided to fight such an uphill battle, she replied, “Somebody has to do it.”

McCallum attributes her leadership drive to living in her community and school, saying, “This atmosphere helps to give back to one’s community because it is essential to help provide a space where not only one can help, but where everyone can help each other. I want to give back to my community because it is important to me that I can help people in need grow and flourish.” [Read the full](#) article on the WSD website.

[Read More](#)

WSD Providing Food for Families in Need

Our Child Nutrition Department continues to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to all District students who are in need. [The Request for Meals form](#) is active and needs to be completed by NOON Thursday of the current week in order to pick up meals the following week.



*PLEASE NOTE: Next week's pickup will be WEDNESDAY only and will include meals for Monday through Friday. The locations and times have changed as well.

Here are the updated sites and times for next week:

- Holt HS—Back patio alley 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- Timberland HS—Front roundabout 12:00-12:45 p.m.
- Liberty HS—Street by cafe door 12:00-12:45 p.m.

If you would like to pick up meals for your children, please [fill out this form](#) ([Spanish version](#)) and choose the pickup location that is closest to your home. For our families who receive Operation Backpack weekend food, those are distributed at the locations as well and we ask that you also choose a pickup location by filling out the form.

If you have any questions about meal pickup, please email [Gwen Doyle](#). If you have any questions about Operation Backpack (weekend meals), please email [Kathy DeLaquil](#).

We would like all of our staff, students and families to know we are here for them. We understand and appreciate what a difficult time this is for so many. If there is anything we can do to support you and your family, whether it is related to meal assistance or you are feeling overwhelmed and simply need to speak with someone, please email info@wsdr4.org and we will connect you with the appropriate team member to assist you. There is also a [list of community resources](#) available on the District website.

District Summer Reading Program Information



District librarians have planned fun activities and are coordinating summer reading challenges to encourage and reward readers this summer in order to promote literacy and encourage students to continue reading during the summer months. Summer reading is proven to maintain and possibly even advance reading levels of children and help prepare them for back to school in the fall. For a complete list of summer reading program information, [visit the District website](#).

2020 WSD Film Festival



GRAB YOUR POPCORN!!!!

**4TH
ANNUAL
WSD FILM
FESTIVAL**

For more information go to
www.wentzvillefilmfestival.com

The WSD hosted the 4th Annual Film Festival online via a Four-Night Film Premiere using Facebook Live this year. Once again, our talented students did an amazing job producing and submitting videos and putting the Film Festival together. To view a list of this year's winners by category, please [visit the WSD website](#).

You can watch each episode on WSD Facebook by clicking the links below.

Film Festival Premiere Dates and Categories:

[April 15 - Animation and Sports](#)

[April 22 - Informational and Music](#)

[April 29 - Instructional and PSA](#)

[May 6 - Story and News](#)

You can find out more information at www.wentzvillefilmfestival.com.

You can start planning for next year with these creator tools:

- 📺 Check out the website for [rules](#), [categories](#), and [resources](#), such as tutorials.
- 📺 Email wsdfilmfestival@wsdr4.org for any questions.
- 📺 Follow the festival on Twitter [@wsdfilmfestival](https://twitter.com/wsdfilmfestival)

2020-2021 School Supply Lists



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[Barfield Early Childhood Special Education Center](#)

[Elementary K-3](#)

[Elementary 4-6](#)

[Middle School 7-8](#)

High School - we do not have supply lists for high school students because course requirements vary. We suggest bringing a notebook and pen or pencil the first day to record specific teacher requests.

Selfie Request - WSD Alumni Working in Healthcare



WSD parents and grandparents! We are looking for WSD alumni who are working in healthcare to pay tribute to them. Please have them take a selfie and send to marylapak@wsdr4.org. Be sure to include their profession, location, year and high school they graduated from. Be sure to thank them for all of us too!

WSD Internet Resources for Families in Need



**Help for those
Needing Internet connectivity**
District Technology Support

[spanish version](#)

There are a number of internet providers currently offering free service or special offers for families and educators during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know

someone who doesn't have internet access, please share [this important information](#) with them.

New Boundaries Approved for the WSD

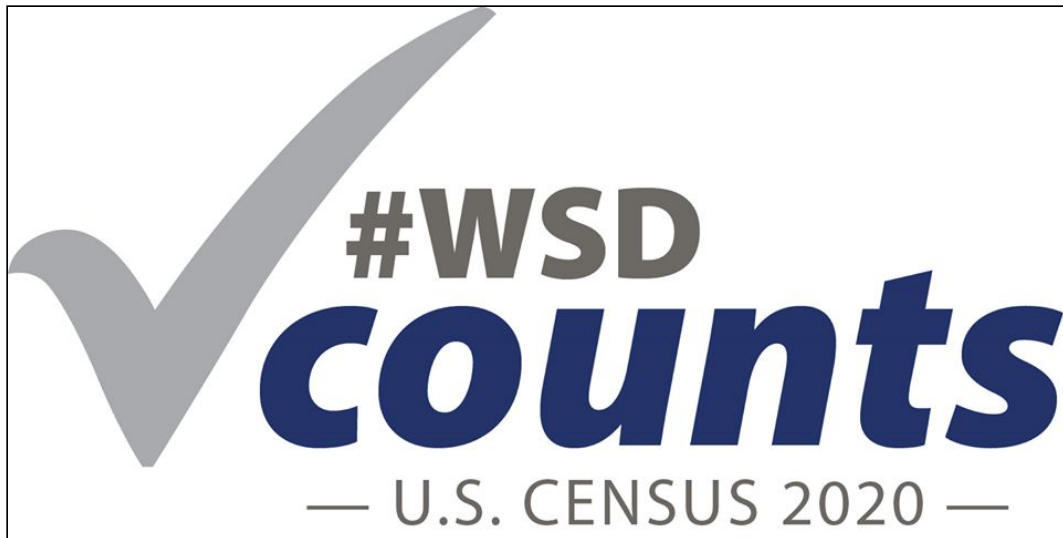


The WSD Board of Education has approved new boundaries for all elementary, middle and high schools in the District to accommodate continued growth and a new elementary school and new high school under construction. The new schools were part of Proposition E, a \$125 million no-tax-increase bond issue passed by voters in April 2018. The [new elementary boundaries](#) will go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year when the new

elementary school being built on Interstate Drive in Wentzville is scheduled to open. The [new middle school](#) and [high school boundaries](#) will go into effect beginning in the 2021-2022 school year when the new high school being built near West Meyer Road and North Point Prairie Road in Wentzville is scheduled to open.

[Visit the WSD website](#) to view the new school attendance areas.

2020 Census



The response has been great for the 2020 Census, but not every one has been counted. There is still a chance to respond if you haven't. Every 10 years, the Constitution requires that all who reside in the United States on April 1 be counted. The 2020 Census counts the population in the United States and five

U.S. territories and it is particularly important for school districts. The 2020 Census will inform funding for educational programs that benefit our children, such as special education, after-school activities and school meal programs. Each home has received an invitation over the last few weeks to respond to a short questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. The information you receive has a special Census ID number you will use to respond. All responses to Census Bureau surveys and censuses are confidential and protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Under this law, the Census Bureau is required to keep respondent information confidential. Be sure to take the time to fill out the questionnaire - so everyone in the WSD counts! For more information or to fill out your questionnaire, visit 2020census.gov.

Step 5 to Good Digital Parenting

FRIEND & FOLLOW BUT DON'T STALK

Follow your kids on social media

Respect their online space and freedom

Don't flood their accounts with comments

Family Online Safety Institute
Learn more at fosi.org/parenting



The graphic shows a vertical stack of four social media icons on a smartphone screen. From top to bottom, the icons are: TikTok (a white musical note on a blue square), Twitter (a white bird on a blue square), Instagram (a white camera outline on a blue square), and Snapchat (a white ghost outline on a blue square). The background of the phone screen is light blue, and the phone's frame is dark blue.

Tech Tip from WSD Technology Department – Tips for Good Digital Parenting (STEP 5)

In [Episode 3](#) of the 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting video series, viewers watch a family with older kids navigate social media with Steps 5 (Friend and Follow But Don't Stalk) and 6 (Explore, Share, and Celebrate). By respecting your child's

online space and encouraging thoughtful interactions on social media, families can learn from each other and have fun online.

- **Follow** your kids on social media
- **Respect** their online space and freedom
- **Don't** flood their accounts with comments

Stay tuned for all seven tips to good digital parenting from the Family Online Safety Institute.



District T-Shirts to Benefit Child Nutrition

LAST CALL for Better Together t-shirts to benefit meal distribution! We are taking orders for t-shirts through the end of the day today, May 29. The cost of each t-shirt is \$15.75 and \$10 from each order will go to the Child Nutrition Department to support the effort to feed WSD students at no cost through the closure. Visit [this link on the WSD Website](#) for more information and to place your order. #WeAreWentzville



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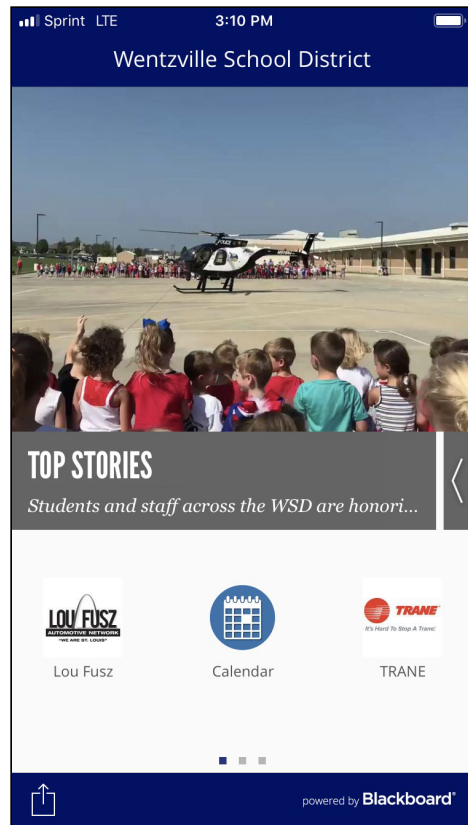
Did you know if you go to smile.amazon.com you can choose a charity and Amazon will donate \$0.5% of what you purchase to that charity? You still have access to everything on Amazon at the same prices, but the charity of your choice will benefit from your purchase. Some WSD school PTAs have registered on smile.amazon.com and the WSD Foundation is a registered charity too. The WSD Foundation gives teachers and high school seniors over \$30,000 annually in mini grants to support innovative teaching strategies and scholarships to seniors for college. Support your school or the WSD Foundation when do your shopping throughout the year. For the direct link to support the WSD Foundation, go to [Amazon Smile](https://smile.amazon.com).

Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info

- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
- Locate Directory Information



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