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Superintendent's Annual Report



The district is entering the third year of its comprehensive five-year strategic plan. The plan merges national educational initiatives with local needs. Consisting of seven strategic imperatives, the elementary plan focuses on core

academic and social learning; whereas, the secondary plan prioritizes innovation, risk, and career pathways. In spite of difficult decisions, financial or otherwise, the district must remain fully committed to the vision for our schools: educating every child, to a very high level, in every classroom, every day.

In June, the school board approved a budget of \$19,743,963. With \$19,662,066 in revenues, the district anticipates using \$81,897 of committed fund balance. Every budget should be balanced. Unfortunately, that was not possible this year. At my recommendation, the board eliminated seven professional positions this year and one principal position. Those difficult decisions, along with other cost-saving changes, enabled the district to reduce the initial deficit from over \$650,000 to just under \$82,000.

Controlling Costs and Reducing Expenditures

Multiple expenses were eliminated across the district from supplies, services, salaries, and staff. Among the many reductions, the larger savings included:

- From the professional staff, two economic furloughs of tenured teachers, the non-renewal of three temporary professionals, and the elimination of two positions through attrition.
- From the administration, the elimination of a principal position and a voluntary pay freeze from all district administrators including the superintendent.
- From athletics, the elimination of fourteen paid coaching positions and a compensation freeze for all remaining coaching positions.

These decisions reduced the breadth of programs available for students and school supports for staff and families. However, the district is committed to providing diverse course and athletic options to students and ensuring that the needs of staff and our families are supported.

New and continuing financial Challenges

In recent years, South Williamsport, like public schools across Pennsylvania, is struggling to control primarily two increasing costs: mandatory employer contributions to the state retirement system (PSERS) and cyber charter school tuition. PSERS is a known cost, but until recently, the employer contribution of 34.3% of every salary dollar, was projected to decline. Much to our frustration it remained at the elevated rate. For comparison, in 2011-12 it was 8.65%. The disparities in this program are fixed in state law. Only the PA General Assembly can change this. Until then, public schools will continue to struggle to meet these obligations.

The other financial challenge the district is struggling to manage is tuition payments to cyber charter schools. Cyber charter schools advertise, "Tuition-free to families". In fact, the local school district pays the tuition directly to the cyber charter school for every child enrolled. Annual tuition for each enrolled child is \$11,351 (regular education) and \$20,615 (special education).

To attempt to control this cost and to meet the needs of families seeking a cyber-based education option, the district launched its own cyber program in January 2018: Mountie Academy (www.MountieAcademy.org) For comparison, tuition at Mountie Academy is \$5,000 annually, offers identical programming options as every other cyber charter school, and a South Williamsport diploma to graduates.

This year the district is projected to pay non-district cyber charter schools \$390,500. If all of these students transition their enrollment to Mountie Academy, the district will save \$245,500.

Keep Looking, Keep Learning

Despite making difficult decisions to reduce expenses, property taxes increased by 1.03 mills. The administration and board recognize that the district's budget cannot rely on increasing local taxes and I will continue to find opportunities to reduce expenses. In the coming months, the district will begin a more aggressive budget preparation strategy that seeks to not only balance the budget, but also begin rebuilding financial reserves while avoiding the reliance on local property taxes.

Dr. Mark Stamm
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Superintendent

South Williamsport Area School District 2019-2020 CALENDAR



Aug 22	Professional Day
Aug 26	First Student Day
Sept 2	Schools Closed
Oct 14	Schools Closed
Nov 25, 26	Act 80 Full Days
Nov 27	Professional Day
Nov 28	Schools Closed
Nov 29	Schools Closed
Dec 2	Schools Closed
Dec 20	Weather Day (1)
Dec 23-31	Schools Closed
Dec 25	Schools Closed
Jan 1	Schools Closed
Jan 17	Act 80 Full Day
Jan 20	Schools Closed
Feb 14	Weather Day (2)
Feb 17	Act 80 Full Day
Feb 18	Act 80 Full Day
March 20	Weather Day (3)
April 8	Weather Day (5)
April 9	Weather Day (6)
April 10	Schools Closed
April 13	Weather Day (8)
April 14	Weather Day (7)
May 22	Weather Day (4)
May 25	Schools Closed
June 4, 5	Act 80 ½ Days
June 5	Last Day
June 5	Commencement

180	Student Instructional Days
182	Teacher Days
2	Act 80 Days/Student ½ Days
5	Act 80 Full Day
2	Professional Days
8	Weather Days

Professional Day – No School for Students;
Act 80 ½ Days – Early Dismissals

Weather Day – Used as a make-up day (if necessary) due to a prior emergency school closing

Million Mountie Lights

MAGNIFYING EXCELLENCE TO ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE

2018-2019 Recipients

Three women were honored with the Million Mountie Lights Award this past school year for their dedication to the South Williamsport Area School District and the community.



The award was created last year by the school

board to give community members the opportunity to nominate South Williamsport residents who have done significantly noteworthy acts that have had a remarkable impact on learning in general, students or community educational opportunities. The goal is to celebrate an individual or group that has enhanced the ability of the district to enrich the lives of students.

The fall Million Mountie Lights recipients were Ms. Pat Peltier, a retired Diakon outreach counselor for kindergarten through eighth grade, and Ms. Theresa Summerson, girls head tennis coach at the South Williamsport Area Jr/Sr High School.

Ms. Peltier dedicated 16 years to supporting young students through counseling. A program that continues today is Biscuit Buddies, an opportunity for Central Elementary School students to read to therapy dogs during their lunch period. She is now the president of the school-affiliated organization Mountie QUEST which seeks to provide financial resources to enrich the academic experiences of students.

Ms. Summerson has invested eight years into the high school's girl's tennis program which had incredible success this year. The team had an undefeated season and was ranked in the PIAA's top 8 teams. The talent of her players plus her encouraging and persistent coaching helped them achieve greatness.

This spring Mrs. Kathie Sinibaldi, the vice president of the South Williamsport Education Foundation, received the award for her involvement in the district as a parent volunteering whenever she was needed such as running concession stands and decorating for school dances. She is also an essential player on the South Williamsport Community Park Improvement Association which rebuilt the tennis courts and baseball field.



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Nomination forms are available at www.swasd.org under the 'General Information' tab. The deadline for the fall award is September 30. Winners will be announced at the December board meeting.



Supporting STUDENTS' DREAMS



Over the past year Mountie Quest (Quality Experiences for Students) has generously provided \$1,312 of financial assistance for students to have challenging and unique experiences outside the classroom.

Mountie Quest started during the summer of 2018 to help students achieve their dreams and embark on new, challenging adventures.



The school-affiliated organization supported students in preparing for a job interview, taking karate classes, attend Lycoming College for Kids and assist the South Williamsport Jr/ Sr High School's FBLA and FCCLA attend national competitions.

"It's fulfilling to open the doors to exciting opportunities for South Williamsport students," said Ms. Pat

Peltier, president and founder of the non-profit. "We want students to know they have a cheerleader in their corner."

She looks forward to the future applicants that her and her fellow board members will meet in the coming school year.

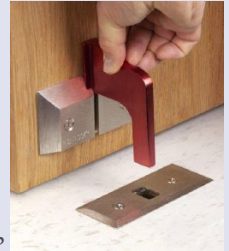
The organization is incredibly thankful for the generous donors who have helped make a difference in numerous students' lives in the short span of a year. They are making a significant impact on the next generation.

If you are interested in receiving financial assistance from Mountie Quest, for an application please contact your child's guidance counselor, email mountiequest@gmail.com or visit the Mountie Quest Facebook page.

SCHOOL SAFETY



Our number one priority is safety. Ensuring that children and employees work and learn in secure and safe schools is foremost on the minds of district staff. A March 2018 report by the US Department of Justice, highlights the national concern; children attend, engage, and learn more when they feel safe.



Thankfully, across America, school violence has declined in the past decade; and just as importantly, the attention to school safety has increased.

The district Safety and Security Committee meets regularly to receive safety updates and provide advice to the school for enhancements and change to safety and security issues. Over the last year, those recommendations have included the installation of signage around district schools, the installation of secondary classroom door locks at all three facilities, and the installation of a new electronic door security access system. These security enhancements were largely funded through several grants the district received in 2018 and in 2019.

Looking into the coming school year, the district will continue to focus on proactive safety measures. The district's Emergency Management Plan, revised in January 2019, requires multiple student and staff emergency exercises during the school year including fire safety, bus safety, in addition to more serious incidents such as an active shooting on-campus.

Beyond the school day, parents and school visitors noticed the increased presence of school security. At the recommendation of the School Resource Officer, and following national best practices, the district increased the number of school security staff available and expanded the events that they monitor. The security staff also participated in multiple training programs this year including crowd safety, ALICE, and emergency medical care procedures. Look for individuals around our events, and please be sure to thank them for the work they do.

The district's safety and security committee is looking for new members from students, parents, and the community. If you are interested in knowing more about this committee and how you can be involved, please send an email to district superintendent, Dr. Mark Stamm at mstamm@swasd.org.

South Williamsport Area School District **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES**



JR/SR High School / 700 Percy St.

*Enter through the high school main entrance.
Follow signs to second floor library.*

- August 5
- August 19
- September 9
- October 7
- November 4
- December 3 – *Reorganization Meeting*

NOTE: *If another Board meeting is required within a certain month, a special meeting date will be set.*

THE FUTURE OF

South Williamsport Area School District



Phase II of the South Williamsport Area School District’s building feasibility study has come to a close. The project’s stakeholders and board committee worked with McKissick Associates Architecture and Larson Design Group to collect data and create multiple options for the future of district facilities.

Together, the stakeholders and school board committee selected Option 2B out of the 11 options developed from Phase I data. This option entails closing Rommelt Elementary School, renovating the South Williamsport Area Jr/Sr High School and Central Elementary School. Central Elementary will also receive an addition to accommodate the fifth and sixth graders. Estimated cost for this project, which includes upgrades to the athletic resources, is between \$23 and \$26 million.

Both committees felt that Option 2B adequately addressed the mechanical, instructional and security needs of the district schools at a responsible cost. The committees held multiple meetings to review ideas, discuss options and make adjustments. “It was an exciting process to see community members and district staff work collaboratively towards this recommended plan,” District Superintendent, Dr. Mark Stamm said.

The decision to close Rommelt was to maximize existing district space and reduce operating costs. “Rommelt is a fascinating old building with lots of character,” Stamm said. “However, as an older building, it also poses the most challenges for the district in terms of accessibility, security and HVAC.”

To accommodate for two additional grade levels at Central, five classrooms would be added on to the kindergarten wing

and a new multipurpose room would be built on adjacent to the current one. The library would be converted into classrooms, the music room will be the art room and the multipurpose room would turn into a library and maker space.

“The maker space will be an open learning area where students will focus on hands-on creation opportunities through science, technology, engineering and math,” he said. This K-6 space gives students an area to test ideas and problem solve through coding, robotics, iPads and computers.

The high school library will be transformed into the Knowledge Commons, an open, collaborative space students and teachers can utilize outside of the traditional classroom setting, he said. This new space shows students what many environments are like outside of high school in work places and colleges.

The committees also plan to update the district’s athletic facilities at the football and baseball fields. The football stadium will have a synthetic turf field, a refreshed scoreboard, reconfigured concession stands and the retaining walls will be replaced. The stadium will also be used by the school’s soccer teams. The baseball and softball fields will also receive necessary upgrades with water, electricity and new scoreboards.

For Phase III, the school board will refine the financial impact, create a project timeline then present the final plan to share with the public during the Sept. 9 board meeting.

To view the full Phase II and Phase I presentations, please visit www.swasd.org and select “Feasibility Study” on the navigation bar.

TIME SCHEDULES

Jr./Sr. High School (7 - 12)

7:44 a.m. – Students enter building
7:50 a.m. – Late Bell
2:31 p.m. – Dismissal

Rommelt (5 & 6)

8:15 a.m. – Students enter building
8:30 a.m. – First Bell
8:35 a.m. – Tardy Bell
3:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Central (K - 4)

8:15 a.m. – Students enter building
8:30 a.m. – First Bell
8:35 a.m. – Tardy Bell
3:00 p.m. – Dismissal

VOLLEYBALL IS NOW AT SOUTH

South's female athletes are preparing to bump, set and spike on the new high school varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams. Over 40 students signed up to join the volleyball team which begins this fall. The athletes will take the enthusiasm for the sport they developed in gym class to the next level.

Mr. Tom Packard, head volleyball coach, is excited to take on the challenge of working with the players to improve their skills and work together as a team. Since they are all beginners, they will be working from the ground up.

"There will be a lot of teaching going on," he said. "I've never been a part of a start-up volleyball program but I'm looking forward to coaching the players."

Mr. Packard has decades of experience playing and refereeing volleyball at the college level and with coaching traveling high school teams. He most recently coached the men's team at the Pennsylvania College of Technology and was with the Lycoming College girls' team for nine years. Beyond that he is a NCAA referee for games at universities throughout central Pennsylvania.

He fell in love with the sport during his senior year of high school when he and his friends started their own volleyball team. Playing with them ignited his passion for the sport; that fire continues today.

As the players grow and improve over time, he hopes some of them will have the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. If they are interested in playing sports beyond high school, he said volleyball is a great option and most universities have teams. He was a recruiter for Lycoming College during his time as the coach.

Since the only other volleyball team in Lycoming County is at Williamsport Area High School, they will be traveling around the region to play. Mr. Packard hopes other local schools will start their own volleyball teams in the near future. Some of the schools they will face are Juniata Valley, Shamokin, Sugar Valley Rural Charter School, Wellsboro, Sayre, Towanda and Northern Dauphin Christian School.

The full schedule will be available on swasd.org under the "Athletics" tab. Check-out the schedule for home matches and come out to see the newest Mountie athletic team in action this fall!

South Williamsport High School MOUNTAINEERS FALL SPORTS 2019



VARSITY FOOTBALL

23-Aug-19	Montgomery Area	Home	7:00 PM
30-Aug-19	Wyalusing Valley	Away	7:00 PM
6-Sep-19	Hughesville	Home	7:00 PM
13-Sep-19	Muncy HS	Home	7:00 PM
20-Sep-19	Bloomsburg HS	Away	7:00 PM
27-Sep-19	Southern Columbia	Away	7:00 PM
4-Oct-19	Central Columbia	Home	7:00 PM
11-Oct-19	Mount Carmel Area	Away	7:00 PM
18-Oct-19	Milton Area	Away	7:00 PM
25-Oct-19	Loyalsock Township	Home	7:00 PM

JV FOOTBALL

26-Aug-19	Montgomery Area	Home	6:00 PM
9-Sep-19	Hughesville	Home	6:00 PM
16-Sep-19	Muncy	Home	6:00 PM
23-Sep-19	Bloomsburg	Away	6:00 PM
30-Sep-19	Southern Columbia	Away	6:00 PM
7-Oct-19	Central Columbia	Home	6:00 PM
14-Oct-19	Mount Carmel Area	Away	6:00 PM
21-Oct-19	Milton Area HS	Away	6:00 PM

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL

5-Sep-19	Montgomery Area	Home	5:00 PM
19-Sep-19	Montoursville	Home	5:00 PM
26-Sep-19	Milton Area	Away	5:00 PM
3-Oct-19	Williamsport	Home	5:00 PM
10-Oct-19	Warrior Run	Home	5:00 PM
17-Oct-19	Mifflinburg	Home	5:00 PM
24-Oct-19	Loyalsock Township	Away	5:00 PM

BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER

3-Sep-19	Muncy HS	Away	4:30 PM
5-Sep-19	Loyalsock Township HS	Away	4:00 PM
7-Sep-19	Midd-West HS (Midd-West Tournament (2 Games))	Away	TBA
10-Sep-19	Southern Columbia HS	Home	4:30 PM
12-Sep-19	Bloomsburg HS	Away	4:00 PM
14-Sep-19	Montoursville Area HS	Home	11:00 AM
17-Sep-19	Hughesville	Home	4:30 PM
19-Sep-19	Benton HS	Home	4:30 PM
28-Sep-19	Milton Area HS	Away	2:00 PM
30-Sep-19	Loyalsock Township HS	Home	4:30 PM
5-Oct-19	Southern Columbia HS	Away	3:30 PM
7-Oct-19	Bloomsburg HS	Home	4:00 PM
9-Oct-19	Hughesville	Away	4:00 PM
12-Oct-19	Sullivan County HS	Home	11:00 AM
15-Oct-19	Millville Area	Away	7:00 PM
17-Oct-19	Wellsboro Area HS	Home	4:00 PM
19-Oct-19	Northeast Bradford H.S.	Home	11:00 AM

GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

31-Aug-19	Montoursville Area HS Tournament	Away	11:00 AM
4-Sep-19	Mount Carmel Area	Away	4:30 PM
9-Sep-19	Loyalsock Township	Home	4:30 PM
11-Sep-19	Bloomsburg	Home	4:30 PM
14-Sep-19	Hughesville	Away	5:30 PM
18-Sep-19	Southern Columbia	Home	4:30 PM
25-Sep-19	Mount Carmel Area	Home	4:30 PM
26-Sep-19	Sullivan County	Away	4:30 PM
1-Oct-19	Loyalsock Township	Away	4:00 PM
3-Oct-19	Bloomsburg	Away	4:00 PM
5-Oct-19	Northeast Bradford	Home	3:00 PM
8-Oct-19	Hughesville	Home	4:00 PM
10-Oct-19	Southern Columbia HS	Away	7:00 PM
12-Oct-19	Benton HS	Away	2:00 PM
14-Oct-19	Millville Area	Home	4:00 PM
16-Oct-19	Sullivan County	Home	4:00 PM
17-Oct-19	Muncy	Away	4:00 PM

GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS

26-Aug-19	Hughesville	Home	4:00 PM
28-Aug-19	Central Columbia	Home	4:00 PM
29-Aug-19	Loyalsock Township	Away	4:00 PM
3-Sep-19	Danville Area	Home	4:00 PM
5-Sep-19	Lewisburg	Away	4:00 PM
7-Sep-19	Muncy	Home	11:00 AM
10-Sep-19	Bloomsburg	Home	4:00 PM
12-Sep-19	Montoursville Area	Home	4:00 PM
16-Sep-19	Hughesville	Away	4:00 PM
18-Sep-19	Central Columbia	Away	4:00 PM
19-Sep-19	Montgomery Area	Away	4:00 PM
23-Sep-19	Loyalsock Township	Home	4:00 PM
25-Sep-19	Danville Area	Away	4:00 PM
26-Sep-19	Muncy	Away	4:00 PM
30-Sep-19	Lewisburg	Home	4:00 PM
3-Oct-19	Cowanessque Valley	Home	4:00 PM

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

4-Sep-19	Juniata Valley	Home	5:30 PM
7-Sep-19	Williamson HS (Tournament)	Away	TBA
9-Sep-19	Towanda Area HS	Home	5:30 PM
11-Sep-19	Williamsport Area HS	Home	5:30 PM
17-Sep-19	Williamson HS	Away	6:00 PM
19-Sep-19	Northern Dauphin Christian School	Away	5:00 PM
24-Sep-19	Midd-West HS	Home	5:00 PM
28-Sep-19	Shamokin Area HS (Shamokin Tournament)	Away	TBA
30-Sep-19	Sugar Valley Rural Charter	Home	5:30 PM
7-Oct-19	Wellsboro Area HS	Away	6:00 PM
8-Oct-19	Northern Dauphin Christian School (Varsity only)	Home	5:00 PM
10-Oct-19	Sugar Valley Rural Charter	Home	5:30 PM
14-Oct-19	Shamokin Area HS	Home	5:30 PM
19-Oct-19	(Tri Meet @ NEB)	Away	10:00 AM
21-Oct-19	Williamson HS	Home	5:30 PM
22-Oct-19	Sayre Area HS	Away	6:00 PM

CO-ED VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

3-Sep-19	Montoursville Area HS	Away	4:30 PM
10-Sep-19	Central Columbia HS	Away	4:30 PM
17-Sep-19	Shamokin Area HS	Away	4:30 PM
24-Sep-19	Shikellamy HS	Away	4:00 PM
1-Oct-19	Bloomsburg HS	Away	4:30 PM
8-Oct-19	Danville Area HS	Away	4:30 PM

JR. HIGH SOFTBALL

3-Sep-19	Montoursville	Away	4:30 PM
4-Sep-19	Muncy	Away	4:30 PM
5-Sep-19	Williamsport	Home	4:30 PM
10-Sep-19	Hughesville	Away	4:30 PM
12-Sep-19	Central Mountain	Home	4:30 PM
14-Sep-19	Williamsport	Home	11:00 AM
17-Sep-19	Jersey Shore	Home	4:30 PM
19-Sep-19	Loyalsock Township	Away	4:30 PM
30-Sep-19	Muncy	Home	4:30 PM
2-Oct-19	Bloomsburg	Away	4:30 PM
7-Oct-19	Jersey Shore	Away	4:30 PM
8-Oct-19	Hughesville	Home	4:00 PM
10-Oct-19	Loyalsock Township	Home	4:30 PM



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The number of students eating breakfast doubled this year due to the amazing success of the Breakfast in the Classroom program at Central and Rommelt elementary schools. In the fall of 2018, the district changed the breakfast



program from eating in the cafeteria before class to bringing breakfast directly to the students at their desks.

During the 2018-19 school year, an average of 253 elementary school students ate breakfast in the classroom daily which is a tremendous increase from the 122 average from last school year. A total of 43,768 breakfasts were served this year which is twice as many as the 21,439 served prior. Out of the 665 students in both schools, 38 percent participated in the breakfast program compared to 18 percent of the 676 student enrollment for 2017-18.

Each morning the cafeteria staff at the elementary schools make up coolers full of milk, juice, fruit and a main course for every student in each classroom. Breakfast can range from confetti pancakes, sticky buns or jelly-filled pastries. All breakfast foods follow the federal Healthy and Hunger Free Kids guidelines. After dropping off the coolers, teachers will ask each student whether they would like breakfast. Teachers check off the students' names which tell the cafeteria staff to charge their account.

Students eat at their desk with none of the worries that came with the previous system. Before students had to make sure they got to school early enough to eat in the cafeteria. This made it difficult if they were running late. They could miss breakfast entirely, leaving them hungry and unprepared for a day of learning.

Providing breakfast in the classroom alleviates any worries about being late to class. They get a half hour to eat before the school day officially begins at 8:45 a.m. Serving students the most important meal of the day ensures that everyone is ready to learn and work to the best of their abilities.

Hungry students often have trouble focusing in class and cannot fully process the important information in each lesson. Guaranteeing that students have this basic need met sets them up for a successful day of learning. Eating a healthy breakfast gives growing children the energy and nutrition needed to take on the challenges ahead of them every day.

The South Williamsport Area School District is thrilled at the increase of students eating breakfast every day. The cafeteria staff and supportive teachers have made this success possible. Thank you for your hard work to provide this necessary service for our students!

PROCEDURE FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS

The decision to close schools or delay school openings for inclement weather, unsatisfactory heating conditions, epidemic, or other emergency conditions shall come from the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- In case of delayed school openings, buses will operate on a delayed schedule according to the period of time specified in the announcement. For example, should the opening of school be delayed two hours, buses will run two hours later, including parochial runs.
- Every attempt will be made to make delayed opening or closing decisions by 8:00 p.m. the night before or by 5:30 a.m. the day of school.
- Please inform your child of an alternate location for him/her to go in the event school is dismissed early and you are not home.
- The primary means of communicating closing information will be an automated phone call service. However, announcements will also be made through TV and Radio as a backup.

Radio Stations

WGRC 90.7 and 107.1	WILQ 105.1	WZXR 99.3 AND 103.7	WBZD 93.3
WWPA AM 1340	WRVH 107.9	WJSA 96.3 and AM 1600	WRAK AM 1400
WKSJ 102.7	WLYC 1050 AM		

TV Stations

Check your local provider for channel numbers.

WYOU	WNEP	WBRE	WPSU
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PLEASE DO NOT CALL school officials at the school or home, or radio station personnel for information.



SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT Education Foundation

\$186,000+

What we've invested into our teachers and students since 2001 in the form of grants and awards.



We were excited to introduce our new grant opportunity this past school year. The INSPIRE grant program was created to encourage both faculty (individually or in groups/grades) AND students (as clubs, athletic teams, individually or as groups of friends) to develop and facilitate innovative and inspiring projects that directly impact SWASD students. We hope these opportunities help prepare the students to become successful in life, as well as show them that they can make a difference in the world around them. The first recipients of these grants were the Kindness Rocks Club with the Little Free Library project and 8th grade science teacher, Keith Cremer, with the STEM Drone Flight Club. Congrats to both and thanks for making a difference in our schools and community!



EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN

We are grateful for the time, talents and passion that our educators invest into our children each and every day. And we were thrilled to partner with so many of them to make our first Employee Giving Campaign a success. With their generous support, we were able to raise over \$3,000...which went right back into our schools in the form of grants. We thank them, again, for their support!

FOLLOW US

South Williamsport Education Foundation @SW_EdFoundation

WHO WE ARE

Our organization is comprised of SWASD parents, alumni, business owners and community members. We were established in 2001 with the goals of empowering SWASD educators, engaging our community, and encouraging future-ready students.

Melissa Stahl Chair	Kathie Sinibaldi Vice Chair	Tom Wilson Secretary
Nicholas Fiorini Anna Patterson Gil Vierra	Christa Matlack Ken Sawyer	Tammy Miller Adam Thompson Fred Wood

WHAT WE DO

The South Williamsport Education Foundation is committed to enhancing the overall student experience by developing partnerships, organizing resources and securing funds for students and educators of the South Williamsport Area School District.

5 2019 SWASD graduates that received scholarships from our efforts

HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you are interested in joining our cause, contact us at: foundation@swasd.org

If you'd like to make a donation, please make checks payable to FCFP/South Williamsport Education Foundation and mail it to us at:

515 W. Southern Ave. South Williamsport, PA 17702

If you are a South Williamsport alumni, please go to our Facebook page and fill out our brief survey for updates on our events and programs.

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Become a SUBSTITUTE TEACHER!



The South Williamsport Area School District is seeking teaching substitutes for all grade levels throughout the district. You can choose your work days!

If you are PA certified, visit the District website at www.swasd.org/our-district/employment/employment-opportunities for information on how to apply.

Also, if you have a bachelor's degree in any area of study, you

may be able to become a substitute teacher by completing the Guest Teacher Program through BLaST IU17. For information about the Guest Teacher Program see the BLaST IU17 webpage at <https://www.iu17.org/guest-teacher-program>.

If you have questions, please contact Robert Houseknecht, SWASD Accountant, at 570-327-1581 x 2122.



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Let's face it: Cyber school isn't for everybody.
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Here are the **Top-Five Reasons** students and families should consider Mountie Online Learning Academy:

- 5. Custom experience** – Focus more on areas of learning that fit your interests. Simply put, you choose what you want to learn. If your interests change, so can your course of study.
- 4. Focus on learning** – Does test anxiety hurt your performance? Not anymore. Continue working until it's clear you've mastered the material. It's the knowledge, not the test, that's most important.
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- 2. Self-paced** – Everybody learns at different speeds. We embrace every student's pace and style of learning. Reaching your goals, not how fast you reach them, is what it's all about.
- 1. Flexibility** – Nothing should get in the way of learning. So, we've cleared all roadblocks. Whatever you want to learn, however you want to learn it, whoever you want to become – we'll help you get there.

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Take charge of your education.
Go to MountieAcademy.org



INTERESTED IN PART-TIME WORK?

The South Williamsport Area School District is in continuous need of substitutes.

By signing-up to substitute, you retain the option to work. Signing-up only puts your name of the list, and ensures you get a chance to work. We'd enjoy having you as part of our team.

The number of hours and works times are:

Secretaries:

4 to 7.5 hours – typically between 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Aides:

3 to 6.75 hours – typically between 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Food Service (Cafeteria) Workers:

3 to 4 hours – typically between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Custodians:

4 to 8 hours – typically 2nd or 3rd shift

If you are interested in becoming a substitute for any of these positions, please submit a resume (indicate which positions you are willing to do), and your Act 34, Act 151, and Act 114 background clearances.

For more information, please see our website <http://www.swasd.org/our-district/employment/applications/substitutes-non-professional-positions/>.



From the District Transportation Office

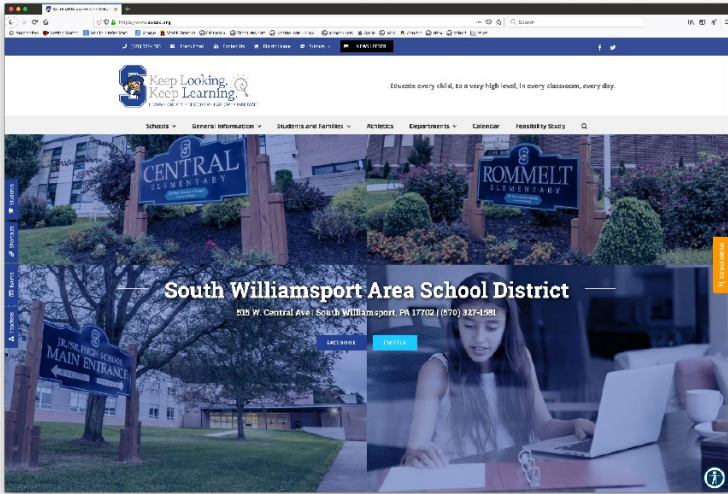
Bus Transportation Information will be mailed to students' home address of record prior to the start of the school year.

Please contact the **District Transportation Office** at 570-327-1581 x 2500 if:

- Your student is eligible for transportation but you have not received the mailing
- Your student needs transportation to/from a location other than the home address of record
- You have questions regarding transportation

Our *NEW* and *IMPROVED* Website

The South Williamsport Area School District website has a new look! Thanks to Blast IU 17, the district now has an upgraded, easy to use website that makes information accessible to students, staff and parents. The IU services were at significant cost savings when compared to other web development service options.



From the outset, the goal of the new page was to ensure that all users can easily find exactly what they are looking for. Along with general contact information, the main landing page features school links, the district strategic plan, upcoming events, current job openings and an option to join the district email list.

Digging further into the website, users will see there is clear delineation for the general public and for families and students. Each of the four schools: Central Elementary School, Rommelt Elementary School, South Williamsport Jr/Sr High School and Mountie Academy, have a parallel organization. The 'Schools' drop-down menu lists each school with links to the staff directories, guidance offices, calendars, handbooks, enrollment and more.

For all those Mountie sports fans, you can now easily jump to the athletic department website. There are schedules available for all sports plus information about event tickets and the Mountie Spirit Shop.

For the community, the district website is a great place to find out about school board meetings, the Million Mountie Lights Award and employment opportunities. A unique feature allows the public to directly email a school board member. Under the 'General Information' drop down menu there is a 'School Board' option that shows the full list of our dedicated members. Anyone can reach out to one of their region representatives to let their voice be heard regarding community matters.

An essential piece of the updated website is the accessibility feature located in the bottom right corner of any page. Users can click on the person in a blue circle to have pages read aloud, text enlarged, change the fonts, desaturate page colors and much more.

Alongside the school district Facebook page, the new and improved website is the best place to find all the latest district news. Check it out at www.swasd.org.

Find us on... **FACEBOOK** and **TWITTER**

Stay up to date with events and activities around the school and community by following the district Facebook page. With almost daily updates on student activities, awards, achievements, and special events this is a perfect one-stop location to stay connected with your community schools.



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TWITTER:
<https://twitter.com/SWAMounties>

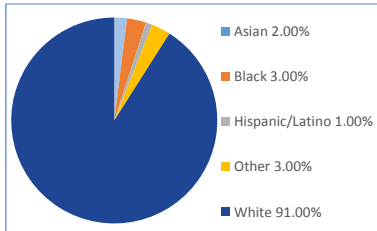


South Williamsport Area School District FAST FACTS

This information is for the community to understand the major sources of revenue and expenses for the school district. The complete district budget is located on the website at www.swasd.org.

OUR STUDENTS

Demographics



Economically Disadvantaged

(a primary factor for grants and federal funds; determined by the number of children qualifying for FREE or REDUCED priced meals):

- District: 42.9%
- Central Elementary: 47.8%
- Rommelt Elementary: 46.1%
- JR / SR High School: 37.2%

District Enrollment

- Central Elementary—485
- Rommelt Elementary—206
- JR/Sr High School—591
- TOTAL—1282**



Percent Regular Attendance

- Central Elementary 93.6%
- Rommelt Elementary 90.6%
- JR / SR High School 84.3%

Average Class Size

Core Academic Curriculum = 23

OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS

Career Pathways

Currently eighty-eight 8th grade students have identified a pathway

- Arts & Communications—14 students
- Business, Finance, & IT—5 students
- Health Sciences—26 students
- Engineering, Manufacturing, & Industrial Technology—25 students
- Human Services—18 students

Advanced Placement

- 7 courses—47 students

Moutie On-line Academy

- Elementary (K-6) — 7 students
- Secondary (7-12) —28 full time/2 part time

Penn College NOW

- 2 courses—16 students

CTE at Williamsport High School

- 49 students

OUR DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

Currently under development, the following will be available to students beginning next year

- PCT pre-apprenticeship in Advanced Manufacturing
- PCT NOW course in FIN Principles of Banking
- Mansfield University "Early Start Program"

GRADUATION RATES

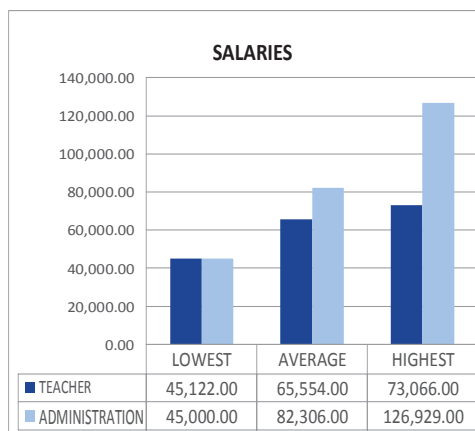
Four year = 91.9% Five year = 94.6%

OUR STAFF

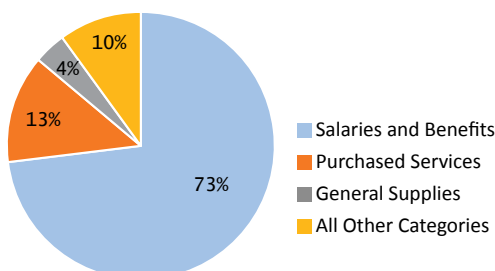
STAFFING	
Teachers	94
Administrators	10
Administrative Assistants	2
Support Professionals	44
Maintenance/Custodial	17
TOTAL	167

Average pupil/teacher Ratio = 13:1
Employee/Administrative Supervisor Ratio 19:1

SALARIES

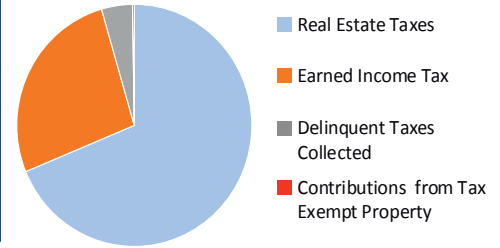


MAJOR DISTRICT EXPENSES



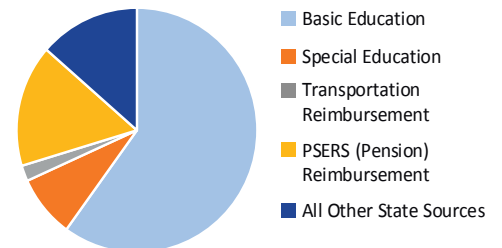
Sources of Local Revenue

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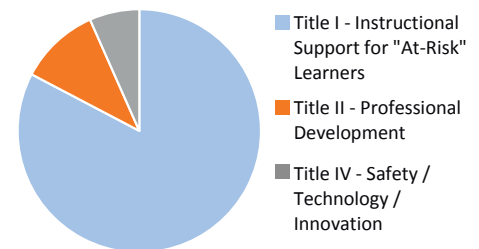
Sources of State Revenue

\$10,648,108



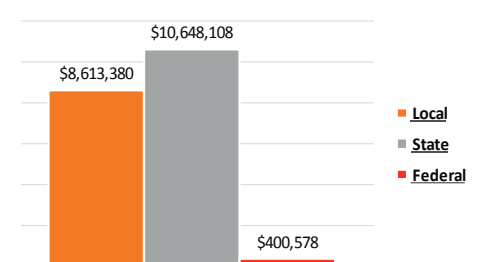
Sources of Federal Revenue

\$400,578

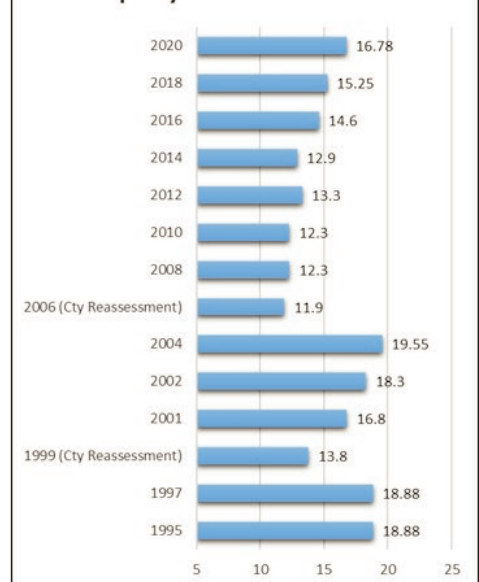


Revenue for Local Schools

\$19,662,066



Property Tax Rates Bi-Annual



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