

Our Path to First Choice No.1
2018/19

Everyone,

Welcome back! It is exciting to have you back to work with our students for the 2018/19 school year. Please know that we appreciate all you do, and you do make a difference.

Our Path Topic

This year, the Path Note will be a little different. Last year, the notes were focused on organization theory, and areas we need to focus and how. All of those topics were important, but now we can begin to focus on other areas. We learned that there are areas of our district operations that our staff is not at all familiar. Hopefully we can shed some light on those areas this year.

In addition, there will be more overviews on Board actions and policy updates. When the Board updates a policy, it will be mentioned in the Path Note, and you will be given information how to access those new and updated policies.

The Piece of the Puzzle will be continued. In fact, as you may already know, the Rotary Club of Waynesboro is sponsoring an Educator of the Month recognition program. It will use Piece of the Puzzle information to help determine the honoree(s). It will be very inclusive. Your position does not matter. If you are doing things above and beyond—or, “Service Above Self” which is a Rotary belief, you will be part of the decision making process for The Educator of the Month.

Other recognitions, district-wide events, important informational items, survey information, and other pertinent information will be shared. It will not be a perfect or all-inclusive informational tool, but just another vehicle for connecting with each member of the WASD Team.

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Attached are a few new Board-approved policies for you to review. The three attached are focused on non-discrimination.
- Next Board Meeting--August 28th at 7PM.

Piece of the Puzzle

The Piece of the Puzzle will begin in next week’s Path Note. Stay tuned!

Advisories***Teacher Advisor for 2018/19

Stakeholder advisory groups will be starting again this year. Anyone interested in participating in the **Teacher Advisory** for the 2018/19 school year please email me. The advisory holds a seat for each elementary school and two from each of the secondary schools. We meet once per month at 3PM. If we get more than one person from a building, we have a neutral party (Jane Helman) pick the name at random.

Review for You

Why is it important to have a strategic plan?

Events

- August 22nd is the First Day of School for Students. Let’s celebrate their return!

- Friday, August 17 in the high school stadium, WASD is holding the Annual Community Night. There will be various activities going on to promote and recognize our athletic programs...also, come get a free hot dog! The program starts at 5PM.

Review Answer

Good organizations develop a plan for what is to be accomplished. Some things may, and some things may not be accomplished. Having a plan provides everyone associated with that organization a direction and focus. It is also a way to hold an organization accountable.

Over the next few weeks, the Path Note will review the 2018/19 Strategic Plan. It is important to have an aligned and common direction. In addition, it is very important that our entire team understand where WASD is going and what it is trying to accomplish.

Final Thoughts—our summer vacation has ended, but a new chance to make a difference in life begins.

- Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.—*Carl Bard*
- Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath and start again.—*My Dear Valentine*.
- I feel a new beginning coming towards me & I'm running to it with open arms.—*Love is war & Sparkles*.
- Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.—*Henry Ford*.
- Don't be afraid of new beginnings. Don't shy away from new people, new energy, new surroundings. Embrace new chances at happiness.—*Billy Chapata*.
- New month, new beginning, new mindset, new focus, new start, new intentions, and new results.—*Anonymous*.
- Every story has an end, but in life, every ending is just a new beginning.

Have a great rest of the week!
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