

Our Path to First Choice No.36
2018/19

Everyone,

Three weeks of school remaining. It seems hard to believe. Here's Path Note No. 36.

Our Path Topic

One of our big WASD Initiatives is to improve early childhood development. As part of that vision we have a plan to transform the high school "D Wing" into the Child Development Center (CDC Wing). As you may know by now, it will house two Pre-K Counts Classes, a Family Consumer Science Class, a large motor skills room, a parent training/staff room, and a Childcare Program for our WASD staff.

Interest in our childcare program for our staff is growing. Our license has been applied for, and waiting for approval by the state. We had state evaluators in over the last few weeks, and have what we need to move forward. In addition, our plan is to open as a Keystone Star 4 program. We are preparing that application process now.

As a partnership with First Start Partnerships (a current 4 Star program), they will be managing the program. We are working on a sign-up and waiting list process. There has already been a number of employees express interest, so we hope to have this process defined as soon as possible. If you have an interest in having your 3-4 year old attend the program next fall, please contact Barb Martin or Erica Nemzek.

One additional note, the plan is to have one of the center's classroom updated and age-appropriate changes completed before the end of the school year for staff to tour. It is our hope that those staff consider our internal daycare services can see their child will be in a good environment.

More to come on First Choice!

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Next School Board Meetings
 - May 14th at 7PM is the next Regular Board Meeting.

You may check out District policies by going to this site: <https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

A Challenge for You

Does the PA Constitution provide for a public education?

Piece of the Puzzle

This week's Piece of the Puzzle is Becky Hess of the Food Service Department. Becky has always been willing to help any where she can. She is a district employee, but she doesn't hesitate to help our office secretarial staff whenever she can, and goes above and beyond to make things better for others. If you see Becky today, congratulate her!!

*Challenge Answer (Important to Know)

Article III, Section 14 of Pennsylvania's Constitution, "Public School System" requires that: "The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth."

Section 15 provides that no money raised for the support of the public schools of the Commonwealth shall be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

Final Thoughts

- *The last day of school—Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.—Dr. Suess.*
- *It's the end of the school year and I'm bursting with so much energy that I think we should postpone summer.—No Teacher Ever Said This.*
- *Last Day of School—pencils-tiny erasers-flat glue-empty folders-fat crayons-broken desk-neat memories-forever year-complete.—Amy LV*
- *True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.—Anonymous.*
- *First day of school "How am I going to make new friends?" Last Day of school. "How am I going to leave these idiots?"—Sanskriti*

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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