



# Willows High School

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## Board Report:

- ★ Establish a high-performing District culture with quality teaching and learning.
  - ★ ALL students have access to grade level classes and high school students are enrolled in college or academic/CTE aligned course sequences. At-risk students will be identified by certificated staff using various assessments to provide academic support at each site.
  - ★ The schools and district will develop and maintain a systematic method of partnering with students, parents, county resources and community members to improve student engagement.
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- The dust has settled for the most part in regard to classes. Currently, we are at 444 (129, 107, 99, 109) students total at WHS.
  - We will continue to focus on attendance as we were only 90% at the high school and we want to increase that to at least match the district average of 93%. The early results of chronic absenteeism show that we have 19 students considered chronically absent. This is 11.8%.
  - The first home football game is on 8.29 and Ms. Hutson and the ASB crew is planning some brief activities to hopefully increase student participation and excitement on campus.
  - On that note, a good number of seniors have made a proposal to paint the senior lot. Basically, each senior that has a valid license/registration will be allowed to paint ONE parking space. Mr. Calónico and I are fine tuning the guidelines to hopefully make this happen sooner rather than later. This activity takes place in many high schools in our region and in speaking with other administrators, this simple activity has actually decreased parking lot issues and has proven to be a big boon in school culture.
  - At our PLC on 8.27, the focus is on Essential Standards. From that meeting our Guiding Coalition will meet on 8.28 to debrief our progress as a staff and plan for our next steps for the PLC on 9/10.
  - We are in the (very) preliminary stages of evaluating our current bell schedule. Not only are we evaluating our current schedule, we are investigating other models where we may be more efficient in how we operate. There are a number of variables to consider in (possibly) making this transition and I will keep you apprised of our progress.
  - The AC Units have been placed and installed on multiple classrooms the past two weeks. I believe this work will continue each Monday for the next two weeks.
  - Mr. Calónico and Mr. Adams have been working hard to set the tone and make clear our expectations of attendance and tardies. We continue to analyze this data to try and improve in both of these areas.

## **Athletics Report:**

### **Participant Numbers:**

**Volleyball Varsity: 11**

**Volleyball Junior Varsity: 10**

**Cross Country: 19**

**Swimming: 11**

**Girls Tennis: 14**

**Football Varsity: 26**

**Football Junior Varsity: 30**

Competition has started for most sports, Swimming will start next month. We have seen good numbers for all Fall sports.

First Football Game is on 8/29 at Home against Willows.

Homecoming and Senior Night will be on October 17th against Durham.