WCHS Principal Board Meeting Report 8-7-2025



- We will kick off the year with our back to school faculty meeting on Wednesday.
- The current enrollment stands at 12 students: 10 seniors and 2 juniors.
- I'm excited to begin the new school year and build on last year's success with CTE certifications for every student.
- Attendance will remain a key priority as we continue to support student engagement and success.
- We are planning to implement a formal exit interview process for all graduating students, including those completing mid-year.
- To promote college readiness, we also plan to enroll each student in an online entry-level course through Butte College to help them become familiar with the college system and earn credit.
- Back to School Night is scheduled for August 14th.



Willows High School

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Chris Harris, Principal

John Calonico, Assistant Principal

August 7, 2025

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.
 - Fairly brief report this month as we are just back in action. But first and foremost, much appreciation to everyone on the district team to get our facility up and ready for school. Custodial and grounds/maintenance staff have pulled it off once again!
 - We have good balance in each grade level, but as is the case every year, there is quite a bit of flux with new students enrolling and some students leaving. It will take a few weeks to 'let the dust settle' to get an accurate assessment of our real numbers. Thank you to the ladies in the office for hitting the ground running when they returned to work. Currently, we are at 454 (128, 107, 106, 113) 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%.
 - At our staff meetings this week, our focus is to form our Guiding Coalition for our PLC process. Then, we will develop a laser focus on student achievement, data gathering and data analysis.
 - Really appreciate our management team meeting we had on July 23rd. The absolute focus is safety and student achievement, but this year too we will be having a district wide focus on PLC.
 - The learning curve is steep, but hopefully I will catch on sooner rather than later.
 - A big bonus with me joining the high school this year, is that our seniors were 8th graders when I first came to the district, and I know many of the students.
 - Back to School night will be August 14th. As I learn more information, we will get that out as soon as possible.
 - I greatly appreciate Amy, Elvira, Yolanda, Hunter, Bibi, Amanda, and John for welcoming me into the high school and doing their best to teach me the ropes



Willows Intermediate School

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"Do the Right Thing"

August 7, 2025

Board Report:

- ★ Establish and build trust with the faculty and staff of Willows Intermediate School.
- ★ Focus on developing, maintaining and implementing a sound PLC process during collaboration time.
- ★ Foster the partnership between the school community and the community of Willows.
- ★ Increase parent engagement and communication to ensure families are informed about the happenings at the school and in their student's education. Communication and partnership with our families are essential to student success here at WIS.
 - District and school staff are getting the school in shape for the first day of school (August 7th).
 - The office staff have been busy making phone calls to WIS families to update/complete their data confirmation. This is essential to ensuring we have up to date contact information for our families.
 - We are working diligently to make sure our classes are balanced as best as possible. This has been an all hands on deck effort.
 - We currently have 443 students set to start school on August 7th.
 - Teachers have started to return this week to set up their classroom for the new school year.
 - New staff that will be working at WIS
 - o Brittany Troughton (GCOE Clinician),
 - o DJ Hendrix (Woodshop)
 - o Joanna Gonzalez (Instructional Aide II).
 - I've met with Kendra Tyler (Director of Continuous Improvement-GCOE) to discuss the continuous implementation of the PLC process. WIS staff will attend a training session on August 5th.
 - I also met with Kile Taylor (Program Specialist-GCOE) to discuss how WIS and GCOE can continue to serve our Special Education students on our campus.
 - Mr. Harris and Mr. Huntley have been extremely helpful in my transition as principal here at WIS.
 - Back to School night will be August 14th starting at 6 pm.

Murdock Elementary Board Report

August 1, 2025 * Board Report #1 * Stacy Lanzi Enrollment Total as of 7/31 = 477 students; average class size is 20!

TK=53 K=76 1st=77 2nd=89 3rd=93 4th=89

*LCAP goal #1: Establishing a High-Performing School Culture with Quality Learning:

- The PLC training we attended in Sacramento in July was FANTASTIC!.
- Our new ELD teacher, Elaine Kendrick, will be starting every day at WHS to teach ELD & this
 will bring about challenges for our new ELD team & scheduling, but we will work through it!
 Elaine is passionate about ELD & she recognizes that it will be a struggle to do a GREAT job at
 both sites because her time is split.
- We collaborated last year for a master schedule that includes our designated ELD time in
 every grade level, also great for our EOs. (Currently supporting 98 students.) Our focus will be
 on grammar and vocabulary using our District Adopted text, Benchmark Advance ELD
 material, and engaging hands-on lessons.

*LCAP goal #2: All students have access to grade-level Learning. At-risk students will be identified by certificated staff & provided with academic support at each site.

- We are excited about the improvement & strength of our Tier 1 instruction for this year because we are "Protecting the core for reading & math."
- All teachers are ensuring learning of the Essential Standards, using district-adopted curriculum. Teachers are agreeing to the essential standards that ALL students will know at each grade level.
- Every teacher will teach collaborative, high-quality lessons to ensure all students are receiving a fair and equitable education.
- This will shrink down the number of students needing intervention & allow for teachers to immediately check for understanding of the standard and intervene in the class.

*LCAP goal #3: The schools will develop and maintain a systematic method for partnering with students, parents, county resources, and community members to improve student engagement.

• NVIH has been meeting with **all** of our identified students ALL summer! I've seen them coming & going, I've heard of great progress, & this should help these students will start the year regulated & focused!

*NEW: Student Achievement data reviewed for this week.

- CAASPP Overall ELA growth increased from 12.8% to 21%
- CAASPP Overall Math growth increased from 12.8% to 23%
- We made growth, still **lots** of work to do, and we will get there!

WINS:

- Murdock is fully staffed and ready to start the year!
- Our class sizes are small!
- We have a bilingual person in every TK classroom.
- We have designated ELD in every classroom every day!
- Our classroom and grounds are clean & beautifully cared for.
- We have a new teacher (or assignment) in every grade level to bring a breath of fresh air to our grade level teams!
- Back to School Night is Wed. 8/6 @5:30-7, and our kiddos will be ready for the 1st day of school on Thursday 8/7.

.....As always, "It's a Great Day to be A Mallard!"
Please let me know if you have questions & come see us anytime!

- -Here is a link for our Map of Murdock
- -Here is a link for our <u>Instagram</u>

