



## WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES September 21, 2018

### ADVISORY REFERENDUM [STRAW VOTE] - OCTOBER 9, 2018

On September 13th, the WCS Board of Education voted unanimously, 4-0, to place the notion of merging WCS with Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School to a school community vote. Vice President Jim Carroll was unable to attend the meeting however, a letter indicating his support was read on his behalf by School Board President Alice LaRock.

All Board Members present voted 'yes' to establish a special vote on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 12-8 PM in the Lobby outside the Bulles Auditorium** as the date, time, and location of a special '**Advisory Referendum [Straw Vote]**' to see if school district residents are in favor of merging with Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School into a new school district that would begin operations on July 1, 2019.

The Advisory Referendum is an informal 'straw vote' to be held in each school district separately. If each school district passes their Advisory Referenda respectively, a formal Binding Referendum Vote would be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**.



If the Advisory Referenda vote fails in one of the school districts, the merger process ends.

The question that residents will consider on October 9<sup>th</sup>, as it will appear on the ballot: ***"Should the Westport Central School District and the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District be joined together as a single district by centralization [merger]?"***

A Public Forum has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium at WCS. This forum will serve as an opportunity for residents to be informed of the merger study proposal prior to the October 9<sup>th</sup> vote, and for residents to share feedback on the proposal.

All merger study facts, figures, reports and meeting minutes – and the Final Merger Study Report – can be obtained at [www.westportcs.org](http://www.westportcs.org).



### SUN NEWS MERGER FORUM

Tuesday, 9/25 Sun Community News will hold a Merger Forum at the Depot Theatre at 6pm. This forum is open to all who wish to attend.

### STUDENT EXCHANGE DAY

On Thursday, 9/27, an opportunity for a "trial run" to shuttle students between WCS and ELCS will take place. Please see the attachment for additional information.

### SCHOOL PICTURES

School Picture Day is Friday, 9/28. School Picture Packets have been sent home with students. School picture retakes will be Monday, 11/19. Please be sure to send your student with the completed packet along with payment on Friday, 9/28.

### FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Please see the attached flyer regarding the PSAT. This is the only chance for students to take the PSAT this year! You must sign up by 10/5.



## FROM THE WPTSO

Teachers! We are now accepting Enrichment Grant Applications for the 2018/19 school year. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year as funds are available. You can learn more and download an application at <https://www.wptso.com/projects> <<https://www.wptso.com/projects>> or ask Kristin Fiegl for a hard copy. Thank you to all faculty and parents who have sent in their membership forms! Your support is really appreciated. Please consider joining the WPTSO (if you haven't already) and making this years membership our most robust and impactful yet! [https://www.wptso.com/get\\_involved](https://www.wptso.com/get_involved) <[https://www.wptso.com/get\\_involved](https://www.wptso.com/get_involved)> . Lastly, save the date for the **Fly Like an Eagle 5K/1K Fun Run: Saturday, November 3rd!** We'll be walking, running and enjoying a delicious breakfast to raise money for the teachers and students of WCS. Check out <https://www.wptso.com/fun-run> <<https://www.wptso.com/fun-run>> for more details.

## WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

~ **Biddy Soccer:** After a hugely successful WYC Biddy Tournament last weekend at Camp Dudley, our (K-6) Biddy teams will be traveling to Willsboro on Saturday, 9/22 for another fun tournament! Please have players at the fields in Willsboro (Point Rd) at 8:30am for warm ups! For specific information on scheduled games, please visit our WYC website at [www.westportyouth.org](http://www.westportyouth.org) or contact Ed Mason, Director on 528.225.9772. Have a great week!!

## HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS

This year, Hannaford is celebrating 20 years of collaborating with schools to help schoolkids reach their goals. Your continued partnership is appreciated and if you're new to the program, we welcome you! Between 9/2/18 and 12/1/18, with the purchase of 4 participating Hannaford Helps Schools items, a customer will receive a printout for 3 school dollars at the register. Westport CS customers can place that printout into their school's slot in the Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower, located at the front of the Plattsburgh store. Additionally, Hannaford will donate \$1,000 to each school that earns the most dollars from their store location!

## LOOKING AHEAD.....

10/3	K-12 early release @ 12pm
10/4	Public Forum Merger Discussion @ 6pm
10/5	End of five week marking period
10/8	Columbus Day Holiday
10/9	Public Non-Binding Vote 12pm-8pm
10/11	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm
10/12	7-12 Five Week Reports mailed home
10/25	MS All-County Music Festival @ ELCCS

