

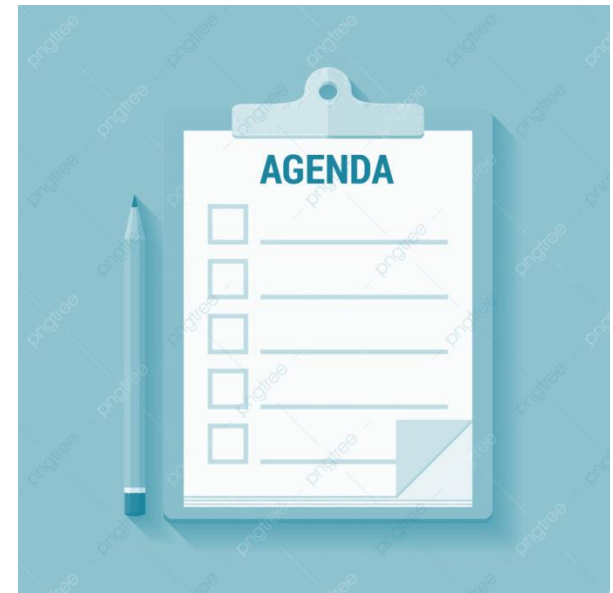


# 2025-26 GMRSD Virtual Town Hall #1

Welcome Back to School!  
August 27, 2025  
Superintendent Michael Mai

# THIS EVENING'S AGENDA

- First Days of School
- Supervisor of Special Services
- 2025–26 District Goals
- New Positions
- ROD Grant and Referendum Projects
- Cell Phones
- SWIMS Program (GMMS)
- Keep an Eye Out For...
- Safety and Security
- Questions



# FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL



- Tuesday, September 2
  - GMMS reports at 7:50
  - Central reports at 8:45
- September 2 AND 3 are Early Dismissal Days for all students
  - 12:15 for GMMS
  - 1:10 for Central
- First full day of school is Thursday, Sept. 4
  - 2:30 dismissal at GMMS
  - 3:20 dismissal at Central

# SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES

## ➤ Ms. Loren Marcus

- Supervisor of Special Services and School Psychologist
- Case Manager for Grades 7 & 8 and HS Liaison
- 18th year as a School Psychologist; 6th as a Supervisor
- Lives in suburbs of Easton, PA
- Three children
- Graduate of Quinnipiac University
- Hockey Mom
- Avid hockey fan of the wrong team (Rangers!)

**SUPERVISOR**



# 2025–26 DISTRICT GOALS

GOAL 1: By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will increase student achievement by continually refining instructional practices in all grades to enhance student engagement, utilize data-driven instructional practices, and achieve higher academic outcomes for all students.

GOAL 2: By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will enhance communication throughout the local community using a variety of media.

GOAL 3: By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will improve and enhance special education programs and services that ensure academic, social, and emotional success for special education students and encourage parental engagement.



# GOAL #1 OBJECTIVES

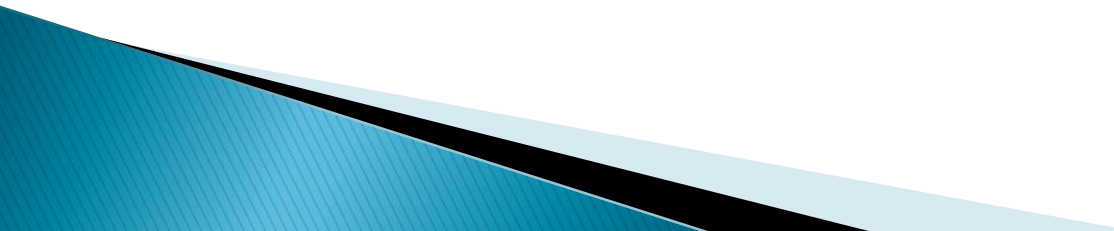
- By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will increase student achievement by continually refining instructional practices in all grades to enhance student engagement, utilize data-driven instructional practices, and achieve higher academic outcomes for all students.
  - Incorporate AI tools in classrooms to personalize learning and provide adaptive instructional support by the end of the academic year.
  - Ensure 100% of instructional staff participates in at least two professional development sessions focused on classroom management, student engagement, deeper learning, special education instructional strategies, and/or AI integration.
  - Demonstrate 10% gain in ELA and Math Link-It Benchmarks from Fall to Spring assessment in grades 2–8, a +3 level gain on DRA from Fall to Spring administration in K–2, and a 10% gain on math benchmark from Fall to Spring administration in K–2.

# GOAL #2 OBJECTIVES

- By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will enhance communication throughout the local community using a variety of media.
  - Rollout of a new district website
  - Publication of a monthly district newsletter
  - Consistent school-based communications
  - Creation of a variety of interactive events – virtually and in-person – that encourage staff, parent, and student participation.



# GOAL #3 OBJECTIVES

- By June 30, 2026, GMRSD will improve and enhance special education programs and services that ensure academic, social, and emotional success for special education students and encourage parental engagement.
  - Train 100% of general education teachers and special education staff on effective inclusion strategies by the end of the academic year.
  - Provide consistent Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) meetings to engage parents and provide valuable information and resources.
  - Conduct quarterly IEP review meetings involving key stakeholders (teachers, parents, administrators) to evaluate and adjust IEP goals and supports.
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# New Positions

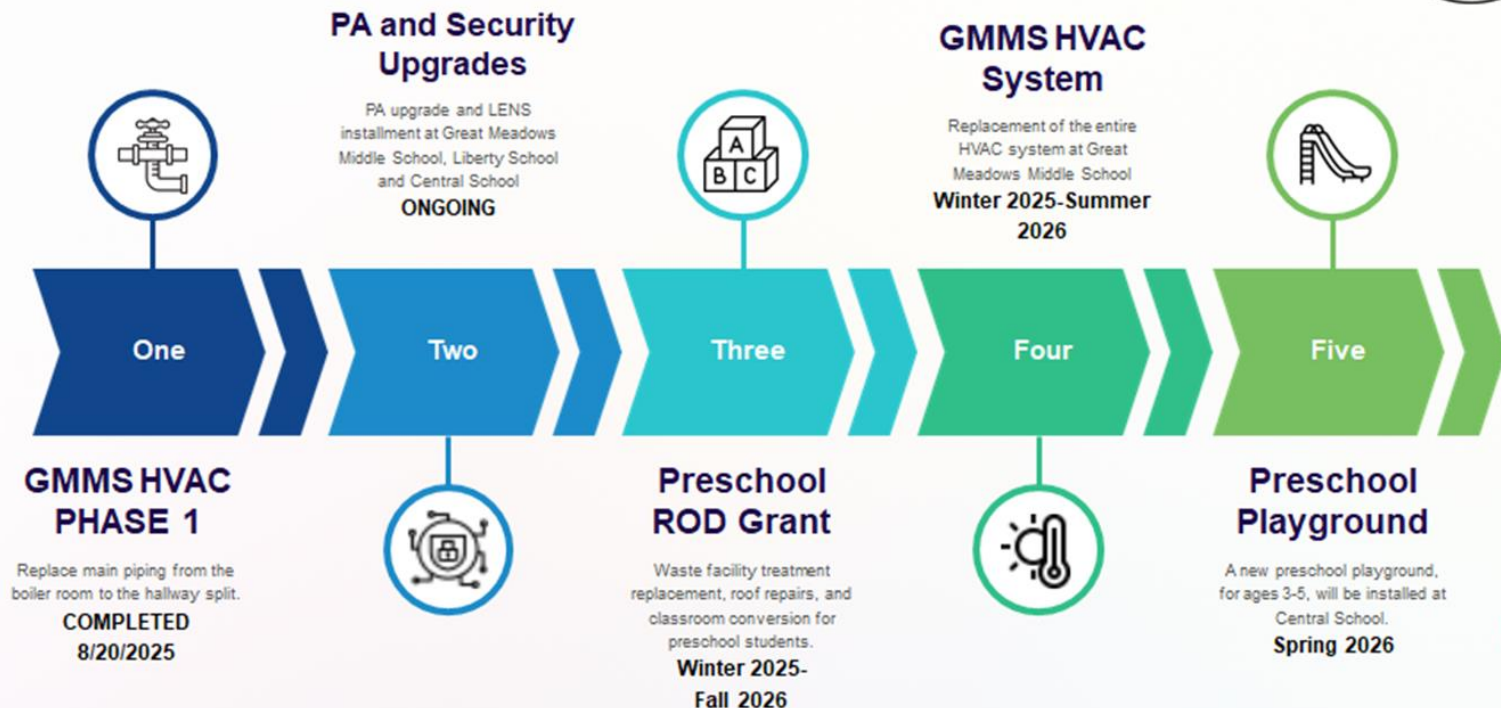
- Tax Levy Incentive Program
  - \$567,904 increase in tax levy
  - Includes an additional \$27,043 in state aid
- Five New Teaching Positions
  - Kindergarten
  - Grade 2
  - Grade 4
  - GMMS Physical Education/Health
  - GMMS Intervention
- Saved Positions
  - Grade 7/8 Science
  - Security Guard
- School Counselor @ GMMS
- Part-time Speech Therapist



# ROD Grant and Referendum Projects



## GMRSD Project Timeline



# CELL PHONE POLICY



- To support school environments in which students can fully engage with their classmates and their teachers, and to focus attention upon instruction, the Board of Education has determined the use of cell phones and other electronic communication devices by students for personal use during the school day and school activities should be limited.
- Students are prohibited from using an electronic communication device anywhere on school grounds during the school day to include, but not be limited to: during before and after school programs; during any co-curricular activity; and on a school bus.
- Students are encouraged not to bring electronic communication devices to school. If a student chooses to bring an electronic communication device(s) to school, the device(s) shall be turned off by the student and passcode protected to prevent any unauthorized use of the device. The electronic communication device shall remain in the student's backpack/book bag or locker during the school day when its use is not authorized in accordance with Policy and Regulation 5516.



# Students with Important Messages (SWIMS)

## ➤ What is SWIMS?

- A youth engagement program that is composed of Warren County youth interested in learning about substance abuse, addressing issues regarding underage drinking, tobacco, teen dating violence, mental health & more.
- Two Warren Hills High School Seniors developed Seniors with Important Messages, where they educated the freshman and sophomore classes about mental health
- In order to incorporate into different schools and younger student leadership groups, Students with Important Messages was developed.

## ➤ Mission Statement:

- SWIMS is a program that is found in various chapters within schools throughout the county.
- A youth-led and youth-driven movement whose mission is to reach Warren County youth and empower them to make healthy lifestyle decisions

## ➤ How does SWIMS operate within a school?

- Established throughout the different middle and high schools throughout the county
- Meetings occur once a month in school, either during lunch periods, activity periods, or after school
- Youth are encouraged to help develop a tabling activity for the month to educate their peers.

## ➤ SWIMS on Social Media

- [WarrenCountyIncorruptible.us](http://WarrenCountyIncorruptible.us)
- Instagram @theincorruptible.warren
- Facebook @incorruptible.warren county

## ➤ Additional questions about SWIMS:

- Jessica Bartelloni at [jessica.bartelloni@centerffs.org](mailto:jessica.bartelloni@centerffs.org)



# Keep an Eye Out For...

- New Website
  - Still [www.gmrtd.com](http://www.gmrtd.com)
  - New and improved format
- YouTube Channel and Content
  - Ideas? Email Mr. Mai
- District Newsletter
  - Monthly
  - Issue #1 coming tomorrow





# Safety and Security

- District sent out a survey in Spring 2024
- Community supports additional, budget-conscious security measures
- Multi-phase Plan
  - Phase 1 2024–25: Full-time unarmed security guard
  - Phase 2 2025–26: Addition of Class III SRO
    - Pending BOE Approval and Contract Agreement



# QUESTIONS?

- Here's to a fantastic school year of meeting goals, having fun, and caring for ourselves and each other!
- When we work together, great things are possible!

