



Bloomfield Public Schools

2025-2026

Superintendent's Report

Board of Education Meeting
March 10, 2026

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Lynette Easmon, Board of Education Chair

"Building Our Legacy One Student At A Time"





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Superintendent's Report:

- Budget Timeline
- United Way Read Across America Day
- BPS Literacy Week
- Talent Management & Community Partnerships
- Finance & Operations
- Community Forum on School Uniforms
- 2025-2026 Calendar Proposal

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2026-2027 Budget Timeline:

- BOE Approved Budget delivered to the Town on Monday, 3/9
- Superintendent presents BOE Approved Budget to the Town Council on Thursday, 3/26 at 6:30pm

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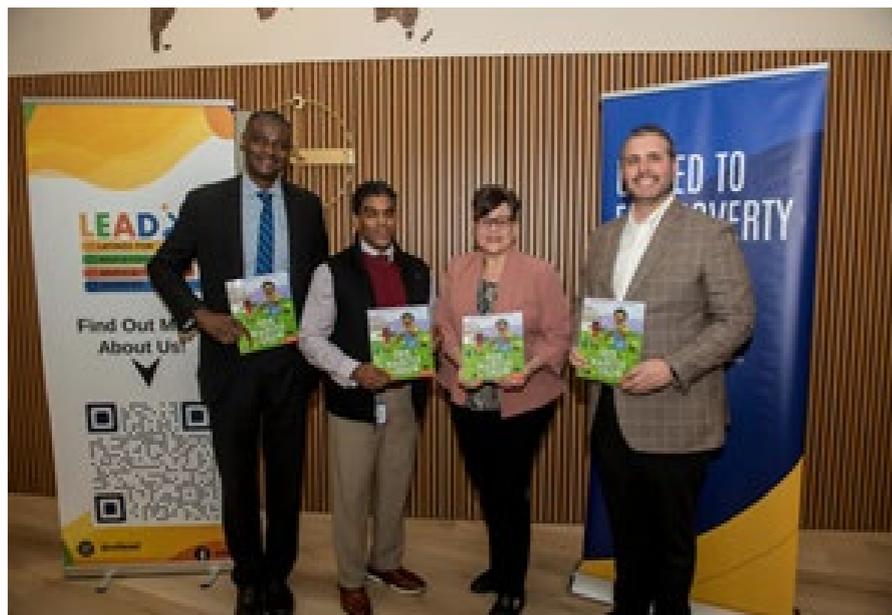
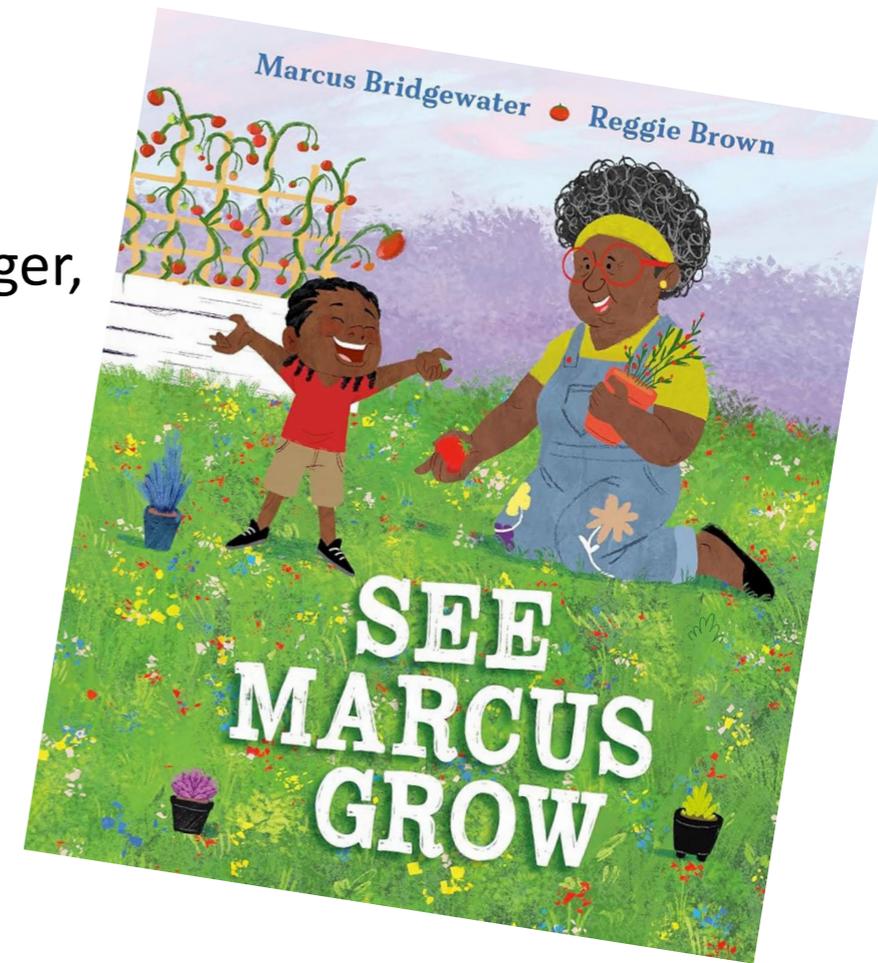


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United Way Read Across America Day (March 5th):

- Bloomfield, Bristol, New Britain, East Hartford & Hartford
- Guest Readers K-3 classrooms
- BPS Guest Readers included the Board Chair, Mayor, Town Manager, Town Councilors, Town Librarian as well as community members
- LLA students and staff dressed as their favorite book characters
- Student escorts





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Thank You to All of Our Read Across America Volunteers!



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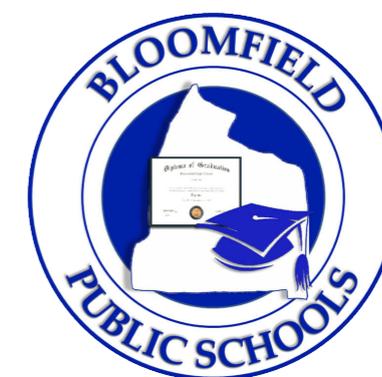
BPS 4th Annual Literacy Week (March 2nd-6th):

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Celebrate Literacy Week 2026
March 2nd- March 6th

Spotlight authors and creators will be visiting our schools to inspire young readers!

Gabriele Davis	Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo	Principal Jesse White	
Maria Scrivan	Mary Munson	Reda Othman	Marcus Johnson
Rick Stromoski	Winsome Bingham	Patricia Washington-Geddes	

Empowering Learners • Inspiring Excellence • Building Futures



Save the Date:
Bloomfield Literacy Night
June 4, 2026 5:30-7:00pm Prosser Library

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Farewell to CAIS & GEMS Committee:

- Staff Committee met on March 5th
- GEMS Farewell Celebration scheduled for June 3rd @ 5:00pm
- CAIS Farewell Celebration scheduled for June 11th @ 5:30pm
- District Communication
- Next Committee Meeting April 9th

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Talent Management & Community Partnerships:

- HR Staffing Report

Finance & Operations:

- Financial Report

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School Uniforms:



Join us for a Community Forum on School Uniforms

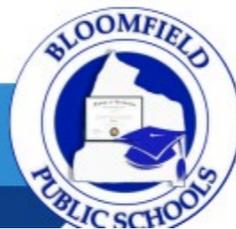
A Community Forum on School Uniforms will take place on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Students, staff, and families will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the school uniform policy in person, virtually, or in writing.



**March 10, 2026
at 7:00 pm**

- ✓ Join us in person at 1133 Blue Hills Avenue
- ✓ Join us via [Zoom](#)
- ✓ Send a letter to the Superintendent at superintendent@blmfld.org with subject line: **School Uniforms**





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Bloomfield's Uniform Journey:

- Policy # 5132(a)
- Adopted 3/23/2010; Revised 10/6/2015
- 2024-2025 BHS students permitted to be excluded from the policy
- Summer 2025 Board Retreat discussion about policy elimination
- July, 2025 Community Survey
- 2025-2026 School leadership encouraged to eliminate discipline for not being in uniform; Incentives for meeting expectation





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Regional School Uniform Data:

- Of the 15 school districts in DRG G, Bloomfield is the only one with a uniform policy (6.7%).
- 93.3% of DRG G districts allow their students/families to make their own clothing decisions; Most follow a Dress Code.

Bristol	East Haven
Groton	Hamden
Killingly	Manchester
Middletown	Naugatuck
Plainfield	Putnam
Stratford	Torrington
Vernon	Winchester





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Regional School Uniform Data:

- Of 36 Alliance Districts in CT, 11 have uniform policies (30.6%)
- 69.4% of Alliance Districts allow their students/families to make their own clothing decisions; Most follow a Dress Code.

Districts	Additional Information
Ansonia	
Bridgeport*	K-8 only
Derby	First year of uniforms
East Hartford	
Hartford *	
New Britain*	K-8 only
New Haven*	All K-8 & 1 Magnet High School
Stratford	Varies by School; PTO Survey/Vote
Waterbury*	
Windham*	

* Based on poverty rates and median household incomes, these districts rank within the Top 10 Poorest Cities in Connecticut.





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National School Uniform Data:

According to Uniform Market (2025):

- 18.8% of public schools and 57% of private schools in the United States require students to wear school uniforms.
- 22 states authorize schools and districts to implement school uniform policies.
- The cost of a uniform per child per year can range anywhere between somewhere between \$25 to \$500.

According to National Center for Educational Statistics (2022):

- During the 2019-20 school year, 18.8% of the nation's public schools required school uniforms.
- During the 2019–20 school year, greater percentages of elementary and middle schools required school uniforms than secondary/high schools (21% elementary, 18% middle and 12% high school).
- Schools where 25% or less of the students were students of color reported the lowest instance of uniform requirements.





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National School Uniform Data:

According to the Journal of Education Research (2019):

- After reviewing 30 studies, it was concluded that school uniforms had a small positive effect on discipline and classroom focus, but no evidence of an impact on test/achievement scores.

According to a University of Houston Study (2020):

- There was no significant difference in GPA between uniform and non uniform schools, although uniforms did correlate to higher attendance rates.

According to Public School Review (2025):

- 60% of students surveyed believe school uniforms limit their self expression





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Proposed District Calendar Adjustment:

June, 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Juneteenth
22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th

- Original Last Day of School: Thursday, June 11th
- 6 Snow Days
- Friday, June 19th Juneteenth All Schools and Offices Closed
- Current Last Day of School: Monday, June 22nd

Proposal:

- Change the May 20th Full PD Day into a School Day/Early Dismissal PD Day
- This would move the last day of school back to Thursday, June 18th and provide some much needed PD time near the end of the school year.

