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WJHS July 2025 Board Report

Building Update

- The new bleachers and rails have been installed in the main gym. The students and community should be pleased with the upgrade.
- The custodians are busy with the summer deep clean. They are doing a fantastic job!
- The tech department is working hard to get chromebooks and new desktops ready. Some staff will also be receiving Promethean Boards which will be a nice upgrade from their SMART Boards.
- The painters have completed their touch ups and have repainted some of the rooms.

6th grade transition/7th-8th supply drop

We will be hosting a sixth grade orientation/7th 8th grade supply drop on August 6 (last names A-L) and 7 (last names M-Z). 6th grade students and parents will have the opportunity to participate in a “how to be successful in junior high discussion” as well as drop off supplies and walk schedules. 7th-8th grade students will have the opportunity to drop off supplies and walk their schedules on those evenings as well.

Growth Mindset

We are encouraging students to adopt a growth mindset this year. Essentially, this is the belief that abilities and skills can improve over time. Someone who develops a growth mindset has characteristics such as:

- Views challenges as opportunities to grow.
- Sees failure as a learning experience.
- Believes effort is essential to improvement.
- Welcomes constructive criticism and uses it to improve.
- Is inspired by the success of others.

We will be promoting “the power of yet” by encouraging students to add “yet” to the end of a sentence when they are struggling with something. Examples could include statements such as: “I can’t solve these equations...yet” or “I’m not good at public speaking...yet.”