



State of the School

MARCH 9, 2026



Hiring Updates

2025-2026 Openings

- Baseball Coaching Openings – JV – Varsity Asst.
- 0.4 FTE 7-12 grade Choir

Partnership between the City, Chamber, and School

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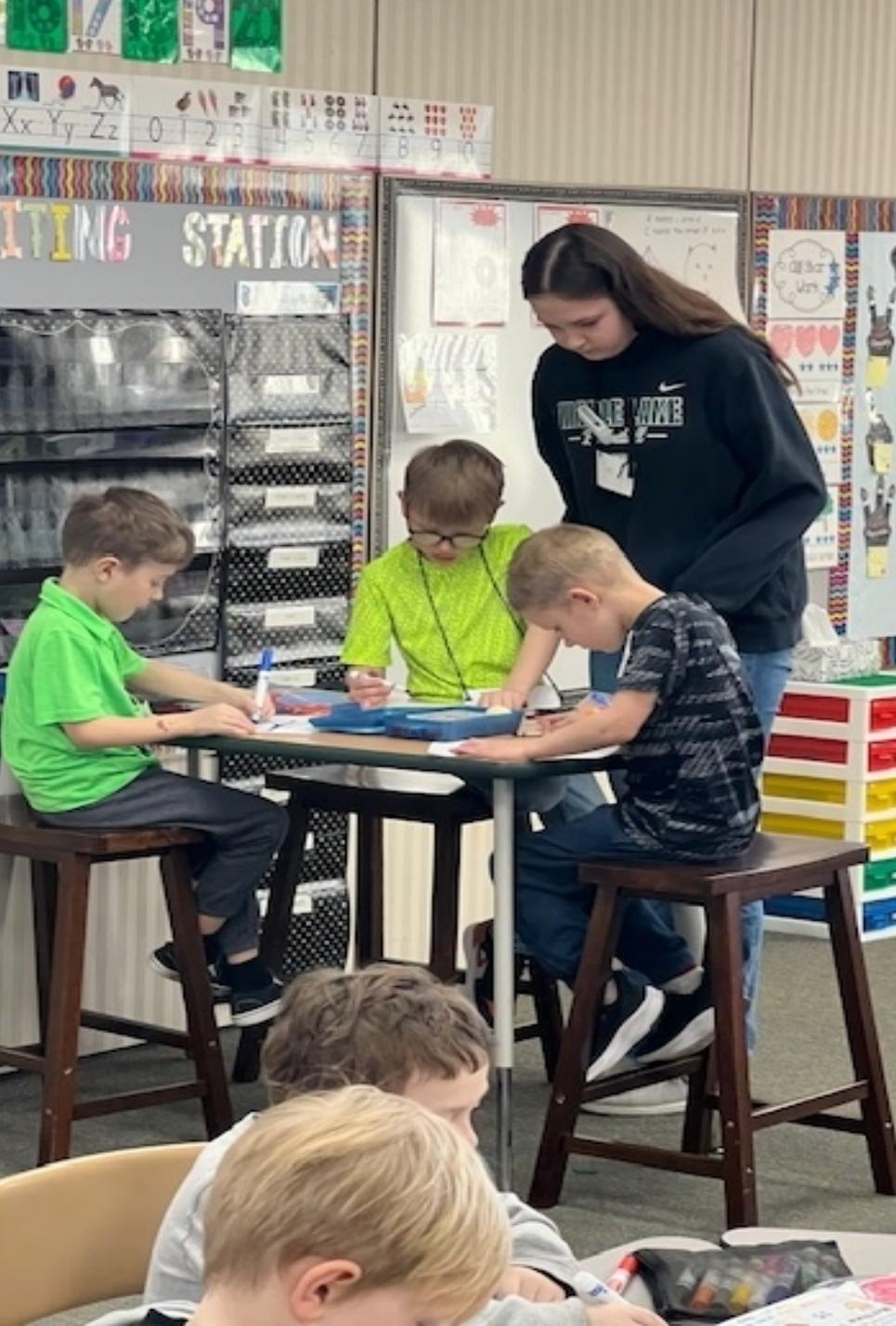
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School Updates





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Grant Updates:

We have 3 grants in process:

YST - \$100,000 – Creating on the job opportunities for students 10th grade and up. (April)

STEM Innovation Grant - \$5,000. (Received)

Lead in Water - \$15,000 – Continue to replacing old water fountains. (April)

Solar Panel Grant Application – Submitted 80-90% of the cost to install.

Working on Community School Grant – MDE

We did not receive the bathroom remodel grant.

K-12 Education Funding

The projected balance for the current biennium is \$3.7 billion, \$1.3 billion higher than the November forecast.

For the FY28–29 biennium there is a surplus predicted of \$377 million, instead of the \$3 billion deficit predicted in the November forecast.

The E12 budget is projected to increase by \$111 million. Most of this growth is driven by rising special education costs, including higher salaries and benefits for special education staff, an increase in staffing to provide special education services, expanded transportation expenses, and greater participation in the Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) program.

While legislators may caution against additional spending, the updated forecast gives school districts the opportunity to make the case for extending the compensatory hold harmless another year and repealing the \$250 million reduction to special education cross-subsidy aid in the next biennium.

Legislative Updates





Questions
