



# Waterloo Junior High

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## **WJHS June 2025 Board Report**

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

We will be hosting a sixth grade orientation/7th 8th grade supply drop on August 6th (last names A-L) and 7th (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 and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to drop off supplies and walk their schedules on those evenings as well.

### **Focus for 2025-2026**

For the 2025-26 school year, we will be promoting the importance of students having a “Growth Mindset”. We did this several years ago and found it to be quite impactful. We are going to place the focus this year on issues such as: the importance of belief, the role of failure, building stronger relationships, improving friendships, resolving conflicts without drama, the importance of challenges, the power of self-reflection, and managing stress and anxiety among others.

### **Bleachers**

As of June 9, the bleachers in the main gym have been removed. The crew did an amazing job disassembling them and hauling them out quickly and efficiently. We look forward to the installation of the new bleachers soon. Thank you to the board for recognizing the importance of this project.

### **Scheduling**

Scheduling is almost complete for next year. It takes a great deal of time and effort to schedule many of our students manually in order to best meet their needs. Students with IEP's, 504's, accelerated math, and interventions all have to be scheduled individually. Thank you to the special ed teachers who met in May to complete their student schedules. Also, thank you to Christy Osterhage who met with them during this time to help streamline the process.

### **Retirees**

We enjoyed celebrating the careers of Mark Toennies and Mark Vogel at the conclusion of the talent show on the last day of school. These two phenomenal educators have positively impacted the lives of so many students during their time in the Waterloo School District. We wish them all the best!