

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Study Meeting - 5:30 PM
February 6, 2024
364 S Park St
Walla Walla, WA 99362

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE: Pursuant to Board Policy 1400, written public comment for this meeting will be accepted until 12:00 noon the day of the meeting. Comments are to be submitted to sgolden@wwps.org or Susie Golden, 364 S. Park Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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Spanish Agenda / Agenda Española: <https://www.wwps.org/district/information/school-board/board-meeting-schedule>

I. CALL TO ORDER: (5:30 p.m.) *Ruth Ladderud*

II. FLAG SALUTE: *Terri Trick*

III. ROLL CALL:

- Ruth Ladderud, President
- Terri Trick, Vice President
- Alayna Brinton
- Kathy Mulkerin
- Derek Sarley
- Eva Maxwell, Student Board Representative
- Hailey Thrall, Student Board Representative

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Ruth Ladderud*

V. CONSENT AGENDA: *Ruth Ladderud*

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VI. STUDY ITEMS: (5:35 p.m.) *Ruth Ladderud*

1. Building Belonging Recognition: *Dr. Julie Perron*
 - Dakotah Fryatt - Pioneer Middle School

2. Communities in Schools Update: *Ruben Alvarado, Communities in Schools Executive Director*

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3. Legislative Update: *Dr. Wade Smith*

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:** *(6:30 p.m.) Ruth Ladderud*



PERSONNEL REPORT

February 6, 2024 – Board Meeting

Date: February 1, 2024

EMPLOYMENT

Classified: Norma Garcia, Kitchen Assistant, Walla Walla High School
Sebastian Hernandez, Head Start Assistant Teacher, WWCCF
Serah Johnson, Temporary Para-Educator (2023-24), Juvenile Justice Center
Shari McLaughlin, Kitchen Assistant, WWCCF
Jairo Ramirez, Custodian, Walla Walla High School
Francisco Reyes, Custodian, WWCCF
Alexis Stremcha, Head Start Assistant Teacher, WWCCF
Jefte Vargas, Temporary Para-Educator (2023-24), Green Park Elementary School
William Yaw, Custodian, Garrison Middle School

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT/SEPARATION OF EMPLOYMENT

Certificated: Katherine DeWulf, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Education, 2 years

Classified: Nathan Bannerman, Temporary Para-Educator, Berney Elementary School, 4 months
Ashley Bueno, Bilingual Intervention Specialist, Edison Elementary School, 2.5 years
Itsel Cuevas, Head Start Associate Teacher, WWCCF, 7 years
Rikki Kenworthy, Health Room Assistant, Prospect Point Elementary School, 5 months
Ischel Meza, Bilingual Head Secretary, Sharpstein Elementary School, 1.5 years

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATHLETIC CONTRACTS 2023-2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Sebastian Cruz	Garrison Middle School	Millennials Indoor Soccer
Martin Fortney	Pioneer Middle School	Millennials Indoor Soccer
Christian Herrera	Garrison Middle School	Millennials Indoor Soccer
Adrian Sandoval	Pioneer Middle School	Millennials Indoor Soccer

NON-ATHLETIC EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS 2023-2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Ryan Campeau	PI	Play Director
Elizabeth Clearman	GA	Play Director
Quin Wise	W	Social Emotional Learning Team



School Board Committee Assignments 2024

Board Committee	Board Member(s)
Administrator Consult and Confer***	Board President
Administrative Finance Committee*	Terri Trick Alayna Brinton
Administrative Policy Committee*	Ruth Ladderud Kathy Mulkerin
Career/Technical Education***	Derek Sarley
Certificated Negotiations***	Derek Sarley
Classified Negotiations***	Derek Sarley
Equity & Access Committee*	Kathy Mulkerin Terri Trick
Graduates of Distinction Committee***	Ruth Ladderud
Parents in Action (Head Start)***	Alayna Brinton
Instructional Materials Committee*	Terri Trick Kathy Mulkerin
Legislative Representative***	Kathy Mulkerin
Safe Schools***	Kathy Mulkerin
School Health Advisory Committee*	Alayna Brinton Ruth Ladderud
District Sustainability Committee*	Ruth Ladderud Terri Trick
Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)***	Ruth Ladderud

Type of Committee: *Administrative, **Board Sub-Committee, ***Other

WARRANT SUMMARY

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. Those payments have been recorded on this listing which has been made available to the board.

As of February 6th, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers and electronic transfers included in the following list and described as follow:

Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Fund	Warrant Number	Amount
		General Fund		
2/6/2024	231672	Through	231850	\$ 1,073,705.86
2/6/2024	232400267	Wire Transfer	232400286	\$ 1,257.32

		Capital Projects		
2/6/2024	230038	Through	230042	\$ 338,860.75
		Wire Transfer		

		ASB		
2/6/2024	230079	Through	230134	\$ 12,639.50
2/6/2024	232400287	Wire Transfer	232400289	\$ 156.00

		Transportation Vehicle		
		Through		
		Wire Transfer		

		Payroll		
1/31/2024	231625	Through	231671	\$ 2,152,309.36
1/31/2024	1400001	Wire Transfer	1401089	\$ 3,139,568.66
1/31/2024	NA	Payroll Taxes	NA	\$ 1,036,870.45

TOTAL:	\$	7,755,367.90
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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD:

Ruth Ladderud

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Business Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
January 16, 2024
WWPS Administration Building / 364 S. Park Street

PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Ruth Ladderud, President
Terri Trick, Vice President
Alayna Brinton
Kathy Mulkerin
Derek Sarley

ADMINISTRATORS
Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators and guests, approximately 9 were in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the administration building Anne Golden Boardroom at 5:30 p.m. by President Ruth Ladderud.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance was led by Director Derek Sarley.

III. ROLL CALL

All board members were present, except Student Board Board Representatives Hailey Thrall and Eva Maxwell who were excused.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Ruth Ladderud announced there was water damage from a broken pipe at the District Office, which occurred about an hour prior to the meeting start time. President Ladderud moved and Vice President Terri Trick seconded to amend the agenda to adjourn the meeting immediately following the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Alayna Brinton and seconded by Derek Sarley to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items: 1) personnel report; 2) extracurricular athletic contracts; 3) non-athletic extra & co-curricular contracts; 4) Resolution 01-2024 request for waiver from minimum 180-day school year; 5) December 19, January 2 & January 16 accounts payable and December payroll; 6) November financial report; 7) December financial report; 8) special meeting #1 minutes of December 12, 2023; 9) regular business meeting minutes of December 12, 2023; and 10) special meeting #2 minutes of December 12, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

President Ladderud declared the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on February 6, 2024.

APPROVED:

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board
- Susie Golden, Recorder

Ruth Ladderud
School Board President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting/School Board Retreat – 10:00 a.m.
January 24, 2024
364 Boyer Ave
Walla Walla, Washington

PRESENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ruth Ladderud, President

Terri Trick, Vice President

Alayna Brinton

Kathy Mulkerin

Derek Sarley

Eva Maxwell, Student Board

Representative

Hailey Thrall, Student Board

Representative

ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent

The Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on January 24 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of school board retreat, including board professional development and planning. All elected board members were present, and the student board representatives arrived to participate at 4:00 p.m. Board member Mulkerin was not present from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The special meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m. and was open to the public.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on February 6, 2024.

APPROVED:

Dr. Wade Smith, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board
- Susie Golden, Recorder

Ruth Ladderud
School Board President

Walla Walla Public Schools

END OF YEAR REPORT



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22/23



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Our mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life

WHAT DOES COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS DO?

Communities In Schools (CIS) is a national nonprofit organization that ensures every student, regardless of race, zip code, or socioeconomic background has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. CIS of the Blue Mountain Region (CISBM) works in the Walla Walla Valley to connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future. Together, we build a powerful change movement made up of peers, students, and alumni committed to building an equitable path to education for future generations.

Build Relationships



We amplify the power of each student’s potential by fostering transformative relationships in their lives. With caring adults who walk by their side and connect them to community resources designed to help them succeed, we support students in schools and beyond by building a lasting network of trust around them.

Break Down Barriers

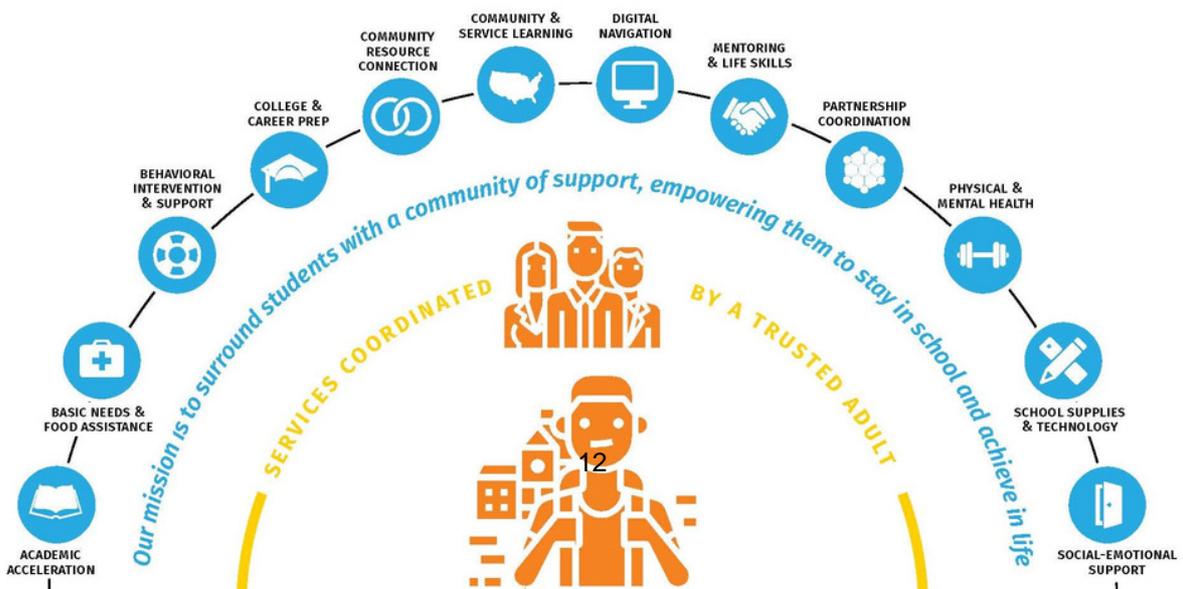


We empower students to break through any personal challenges in their lives so they can define the future they want. No matter what it looks like, every student’s individual success adds up to a movement of change that builds an equitable path to education for future generations.

Unlock Potential



We help every student see their potential so they can fearlessly unlock it in ways big and small. We advocate across schools and communities—creating access to resources and opportunities that help them see, confront, and overcome the barriers that stand between them and their future.





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HOW DOES COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS WORK?

Integrated Student Supports

Student and Community Advocates are in schools during the school day. This allows us to see what's going on in the students' lives in and out of the classroom. We conduct needs assessments and support plans for each school we serve to ensure that whole-school supports that CIS provides do not duplicate existing services but instead work to meet gaps at the school.

Case Management

School-based staff empower students to stay in school through individualized access to needed resources, and ongoing encouragement and guidance to build confidence to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

Partnership Development

Surrounding students with a community of support requires brokering local and state level partnerships to provide adequate services and resources to help students thrive.

Data-Driven Approach:

We use data and assessments to measure the impact of programs that students participate in. This data-driven approach helps us to continually improve our services.



Ivala's Quartet performing for students



Students partnering with CISBM



Our Students

210 Case Managed Students

4,899 Total Students Served

Who we serve

-  83% Students with Economic Need
-  18% English Language Learners
-  73% Experienced/ Exposed to Trauma
-  11% Experienced Homelessness / Living in Shelter
-  7% Incarcerated Parent/ Guardian
-  19% Special Education

We partner with Walla Walla Public Schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Student and Community Advocates are located in the following schools:

- Berney Elementary
- Green Park Elementary
- Prospect Point Elementary
- Sharpstein Elementary
- Edison Elementary
- Pioneer Middle School
- Garrison Middle School
- Walla Walla High School

Impact

In addition to supports available to all students, our Student and Community Advocates worked directly with 210 students partnering with them to make goals and monitoring their growth throughout the school year

80% Students with Attendance goals met or made progress toward a goal
*Tracked using quarterly school attendance

73% Of 19 Chronically truant students engaged in truancy interventions made positive attendance change
*Tracked using school attendance reports

78% Students with Academic goals met or made progress toward their goal
*Tracked using school test scores

98% Students with Social-Emotional Learning goals met or made progress toward their goal
*Tracked increased engagement in programming

83% Students with Behavioral goals met or made progress toward their goal
*Tracked using referrals and incidents

100% Students with the goal of Improving High Risk Behaviors met or made progress toward their goal
*Tracked using student goals and incidents



Small group support with CISBM

Supporting Students

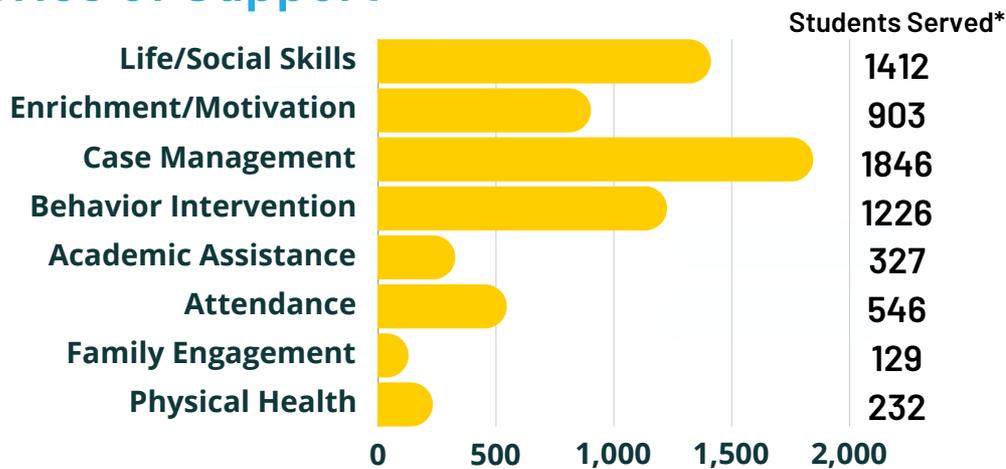
We believe that EVERY young person in our community deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. We are ALL IN to help them achieve the future they deserve.

Student Supports

Whole School Supports are given to both case-managed and non case-managed students Group and Individual supports are given to case managed students with parent consent

-  **2422** Hours of Individual student support
-  **1101** Hours of Small Group support
-  **3025** Hours of Whole School support

Categories of Support



Basic Needs \$119,110 Value of basic needs dispensed to students	Assistance	Value	Students Served*
	Clothing	\$7,112	550
	Food	\$103,007	12016
	Hygiene Products	\$729	130
	Family Assistance	\$6,606	468
	Public/ Financial Assistance	\$321	2
	School Supplies	\$945	64

*Students served is number of times that CIS served a student, not the number of individual students served

Community Partners

Our Student and Community Advocates work with social service agencies, local businesses, health care providers, service clubs, parent groups, and other community organizations to meet the needs of individual students and schools. We gratefully acknowledge our community partners.



Carnegie Picture Lab partnering to bring parent-student engagement through art

Blue Mountain Action Council	Whitman College	Friends of Children of Walla Walla
Carnegie Picture Lab	Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival	SonBridge
Children's Home Society	Walla Walla Fire Department	Comprehensive Healthcare
Walla Walla Cares	Community Health Plan of Washington	Blue Zones Project
The Pantry Shelf of Walla Walla	Walla Walla Public Library	Trinity Baptist Church
GESA Credit Union	Toyota	Alice's Kids
Lions Club of Walla Walla	YWCA	Walla Walla University
Crazy Love Church of Walla Walla	Walla Walla Farm to School	Walla Walla Police Dept
Parent Teacher Associations	Camp Fire	Christian Aid Center
Walla Walla Presbyterian Church	Children's Reading Foundation	21st CCLC
Walla Walla Sweets	The Health Center	Vision Source
Walla Walla Disability Network	Lions Club of Walla Walla	Valley Vision
Yeehaw Aloha Thrift Store	Young Life	Community Resilience Initiative

CISBM reestablished partner relationships in the schools and introduced new partnerships that have brought valuable resources to students in the form of referrals, direct services & resources. This focus on partnership development allows us to increase capacity to:



Nurture Relationships



Innovate Systems



Connect Services to Students that need it most



Monitor and Track Impact

School Year Highlights



CISBM helped organize a color run at Garrison



Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival at Prospect Point



Sweet Lou at Edison Elementary's Miles Club

Added Resources

CISBM Secured outside resources in benefit of students and the district

- Secured \$62,000 in State and \$77,800 in Federal funding to launch CIS programming in middle schools in 2022.
- Secured digital navigation funds and devices to promote digital access for students and families.
- Introduced new partnerships into the schools

Whole School Events

Led or collaborated to reengage parents and students in multiple events and activities

Including:

- Parent engagement events
- Truancy Interventions
- Attendance Incentives
- Fire and water safety training
- Art Chopped family nights
- Brass Quartet performances
- Walking School Bus
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- School cleanups
- Workshops and small groups
- School-specific events and initiatives



Family night at Edison

Success Stories

Each Student has a story and CISBM staff was fortunate to be entrusted with the stories of many students and families.

Names of students and parents have been changed to protect their privacy.

Student Engagement and Empowerment



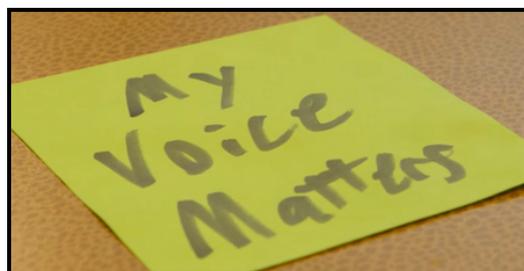
Mark's academic journey is a testament to the power of holistic student-centered programs and collaboration. Mark transformed beyond low attendance and academic gaps through parent engagement, relationship building, and addressing his basic needs. With dedicated support, Mark harnessed the power to reach his potential.

One key to Mark's progress came when CIS reached out to Friends of Children of Walla Walla to connect him to their rock-climbing mentorship program. Mark found passion in rock climbing which led him to discover other interests. Mark has become a leader in his school's garden, tending to the plants and ensuring their well-being. This responsibility has fostered a passion for learning and personal growth as Mark prepares for future harvests with the intention of providing fresh and healthy food for his family and others in need within the community.

Mark's motivation and energy for school significantly improved, with his attendance jumping from 65% to 87%. His academic skills also flourished, leading to improved test scores and increased confidence. Mark's journey illustrates how nurturing passion and supporting individuals through their challenges can lead to their success. Through parent engagement, relationship building, case management, and addressing basic needs, Mark discovered his passions and developed the skills for success. We celebrate Mark's transformation and remain committed to unlocking the potential within every student. Communities in Schools continues to foster inclusivity and empowerment for a brighter future.

The Power of Individualized Support

When Communities In Schools of the Blue Mountain Region first met Jenny, personal challenges kept her from engaging in school and excluded her from participating in her education. Experiences that manifested as disruptive and unsafe behaviors impeded not only her own learning but also her entire class. Recognizing that additional support was needed, CIS offered Jenny the keys to unlock her potential.



Jenny's reintegration into her school community lies in her recognizing and making behavioral changes. Partnering with her CIS's Student and Community Advocate, Jenny learned valuable new skills to handle stress, problem-solve, and manage difficult emotions. These skills not only enabled Jenny to improve her academic performance but also contributed to creating a more productive environment for her teachers and peers.

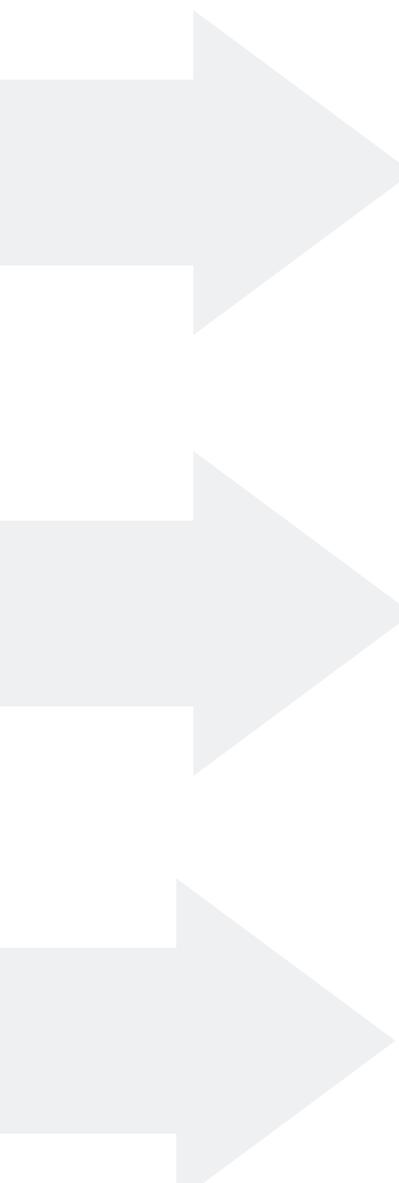
For two years, Jenny partook in continuous individualized support both inside and outside of the classroom. Her academic and personal needs were met, as she forged a partnership with her school to develop and implement new behavior management strategies. In just this past year, Jenny has welcomed over 100 hours of personalized guidance.

Through her hard work and commitment to improve, Jenny underwent a substantial transformation. This year, she started attending full days of school, increasing her attendance rate from 68% to an impressive 93%. She was no longer pulled out of the classroom due to her disruptive behaviors, missing out on valuable learning opportunities.

Jenny's development inspired her mother who gained the confidence to welcome wraparound services, bolstering their support system and access to trusted adults within the school. Through their willingness to partner with CIS, Jenny is on a new trajectory to a future brimming with opportunity.

Next Steps

We are excited to serve students in the 23/24 school year. In addition to our regular service to youth and families, we have the following priorities:



01 Increase Caseloads

Building a caseload is not just about meeting numerical targets it is about building relationships with students and their families. Our goal for 2023/2024 school year is to increase the total number of case-managed students to 315 with the addition of new positions at Lincoln High School and Walla Walla Center for Children and Families.

02 Data Informed Decisions

Staff will receive focused training on monitoring student progress every quarter to reflect and make adjustments to individualized supports to case managed students.

03 Implementation of Volunteer In Person

CIS has been tasked with creating and operating the WWPS district-wide volunteer system. 23/24 SY will be the launching year for increasing and streamlining volunteerism in the district.

Director's Message

We are thankful for all students, guardians, parents, volunteers, mentors, tutors, and organizations who have partnered with us in service to the Walla Walla community, keeping kids in schools and helping them achieve in life.



Thank you to Superintendent Wade Smith and the WWPS School Board for investing and supporting students through Communities In Schools.

We are also thankful for Principals, Teachers, and School Staff who have welcomed and integrated CIS Student and Community Advocates into the schools.

A special thanks to Brent Cummings, Director of Early Learning & the Walla Walla Center for Children and Families, who has been instrumental to our success.

Thank you for being #AllinforKids

A blue ink handwritten signature of Ruben Alvarado.

Ruben Alvarado, Executive Director
Communities In Schools of the Blue Mountain Region

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