Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 5382G

January 2025

A SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR

Indeed this is a very special time of the year in school and out as our student and staff activity levels increase, and we prepare for the forthcoming Holidays. I remain very impressed with our school - our students, staff, and parents. Everyone is so committed regardless of their jobs and responsibilities. Please take time to celebrate all that you do and all that we do together for the young people in our community. I wish you days of bright colored lights, more food and treats than you can eat, and feelings of comfort and peace.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays.

Dr. Gary L. Albrecht Interim District Administrator Wauzeka-Steuben School District

OUR NEW ENTRANCE SIGN



PBIS ASSEMBLY

This month we recognized our Empathetic Elephants, those students who take the time to stop and think about other people's thoughts and feelings. We also introduced our new Behavior Buddy for the month of December, the Clean and Tidy Cat. We talked about how it's important to take care of our bodies so we stay healthy and our belongings/spaces so we know where to find things when we need them.



We also recognized our classroom award recipients. The Golden Spoon was awarded to the 4th Grade for their outstanding lunchroom behavior. The Silent Slipper went to the 2nd Grade for their outstanding hallway behavior during times of transition. Kindergarten earned the Buzzing Broom for having the most clean and tidy classroom.







Elementary students of the month



Makayla Mullikin (Kindergarten), daughter of Matt and Alissa Mullikin. Makayla is a hard working student in the classroom and is very helpful to others. She has been working hard in the classroom and is always doing her best. She is a kind friend to everyone in the classroom. Keep up the great work Makayla!

Stella Bunders (1st Grade), daughter of Ryan and Misty Bunders. Stella is an outstanding student to have in our first grade class. Stella is a very caring, helpful, and sweet friend to her classmates. Stella is always doing the right things and making good choices everyday by following the rules and listening to directions. She also puts lots of time and effort into her work to make sure she is doing her best. Stella is always willing to help a classmate if they need help with anything.





Benelli Haas (2nd Grade), daughter of Brad Haas and Kasara Stephenson.

Benelli is a ray of sunshine and has really come out of her shell over the past year. She comes to school every day with a smile and a positive attitude. She is always the first to offer help to me and others. She is a very hard worker and always does her best. Her kindness and generosity make her a true friend to all.

Banx Stowell (3rd Grade), son of Doug and Sara Stowell. Banx is an all-around great kid and role model. He is always mindful of others, and he treats his friends with the utmost respect and kindness. He is a great friend as he makes sure that everyone feels included and is heard. When it comes to his academics, Banx is great. He never has to be redirected and takes on responsibility for his own learning by listening and actively participating in class discussions. He does great quality work and always puts forth his best effort. For these reasons, Banx is very deserving of this honor.





Peyton McCullick (4th Grade), daughter of Mathew McCullick and Lacy Shulka. Peyton is an enthusiastic learner who enjoys school. She exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. Peyton is committed to doing her best and seeks out new challenges. She works well with others and shows good manners in the classroom. Peyton follows classroom rules and is kind and helpful to everyone. She is respectful of others and can be depended on to do what she's asked to do. Peyton is always honest and can be counted on to recount information when asked.

Porter Kilburg (5th Grade), son of Kevin and Kelly Kilburg. Porter is a great student who challenges himself to be the best he can be. He loves to be competitive, but is always the first one to compliment a classmate when they achieve a goal. Porter puts forth great effort in all areas and when he is redirected or doesn't do as well as he hoped to on something, he works hard to fix the issue and improve on whatever it is he needs to work on. Porter is kind to his peers and helpful in the classroom. He encourages those around him and is a positive role model.



Holiday Concert

The Holiday concert was amazing! There were so many different students and grades involved as well as lots of great music. Throughout the entire concert multiple songs were heard including Jingle Bells, Frosty the Snowman, Feliz Navidad, and many more classics. The kids performed a lot of choreography with the songs and really enjoyed themselves. From smiles to laughs and the students waving to their family and friends, it was a heartwarming event for all. At the end, Santa Clause, he showed up to not only watch the concert but also ask kids what they wanted for Christmas. Great job to Ms. Leffler and all of the students!







School District of Wauzeka-Steuben



Dr. Gary Albrecht
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Mr. Kevin Kilburg

Director of Special Education
Ext. 280

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District Principal
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December 9, 2024

We have had a wonderful fall at Wauzeka-Steuben Schools! As a learning community, we are continually looking to improve student achievement in the classroom while also increasing opportunities for student involvement outside the classroom. The school report card is one resource we use to reflect on our strengths and areas for improvement.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (<u>Wis. Stat. 115.385</u>) to generate a report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. Report cards for each school and district in the state can be found online at: http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards. I have included the first page of the report card for our district and each of our schools with this letter, but remaining pages of each report card can be viewed using the website above.

The current school report card is primarily based on last year's performance during the 2023-24 school year. At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- Achievement proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- Growth year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- Target Group Outcomes outcomes for students with the lowest test scores: the Target Group.
- On-Track to Graduation reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education.

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from Fails to Meet Expectations to Significantly Exceeds Expectations, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

As a district, Wauzeka-Steuben earned the distinction of "Exceeds Expectations" (4 of 5 stars) and ranked amongst the top 10% of the 31 school districts in CESA 3!

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes, help pinpoint areas of focus in our district, and show that we are moving in the right direction.

Please let me know your thoughts and questions as they arise. I look forward to working with you to make 2024-25 a successful school year for your child(ren)!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Albrecht, District Administrator

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(608) 875-5311 Ext 21

Wauzeka-Steuben

District Report Card

Report Card, 2023-24 Public report

OVERVIEW

District Details

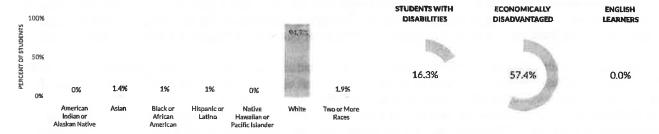
Grades: K4-12 Enrollment: 209

Percent open enrollment: 0%

Wauzeka-Steuben School District is proud of our staff and community for providing high-quality instruction and support to our students, while also focusing on the need for continuous improvement. Our goal is to inspire passion and achievement in all learners, preparing them to successfully meet challenges in school and life. Data Corrections: Enrollment: 246, Percent Open Enrollment: 15.0%.

The statement above is provided by the district. It is not an evaluation by the Wisconsin DPI.

Student Groups



Score Summary

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Please use caution when interpreting scores and ratings. Multiple years of data are used throughout the report card, including updated 2023-24 assessments. For more information, see https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/resources.

Overall Score

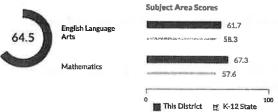
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Exceeds Expectations

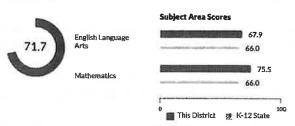


Priority Area Scores

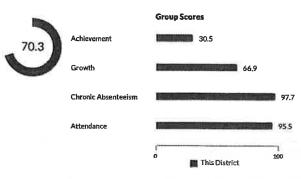




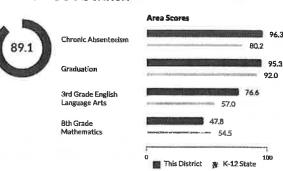
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TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



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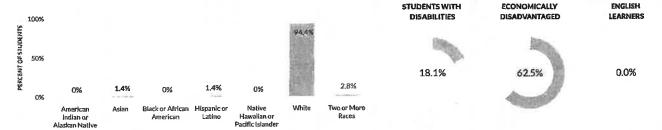
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 72

Percent open enrollment: 0%

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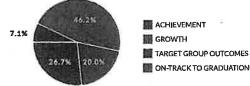


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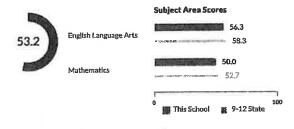
PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS

Overall Score Exceeds Expectations
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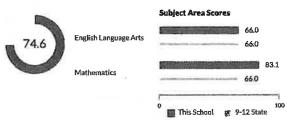


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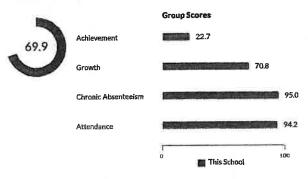




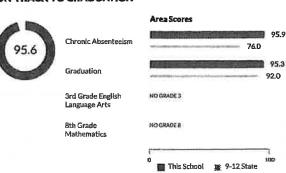
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	Friday	3. No school	HSGB vs Brookwood 5:00 PM	10. JVGB- Intersquad 6:00 PM	Varsity only 7:00 PM	HSWR @ Benton 7:00 PM	17. Early Release 1:30 PM	JVGB - Triangular (In Wauzeka)	E C	24. HSGB vs N.Crawford 6:00 PM	rarent's Nignt		31. HSBB vs Desoto 6:00 PM Barant's Night			
	Thursday	2. No school		9. HSBB vs Kickapoo 6:00 PM	MSGB @ Kickapoo 6:00 PM	Spelling Bee 1:00 PM	16. End of 2nd Qtr./1st Sem.	HSGB @ Kickapoo 6:00 PM	HSWR @ Dodgeville 5:30 PM	23. HSBB @ Cassville Varsity Only 6:00 PM	MSGB vs N.Crawford 6:00 PM	HSWR @ River Ridge 7:00 PM	30. JVGB- Intersquad 6:00 PM	Varsity only 7:00 PM	MSGB vs Desoto 6:00 PM	HSWR @ MP 6:00 PM
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\$12 PER TICKET DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 PM
MUST PURCHASE
TICKETS IN ADVANCE
BY JANUARY 10TH.

INDUCTEES INCLUDE THE 1993 STATE SOFTBALL TEAM, COACH DAVE PETROWITZ, CERISE GIDDINGS, ARNOLD PITZENBERGER, WALTER LATHROP JR., DOUG KRACHEY, JEREMY KRACHEY, AND CONTRIBUTORS MARY AND LARRY KRACHEY AND CAROL DUCHARME

TICKETS SOLD OUT OF CONCESSIONS DURING HOME BASKETBALL GAMES.

*IF YOU CANNOT GET TO A GAME. CONTACT ANGIE MANNING AT 608-306-1894 FOR TICKETS.

WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

January 13th	6:30 pm	*SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
January 20th	6:30 pm	Regular/Library
February 17th	6:30 pm	Regular/Library
March 17th	6:30 pm	Regular/Library
April 21st	6:30 pm	Regular/Library
May 19th	6:30 pm	Regular/Library
June 16th	6:30 pm	Regular/Library

School Board agendas will be emailed to radio stations WPRE and KADR, to the District's website manager, and to the Clerk of the Village Board of Steuben for posting. Copies of the agenda will be posted at the front and rear doors of the school, at Peoples State Bank, the Wauzeka BP, and the faculty/staff lounge! The meetings will also be noticed in the school newsletters.

The above are scheduled school board meetings. Special meetings will be called as needed and posted locally.

MATH 24 Competition

Our 4th grade students participated in a Math 24 competition against 16 other schools and 48 kids and achieved 1st place as a team. Individually, Braelynn Huber secured 1st place, Coy Lomas took 2nd, and Amelia Roth Finished in 3rd. This marks the first time in Math 24 history that a team has claimed three individual top spots while also winning as a team. Way to go students!

Our 5th graders also competed and took 1st place as a team against 15 schools and 45 students.
Individually, Porter Kilburg placed first overall, Hudson Bunders 5th, and Landon Thornsen 6th.

Way to go to the 4th and 5th grade math rockstars!





School Made 10 French Bread Pizza Broccoli w/ cheese Marinara Sauce Cheese Sticks Corn, Carrots Chips, Pears Mixed Fruit Sushy cup **Beef Patty** School Bun Friday Ž Chicken bacon swiss Fries, Cheese spuds Hashbrowns, Pears Green Beans, Pears Chicken Nuggets Orange Chicken Stir fry veggies Rice, Peaches w/meat sauce Breadstick Spaghetti School Peaches Thursday mq/w ŝ Chicken Quesadilla Nuggets , Mashed Potatoes Grilled Cheese Applesauce Cup Beef Stroganoff **Baked Beans** Tomato Soup Chicken bowl Dinner Roll Pineapple Wednesday Crackers School corn, gravy Pears Hornet Peaches o Z Breakfast for 28 Pancake, sausage links Scalloped Potatoes Roll, Peas, Peaches Strawberry Cup Cheeseburger Steamed Corn Taco Salad Green Beans Pineapple Hashbrown Pineapple Tater tots w/ham Lunch Desday 8 9 Chicken & gravy Mac & Cheese 27 w/mashed potatoes Mashed Potatoes Hot Dog w/bun Green Beans Hashbrowns Baked Beans **Buttery Corn** Pudding cup Applesauce Meatballls Oranges Broccoli BBQ

January

Hornet Lunch Cafe

2025

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The Wauzeka Steuben School District did really well at the 2024 SkillsUSA contest in Watertown. This is a big event where students from different schools compete in all kinds of technical and leadership skills. The students from our school did an amazing job and brought home a bunch of medals and

The competition was super tough, with students from all over the state trying to get that 1st place medal. Our school was ready. The Wauzeka-Steuben school worked really hard showing off our skills in Welding. Carpentry, Health Occupations, Team Engineering, and Health Occupations. These are the few of many contests that the Wauzeka-Steuben district competed in Each and every student has their own strengths and weaknesses to do good in their preferred event.

The success of our students at Skills USA shows how good our school is at teaching and training us. In the end, Wauzeka Steuben's performance at the 2024 SkillsUSA contest in Watertown was awesome. The medals and awards and awards our students won show how

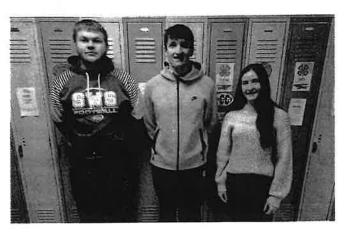
talented and determined they are. It is a great reminder of how important technical education is for our futures.

At the high school level, Will Zander and Natalie Wright placed 3rd in Additive Manufacturing and Elyse Sims placed 1st and Chloe Manning placed 3rd in CO2 Dragster. At the middle school level, Ruger Wall placed 1st in job interview, Matthew Zinkle and Jordy Huber placed 1st in Additive Manufacturing, Abby Wright placed 1st and Oaklyn Kilburg 2nd in Co2 dragster, and Bristol Hird, Arabella Redman, and Kendra Mitchell placed 3rd in team engineering. Great job to all students who competed!



Congratulations to Cooper Lomas and Ruger
Paetz in earning Football awards. Cooper earned
1st team all conference kicker and honorable
mention punter. Ruger Paetz earned a spot on
the sportsmanship team.

Congratulations to Kiley Manning and Sophia Walz. Kiley earned honorable mention and Sophia earned a spot on the sportsmanship team.

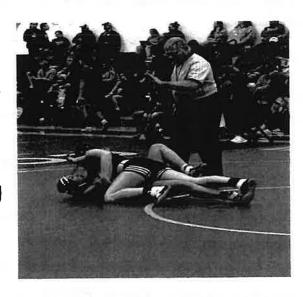


Wauzeka-Steuben & Boscobel Co-op for Wrestling



This year the Boscobel and Wauzeka-Steuben High School wrestling team has II girls and 14 boys total. The team's first practice started on Nov. 18th. The wrestling team has a lot of new wrestlers. Our new Tech-Ed teacher and Wauzeka wrestling coach Mr. Luke Blair said, "I am very excited that I have been given the opportunity at building a wrestling team in Wauzeka. There really is something to be said about rural communities and the athletes they build through learning how to work

hard, and take on leadership roles and responsibilities that most high school students would not. I feel truly blessed that the school has given me a chance to change my students' lives by leading them through the invaluable life lessons that wrestling can teach them." We look forward to an exciting year of wrestling and continuing to build the program!



2024-2025 GIRL'S BASKETBALL SEASON

We have 6 returning varsity players for Mr. Ben McCullick this year. We are returning three seniors which include Kiley Manning, Emma Wall, and Elizabeth Wright. With that we also have 3 returning juniors which are Isabella Bunders, Macy Mitchell, and Natalie Wright. The Hornets have already played 4 games, 3 of which they won. They first played the Southwestern Wildcats and won, they then played the Lancaster Arrows which unfortunately ended with a loss in overtime. The Hornets then finally started playing conference games. The first one was the Kickapoo Panthers at the Hornets Nest. The girls played very hard and ended up winning at home with a score of 34-43. That Friday they then took on the North Crawford Trojans. They also took another win in the conference with a score of 62-32. The next couple weeks they have upcoming games of Brookwood, Ithaca, Desoto, and right before break, Seneca. Good luck to our Lady Hornets and coach Mr. McCullick. We wish the best for you and your team!







WAUZEKA-STEUBEN HORNETS

2024-2025 BOY'S BASKETBALL SEASON

The 2024-25 Boys Basketball season is underway with a lot of new players on the Varsity team getting some of their first experiences playing at that level. Senior Brett Wagner and Junior Cooper Lomas are two players who bring the most Varsity experience back this season. The team will look to Juniors Julius Cooley, Theodore Millin, and Clint Mitchell to step up and play quite a bit each game. Newcomers to the Varsity squad include Junior, Andrew Mezera, Sophomores, Dakota Cox, Nolan Reed-Mullikin, Freshman, Josh Martin, and foreign exchange student, Kacper Szygenda.



The Junior Varsity squad has a good number of players returning and a large number of Freshman getting their first high school basketball experience as well.

Coach Okey, Coach Bunders, and Coach Krachey are looking forward to working with the team this year and are excited about the number of younger players on their way up. One thing the coaches love about the team this year is their willingness to believe in each other. As the season goes on, we are going to continue to get better every practice and game so by the end of the season we will look back and be proud of how far we've improved.



New "Welcome to Wauzeka" Sign

Wauzeka has a new sign on the west side of the village welcoming people to our community. The sign, designed by Lynford Donivan and Bob Meier (R & S Welding), and sponsored by the village and the Lions Club, is not quite finished. It is in need of a slogan and panels that will highlight events in our community or scenic views of our community.

The Wauzeka Lions Club is sponsoring a contest, for any Wauzeka-Steuben students who would like to participate, to design the panels and create a slogan for the new sign. Adults in the community may also enter the slogan creating part of the contest. For example, a slogan could start with "Wauzeka, home of ...". Just create the slogan so that it is related to Wauzeka. The panels could depict events in Wauzeka, scenic areas, or seasons in our community.

A committee of Lions Club members and village residents will select the slogan and panels to be used on the sign. Each of the winning panel designers and slogan creator will receive a small monetary (\$10) reward from the Lions Club. All winners must sign an agreement authorizing the village to have complete ownership of the designs and slogan.

Once the winners have been established, they will be asked to paint their panels. The Lions Club will supply the panels and the paint. We are asking the Wauzeka art teacher to assist the students with this project. The panels will be 7' 11" long and 1' 8" tall.

When the slogan is selected, it will be taken to Bob at R & S Welding for cutting it out of steel and attaching it to the sign. If there are any questions, please contact Lynford Donivan (425-591-5915) or email at: (lynfordd@mac.com) or Suzette Ray at (608-712-6839).

Wauzeka sign panel design

Scale: 1' equals 1'	7/	7' ""		
Brief description of your panel:				
Please print your name:				
Telephone number:		D	Date of your entry into the contest:	contest:

Sponsored by the Wauzeka Lions Club.

Questions: Please contact Lynford Donovan—(425-591-5915) or (Suzette Ray (608-712-6839).

District News & Information

301 E Main St. Wauzeka. WI 53826

January 2025

School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Dt. Gary Albrecht at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org.

Note: All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.

Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

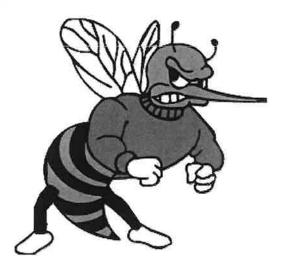
Monthly Rates

\$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus \$10 for key fob

*Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses.



Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dr. Gary Albrecht via email: albregar@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals



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Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

Send community events that you would like to be included in the newspaper to:
Alissa Mullikin at mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us
Or drop off any information in the district office.
Next Submission Date: **January 17th**

Wauzeka, WI 53826

The Wauzeka-Steuben School District is utilizing a community-wide Resource Officer. Officer Alex Udelhofen of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be available to the District during regular District hours. In case of an emergency, please call 911.







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