

CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 20 IRVING STREET
 WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01609

The School Committee will hold an in-person meeting with a virtual option*:

on: **Thursday, September 17, 2026**

At: 5:00 p.m. Executive Session

6:00 p.m. Open Session

Esther Howland Chamber, Worcester City Hall or virtually with link below

<https://worcesterschools.zoom.us/j/82746440670?pwd=dmp4TnIxYThBdnhkZWQ1bm1hMjFFZz09>

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**This meeting/hearing of the Worcester School Committee will be held in-person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend this in-person meeting. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and /or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Successor Contract Negotiations (Global) – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A/B; Educational Association of Worcester, Paraeducators Unit; Educational Association of Worcester, Aides to the Physically Handicapped, Monitors and Drivers Unit; Educational Association of Worcester, Therapy Assistants Unit; Educational Association of Worcester, Parent Liaisons Unit; and Educational Association of Worcester, ESL Tutors Unit.

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To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and/or to conduct negotiations with nonunion personnel – Administrative Clerk of the School Committee Kristi Turgeon

Executive Session pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a), Purpose 7 to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law, including the Massachusetts Public Records Law, Mass. G.L. c. 66, Section 10, and the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, Mass. G.L. c. 30A, Sections 22(f) and (g), relating to review of executive session minutes for meetings that occurred on August 13, 2026 and September 3, 2026.

B. Call to Order

C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

D. Roll Call

M. Student Advisory Committee Items

E. Consent Agenda

- i. Approval of Minutes
Approval of Minutes of the [September 3, 2026](#) School Committee Meeting.
- ii. Approval of Donations
To consider approval of a donation from Operation Warm of approx 500 coats to benefit the students of Norrback Avenue School.

To consider approval of a donation from Operation Warm of jackets to benefit about 240 students at Clark Street Community School.
- iii. Notification of Personnel Records
 - a. [New Hire Instructional Staff](#)
 - b. [New Hire Non-Instructional Staff](#)
 - c. [Resignations/Retirements](#)
- iv. Initial filing of Recognition
- v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public

F. Item for Reconsideration

G. Held Items

H. Recognitions

I. Public Comment-Any member of the public may address the Committee regarding any item before them for two (2) minutes. Those speaking will state their name, their residence, and the item on which they wish to speak for the record. Those speaking may do so in person or via remote participation. Those wishing to address the Committee in a language other than English are asked to notify the Clerk of the Committee in advance, so the Committee may be provided with an interpreter. Members of the Committee may not respond to the comments of the public at the

meeting. [Click to view Policy BEDH-Public Comment](#)

J. Public Petition

K. Report of the Superintendent

ros 6-12 (Administration)

(September 17, 2026)

[**WPS Superintendent Goals for School Year 2026-2027**](#)

Recommendation: Approve and file

L. Reports of the Standing Committees

N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items

To consider approval of the [Creative Experiences Grant](#) from the Mass Cultural Council in the amount of \$50,000 to support activities in the arts, humanities, and sciences.

To consider approval of the [Early College Support Grant](#) from DESE in the amount of \$525,000 to support WPS students taking Early College courses.

To consider approval of the [Early Literacy Consortium Grant](#) from DESE in the amount of \$20,000 to connect districts and educator preparation partners to support teaching and learning of early literacy.

To consider approval of a prior year payment in the amount of \$7,900 for missed salary increase.

To consider approval of [13 prior-year payments](#) in the amount of \$81,975.93.

O. General Business

gb 6-23 (Mailman)

(February 26, 2026)

[**Response from Administration for gb 6-23**](#)

To get an update on the current structure at Claremont/Woodland St and any proposed changes.

Recommendation: Approve and file

gb 6-46 (Alvarez)

(April 16, 2026)

[**Response from Administration for gb 6-46**](#)

Request data on enrollment and participation of Hispanic/Latinx students in advanced coursework and recommend actions to increase access and support as needed.

Recommendation: Approve and file

gb 6-99 (Administration)

(September 17, 2026)

[**Proposed Changes to CTE Admissions Policy**](#)

To Approve the Proposed Changes to the Career Technical Education Admissions

Policy for 2026-2027

Recommendation: Refer to Operations and Governance

gb 6-100 (Administration)

(September 17, 2026)

Proposed Changes to Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy

To Approve the Proposed Changes to the Middle School Pathway Exploration Policy for 2026-2027.

Recommendation: Refer to Operations and Governance

gb 6-101 (Biancheria)

(September 17, 2026)

Request administration review suggested National Awareness Days and Months to expand and improve knowledge in recognizing many areas of concern, but not limited to, additional suggestions for visibility, celebration, education and advocacy.

Recommendation: Refer to Administration

gb 6-102 (Roy)

(September 17, 2026)

Request administration and the Worcester School Committee to establish annual recognition of the month of May to recognize Mental Health month. The month is dedicated to raising awareness about mental illnesses, reducing stigma, and promoting mental health education and resources.

Recommendation: Approve and file

gb 6-103 (Mailman)

(September 17, 2026)

Request administration share how the district is prepared to keep WPS open and operational during a cyber security incident, including day to day operational items, such as attendance and buses.

Recommendation: Refer to Administration

gb 6-104 (Mayor Petty)

(September 17, 2026)

Evaluation Recap

To conduct an evaluation of the School Committee Clerk.

Recommendation: Approve and file

P. Announcements

Meeting Dates:

-September 24, 2026, Teaching, Learning and Student Success, 5:00 p.m., 20 Irving Street, Room 410, Worcester

-October 8, 2026, School Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Esther Howland Chamber

-October 13, 2026 Operations and Governance (Regular Meeting), 5:00 p.m. Vernon Hill Elementary School Auditorium, 211 Providence Street.

-October 13, 2026, Operations and Governance (Community Realignment Forum),

6:00 p.m., Vernon Hill Elementary School Auditorium, 211 Providence Street.

Q. Adjournment

Kristi Turgeon, Clerk of the School Committee