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Warren County Board of Education

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# *Consolidation of WNTHS and WCHS*

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# GOALS

- Improve performance and outcomes for all students
- Use taxpayer money efficiently to benefit all students
- Balance workloads equitably for employees



# *CURRENT CHALLENGES*

- Continuous trend of declining enrollment at WNTHS, with current enrollment (64 students) at less than half the school capacity (140 students)
- School administration change at WNTHS leaves a vacancy the state will not pay for because of low student enrollment
- Staffing needs at WNTHS require a significant amount of local funding that could be used elsewhere in the district to benefit a greater number of students
- WCHS needs more licensed and qualified teachers like those working at WNTHS
- WNTHS students do not have access to all of the courses and extracurricular activities offered at WCHS





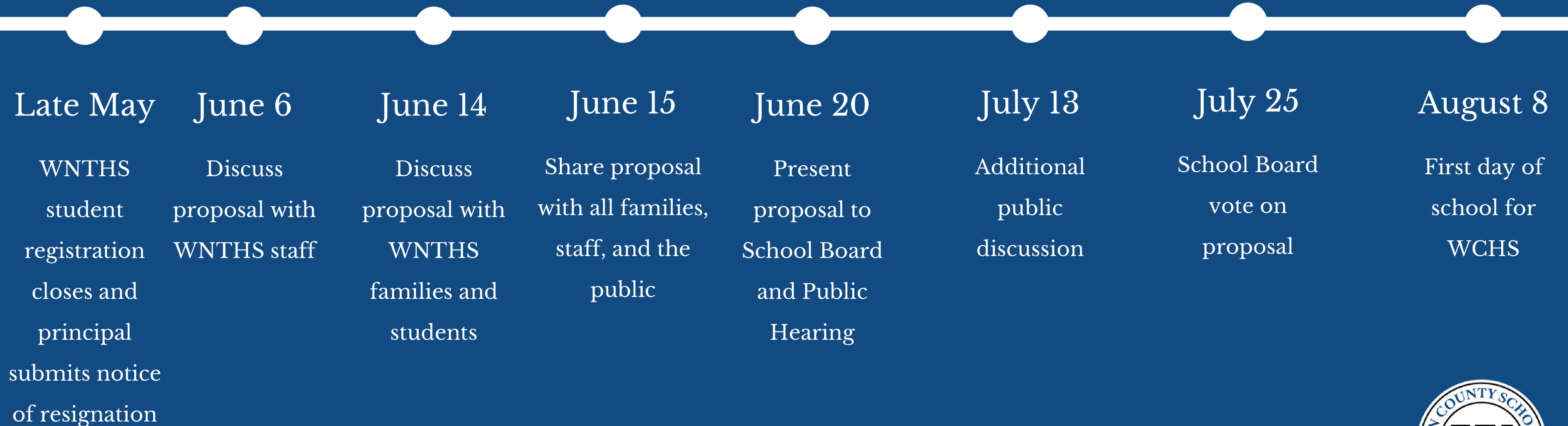
# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Merge  
Warren New Tech High School  
with  
Warren County High School  
in the 2023-24 school year



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# MERGER TIMELINE



# ANTICIPATED SAVINGS FROM MERGER

Unnecessary Positions	Expenses
1 principal	\$122,000
1 school counselor	\$82,000
4 teachers	\$300,000
1 clerical position	\$54,000
<b>TOTAL SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$558,000</b>

**Important Note:** We do not intend to lay off any employees as a result of this merger. Employees who want to remain with the district will be reassigned to other locations, mostly at WCHS to fill vacant positions.



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# INCONVENIENCES FROM MERGER

## Different Calendar

- WNTHS: August 28, 2023 - June 7, 2024
- WCHS: August 8, 2023 - May 22, 2024 (Students finish second semester and take exams before winter break)

## Minimul Impact from Location Change

- Students will still ride the same bus to WCHS
- WNTHS employees will be reassigned to other locations, mostly at WCHS to fill vacant positions.



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# BENEFITS OF MERGER

- Increase the number of licensed and highly qualified teachers serving all students at WCHS/WNTHS
- Improve academic performance for all students at WCHS/WNTHS
- Expand the course offerings for all students at WCHS/WNTHS
- Use the \$558,000 cost savings to meet other needs in the district
- Reduce disciplinary issues because of increased staffing levels at WCHS/WNTHS and the creation of a daytime alternative learning program for students who would benefit from a different learning environment
- Increase access to specialized programs and extracurricular activities
- Unify students, families, and the community behind Warren County High School and the Eagles





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# *DISCUSSION*

