



# **School and Community Services**

## **Awards Update**

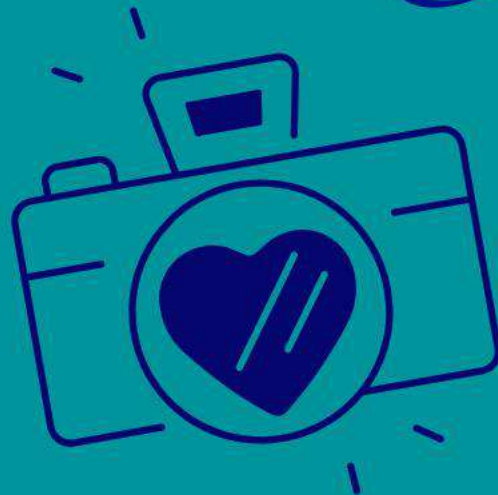
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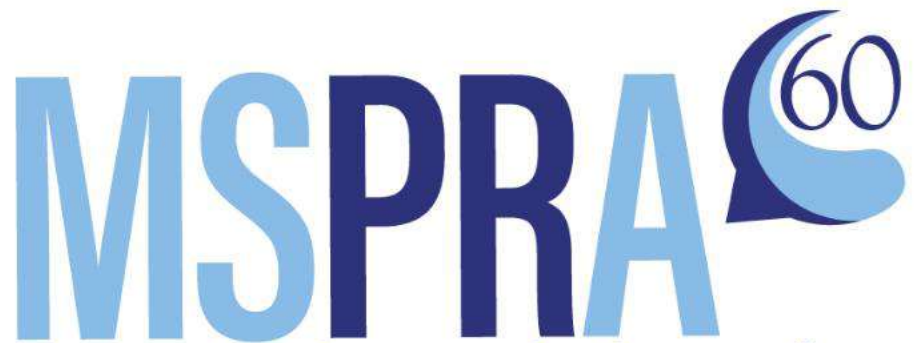
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*to thrive*



# *Congratulations*

to our WSD Communications  
Department for earning numerous  
State and National awards!!





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THE FUTURE  
IS  
**Bright!**



# Future is Bright Video Series

# Points of Pride



Waterford School District

## MISSION

We provide exemplary educational experiences for each student to thrive

## VISION

Inspired, Educated, and Empowered to Thrive

Scan the QR code to engage with our Strategic Plan



*Inspired*



*Educated*



*Empowered  
to Thrive*





# Points of Pride



## POINTS *of* PRIDE

### All District:

- Over \$4 million spent on new curriculum since 2020
- 1:1 Chromebooks for every K-12 student
- \$9.8 million in technology investments since 2020
- Top 10% nationwide in safety and security
- \$2 million staff retention/development grant reënt
- Interactive displays in every instructional class
- No-fee athletic offerings played in top-notch facilities
- Extensive performing and visual arts opportunities
- Diversity, equity, inclusion focus
- Full-time school social workers at every building
- Police liaison officers on site within district
- Comprehensive robotics programming
- Engaging summer school and camp options
- Strong partnership with community organizations

## POINTS *of* PRIDE

### Early Childhood:

- State-of-the-art new Stepanski Early Childhood Center Grand Opening 2024
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited
- Research-based HighScope Curriculum focus
- Program variety (Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Intervention, Child Find, Tuition-based)
- High level of family engagement (PTO, Family Fun Nights)

## POINTS *of* PRIDE

### Elementary:

Problem-Based Learning focus  
Districtwide Junior Kindergarten program  
Spanish, Music, Physical Education, Art  
ENCORE classes  
Active PTOs/PTAs in each building

### Middle School:

- Engaging electives and enrichment classes (Orchestra, Band, Choir, Instructional Technology, Humanities)
- Utilization of Teaming instruction to foster teacher/student connections
- Option for students to earn high school credit (Algebra, Health, Geometry, Language Arts, Spanish)

## POINTS *of* PRIDE

### High School:

Robust Career-Focused Education opportunities  
Multiple Advanced Learning options in preparation for 24 Advanced Placement course offerings  
Accelerated Math, English Language Arts, Honors Science, Social Studies  
Extracurricular Leadership activities (DECA, Leadership, STEM Academy)  
Dual enrollment in college  
Millions of scholarship dollars offered yearly to graduating seniors





Billboard





**Billboard**





Waterford School District

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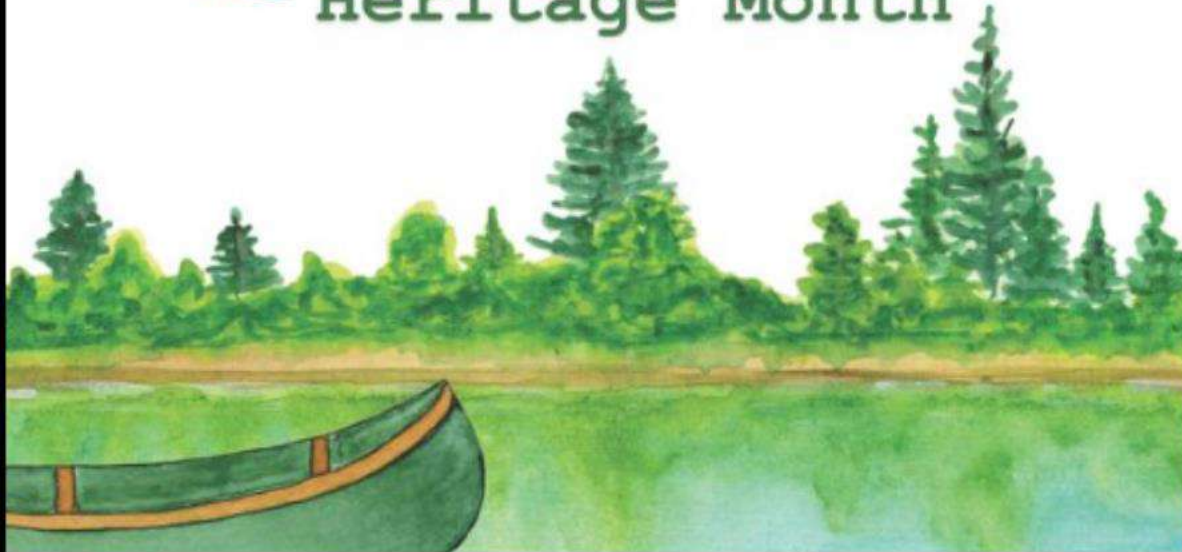
Native American Indians had a profound impact on the way Waterford Township's lakes and landmarks were named.

Did you know? When early settlers arrived, the names the Native American Indians had given to many of the lakes were shortened for easier pronunciation. For example, Nis-So-Ga-Mond-Ne-Bing, which means the lake of the three loons, is called Loon Lake today. Additionally, the Clinton River was called Not-Ta-Wa-Se-Bee which means crooked river.

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*Celebrate*  
Native American  
Heritage Month

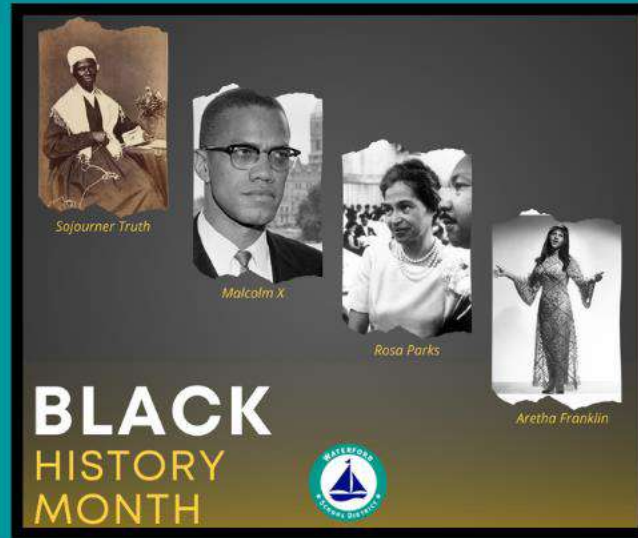


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# D.E.I. Social Media Campaign





**WSD VOICE**



