

# Waverly Middle School Newsletter

May 2019

**Hello Waverly Middle School Families,**

Beginning this month, we will be sharing a monthly newsletter with our middle school families as a way to improve our communication between school and home. In these newsletters, we will be keeping families and community members informed about school-specific events, initiatives, and spotlights related to the middle school. We will also include specific data related to our progress and growth.

**State Exam News:** Waverly Middle School is proud to announce that we have exceeded our 95% participation rate for both Math and ELA State Tests! This is up from 86% participation a year ago for grades 5-8. Thank you to the entire Wolverine Community for your hard work and support in making this such a success! Way to go Wolverines!



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More

## School Visit from NY State Education Department

### *Quick Wins*

Representatives recently visited Waverly Middle School as part of our comprehensive school improvement plan. The visitors spent their time learning about our school and interviewing administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and students. At the end of their visit the team shared specific feedback. The feedback was meant to give guidance to our school and build momentum for our school community as we prepare for future success. One of the pieces of feedback the team shared was the implementation of three “Quick Wins.”

# Our Three Quick Wins...

**Quick Win 1:** The principal and assistant principal will ensure that the front entrance and vestibules are closely monitored, allowing students receiving breakfast into the building before 7:47 AM while all other students remain outside or in the vestibules. This came from the teachers. They shared that some students have been loitering in unmonitored locations in the building. Teachers stated that if school leaders ensured the entrances and hallways are regularly monitored, it would help address their concerns.

**Quick Win 2:** The principal and assistant principal will ensure that school leaders and staff are following protocol for utilizing hall passes. This came from the staff. They shared that students do not regularly receive passes before being allowed to move about the building. The idea was also shared with teachers who agreed such an action could be helpful.

**Quick Win 3:** The school leader will create and disseminate a recurring newsletter to families that shares school-specific data and spotlight resources to help parents access and understand school data housed on district and state websites.



## Data Corner

The charts below show the absences and attendance rates by month over the past two years for all students at Waverly Middle School. The number of student absences by month are down for consecutive months, and our yearly attendance rate is up from a year ago. This basically means that more of our students are coming to school on a regular basis. We are proud of the progress we are making with attendance!

