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## WSF Monthly Newsletter

### Our Students are HERE!

All Waterloo Schools classrooms are officially back in session. It has been an amazing start to the school year and we are ready to see what these next few months have in store.

Check out the district's [Facebook page](#) for some additional sweet smiles!



### Opening Day & Back to School Kickoff

Waterloo Schools gathered all 1,700 staff members into the West High Auditorium for **Opening Day**, the employee kickoff for the upcoming school year.



The morning was jam-packed with excitement as the new superintendent, Dr. Jared Smith, gave a keynote address, District and Foundation staff provided words of encouragement, AND each school participated in an intense dance-off!

**Congrats to Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence, on winning the WSF's sponsored prize of Try Pie goodies for all employees!**

Click the link below to read all about the boldness of Opening Day in our latest blog post, or check out the Courier's coverage [here](#).

#### WSF Blog & News

### Young Scholars Students Present to WSF Board



Two members of the **Waterloo Career Center Cyber Force Security team** presented about their Young Scholars experience to the WSF Board of Directors. With the support of our loyal donors, this student team competed in the First National Guardians Competition in Orlando, Florida this past June!

"We wouldn't know about this team or this opportunity without the board and the Career Center, so once you are able to go to a place and feel comfortable learning

the things you like, it opens up a lot of doors," West High Senior, Obed Kiabanzawoko, said. If you'd like to read more about their experience, [Click Here](#)

### Welcoming Our New WCSD Teachers!

The Waterloo Schools welcomed **80 new teachers** (first year educators or transfers from other districts) to the WCSD family during their weeklong orientation, the New Teacher Institute.

The WSF presented on how we support our new educators, discussed the importance of our "why" for public education, and how the Foundation plans to [#setthestandard](#) for a successful school year.



New teachers also visited the Foundation office during their Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt to different Waterloo businesses and organizations. Thanks for paying us a visit!

**"My why is, I love working with youth and seeing them grow, and find themselves as members of the community," -A New Teacher in the Waterloo Schools**

### Reminder: Ready, Set, School



Don't forget The WCSD has established [Ready, Set, School!](#), a program that shares the direct needs of students and families during the Back to School season.

Interested in knowing how YOU can make a difference this fall through monetary or physical donations?

[Click here](#) to learn more about **Ready, Set, School!**

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