

New WUSD Stewardship Report Now Available

Recently the latest WUSD Stewardship Report (covering the 2013-2014 school year) was posted on the school district's website. The report is always one year behind because the schedule upon which the state makes data available is delayed. The Stewardship Report is designed to give the community a "snapshot" of how its schools are performing. The report focuses on four key areas (education, personnel, finance and buildings & grounds) and can be found on the District's website located at www.wickenburgschools.org. Specifically, the report is located under the "About Us" tab and can be found in the section titled "District Information".

The report is produced on an annual basis and provides an opportunity for the Governing Board to show its "stewardship" of the community's financial resources. It also enables the Governing Board to offer statistical information about the District and highlight the many successes our schools, students and staff achieve.

From my perspective one of the key components of the report is that WUSD, when compared against its peer group (designated by the State Auditor General) ranks high academically, while maintaining spending levels in the bottom 30%. This is a firm indicator of the fact that the Governing Board is an effective steward of the funds which the community provides through overrides and local property taxes.

Much of the data highlighted in the report comes from the State Auditor General and can be found online. In each area of the report, where a non-local resource is being used, the exact web address is provided so that the community can go to the originating document. We believe this provides additional transparency and validity regarding the data which has been highlighted.

In conclusion the Governing Board is excited to produce this report for the community and to show its stewardship of your tax dollars. I believe you will enjoy reading the report and I look forward to any comments you might have regarding the information which is provided. As the report is only available on our website if you don't have access to the Internet please come by the District Office located on Yavapai Street, or call us to obtain a copy. If you desire to receive a copy via email please send me a message at hcarlson@wickenburg.k12.az.us and I will forward the report to you. Thank you for taking the time read the report and for your ongoing support of the District's children and schools.