

D100 INSIDER



"Inspiring a Passion for Learning in Every Child"

We Believe In...

providing students with rigorous and personalized learning opportunities that prepare them for academic excellence and future success.

utilizing innovative instructional practices that encourage collaboration, creativity, and exploration.

student-centered classrooms and schools that are supportive, safe, and responsive to the social and emotional needs of students, staff, and families.

using several measures to determine student success and to make informed decisions that lead to continuous student growth.

engaging with families and community members to create partnerships that actively support students' development and learning.

creating and maintaining a culture where students and staff learn from each other, share ideas, and build supportive, collaborative relationships.

enhancing our academic program by providing a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for students to develop and explore individual interests and talents.



Introducing...

We are pleased to introduce our latest tool to help us connect with the South Berwyn community! D100 Insider is our new community newsletter that will feature quarterly updates on what is happening in our district. Individual schools will continue to send their school newsletters - This is a newsletter to highlight the District and to feature stories about the people who make District 100 a special place for our students, staff, and families.

The D100 Story

District 100 is proud to serve students in South Berwyn in six elementary schools and two middle schools. We serve approximately 3,000 students in preschool through 8th grade and as our enrollment has decreased over the past several years,





A Message From the Board of Education

We want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as we embark on what promises to be an unforgettable academic journey in the year 2023-2024. As the vibrant summer days wind down and the halls of our schools buzz with excitement, we are filled with anticipation for the incredible opportunities and growth that lie ahead.

First and foremost, a heartfelt congratulations to our incredible students for their resilience and determination throughout the challenges faced over the past years.

To the parents and guardians, we extend our deepest gratitude for your tireless support throughout and commitment to your child's education.

To our incredible community members, we extend our sincerest thanks for your ongoing support. Your involvement and engagement have played a significant role in shaping the educational landscape of our district. We value the close partnership between schools and the community, and we remain committed to providing an inclusive environment where collaboration and growth can flourish.

we have been able to accommodate smaller class sizes and have continued to grow the programs offered to our students and families. We are extremely proud of the welcoming, inclusive environments in our schools and are committed to ensuring equitable access to high quality teachers, curriculum, and resources for all students. In recent years, we have adopted new high-quality curriculum resources in the areas of math, middle school social studies and science, and Project Lead the Way for STEAM classes and elementary science. Looking ahead, we are focusing on selecting a new English language arts resource that will be implemented in the 2024-2025 school year and continuing to enhance our curricular resources for support and intervention at all levels.

The state funding formula passed in 2017 has had a significant impact on District 100. We have been able to expand the staffing in our schools to include more social workers and counselors to support the social-emotional well-being of students. Additionally, we have added teachers to our dual language classrooms, English language teachers, instructional coaches, and interventionists to provide additional support in the areas of literacy and math.

As a district, we believe in providing students with opportunities for continuous learning beyond the school day through extra-curricular sports and clubs. We are pleased to announce that in addition to our robust extra-curricular program, the after-school programs that were offered for K-2 students last year will continue this school year due to grant funding. We look forward to sharing the many talents of our students this year!



Meet the Board of Education

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Summer Facilities Projects

This summer District 100 continued to improve the learning environments in our schools by updating our ventilation system at Pershing Elementary School. Over the past several years, all elementary schools gyms have been equipped with air conditioning and we are in the process of replacing univents at our schools. Pershing joins Komensky and Hiawatha as the first of all elementary schools to have updates to their classroom ventilation. New ceilings and lighting have been part of these projects as well. Irving and Pershing had new intercom systems installed this summer and classroom floors at several schools were replaced. All eight of our schools were thoroughly cleaned, floors were stripped and waxed, classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms were painted based on a summer rotation schedule, and routine building repairs were completed. We are ready to welcome students back to school!



Beautifying Schools Inside & Out!

- ✦ Playground Improvements
- ✦ Fencing Upgrades
- ✦ Landscaping
- ✦ Library Improvements

Library spaces have been transformed in our buildings as we continue on the path of updating a school library a year. Playgrounds at our elementary schools have been upgraded over the past several years and chain-link fences have been replaced with welcoming decorative fencing. Komensky fencing will be the last fencing update and is planned for next summer.





OUR KIDS CAN!



Department of Innovation

Our vision is to inspire a passion for learning in each and every child who walks through our doors. Through instructional coaching, we empower our teachers to transform the learning experiences for our students in the classroom.



Each school in our district has been named an Apple Distinguished School. We are proud to celebrate the innovative teaching and learning practices in our district. Students are encouraged to take risks, collaborate with others, and be creative! Be sure to check out the stories in the link below.

Click [Here](#) to View the Stories

A Message from the Superintendent

Dr. Mary Havis

The word "community" truly exemplifies what it means to be a student or staff member in District 100. We consider ourselves a team of educators who partner with families to live our vision of inspiring a passion for learning in every child. We believe our students deserve the very best instruction and resources and we continue to invest in curriculum and professional development that supports rigorous, engaging, and personalized learning environments for our students. We look forward to sharing our story and highlighting our students, staff, district departments, and schools with the South Berwyn community through this quarterly newsletter. Stay tuned!



Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.