

2008-2009 TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

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PowerSchool -Student Information System

The West Jefferson Hills School District is pleased to announce that it has acquired a new centralized and more effective integrated student information system, known as *PowerSchool*. This system replaces the *LetterGrade* application that we have been using to manage student information. *PowerSchool* Student information Systems will help us reach our goal of an enhanced learning experience, by giving administrators, parents, students, and teachers timely access to the information they need.

PowerSchool is a Pearson Company product. Pearson is an inter-national, long-standing leader in education. The innovative technology solutions that Pearson Company develops are framed by an appreciation for the unique responsibilities of an educator. Administrators and educators in West Jefferson Hills understand the challenges, but we relish the opportunities that technology puts within our reach to communicate, collaborate, and create. *PowerSchool* architecture permits discretionary access to student information, enabling parents, administrators, teachers, and students to team up for educational success.

It is our intent to launch *PowerSchool* within the School District in the fall of 2008. Parents of elementary students might notice a change in the format of the report cards this year. District teachers will use a new grade book application and *PowerSchool* will be used to print the report cards, adjustments to the look and content of the current elementary report cards will be made as needed.

To receive E-Mail News Bulletins, containing updated information detailing the progress in our transition to *PowerSchool* and additional changes that may take place, we ask that you register to receive the E-mail News. Updated information on our transition progress will also be available on the District Website at www.wjhsd.net.