



Hello Rogers Adventist School and Walla Walla Valley Academy Parents, Students, and Supporters,

As you know, in the Spring of 2022, RAS and WWVA School Boards voted to take this current school year as a time of study and research to determine the feasibility of combining RAS and WWVA into one K-12 school system.

The boards each appointed members to a Joint Collaboration Taskforce to research questions about everything from church subsidy to school names, to board governance and more. This taskforce worked diligently for the past number of months and presented their findings to both separate school boards.

On February 21, 2023, both the RAS and the WWVA boards voted unanimously to recommend the approval of the K-12 school system, Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools, to our joint constituencies. This recommendation means that the school system as a whole will be called Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools, but each campus will retain its name: Rogers and WWVA.

Tonight, more than 100 delegates from our 9 constituent churches met to hear a final presentation from our Joint Collaboration Taskforce. The delegates voted by secret ballot and the final decision, with a 90% approval rate, was to approve the merger of RAS and WWVA into the K-12 system of Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools.

A trio of leaders will guide the campus through this process. Holley Bryant will continue to be Head of Schools. Erik Borges will continue as WWVA Principal, and the Rogers Adventist School Board just hired Mr. D'Mariae Banks as the new Rogers Principal. Mr. Banks has previously served as WWVA Bible teacher so we will be searching for a new High School Bible Teacher for the 23-24 school year. Welcome, Mr. Banks!

We wholeheartedly believe that God has been and will continue to be in this process to connect our schools and strengthen Adventist education in the Walla Walla Valley. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Holley Bryant—Head of Schools
Rogers Adventist School and Walla Walla Valley Academy