

## **Children's Winter Garden with White Wing School – Annual Report 2025-2026**

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### **Overview:**

- Strong enrollment
- Teacher raises
- Facilities
- Accreditation

CWG-WWS continues to have strong enrollment, with the afternoon programs being especially popular. Enrollment has been around 80 students, which shows strong growth since the merger in the 2016-2017 school year.

With inflation running high, the board took a close look at teacher salary increases. Chris prepared a low, medium, and high scenario for annual raises, and the board approved a 6% salary increase for the teaching staff. In addition to being more competitive, this salary will better reflect the excellent job the teachers are doing.

In March, the Church's outreach campaign raised \$6,481.00 for the scholarship fund. With this fund, CWG-WWS was able to cover \$6,073.00 worth of tuition for families in need.

The Ice Cream Social was relocated to the church grounds this year. The usual request to use the playground and adjacent area for the ice cream social was submitted to Nashua City Parks and Rec. Although the CWG-WWS Ice Cream Social has been held at Greely Park for many years, the request was denied as the park has a limit of 35 people per event.

Due to the increasing presence of ICE in the area, Rev. Allison and the Safe Congregation Team developed and put in place policies and procedures should an encounter occur at CWG-WWS. Rev. Allison and Chris presented the details to teachers and there are now signs on the premises delineating private spaces, including the playground.

Windows in the classrooms have all been replaced. Construction on the church is now complete, and graduation will be held in the sanctuary.

CWG-WWS accreditation expires in February of 2027. Most of the work needed to be done by Chris Clanin and the teachers during the 2025-2026 school year. A request was made, and granted, for a six-month extension to complete all required paperwork. The teachers, director, and the bookkeeper will receive stipends for the extra work they are doing to prepare for accreditation.