

March 2025

UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WELCOME TO UNITY
DR. UNDERLY!



CTE MONTH WITH A SPECIAL VISIT

EVERY FEBRUARY, THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (DPI) CELEBRATES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE). AS AN ANNUAL TRADITION, DPI STAFF VISIT AND HIGHLIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT HAVE OUTSTANDING CTE PROGRAMS. FEBRUARY IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH, AND IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT CTE PROGRAMS HAVE ON WISCONSIN STUDENTS.

THIS YEAR, UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THOSE DISTRICTS. STAFF FROM UNITY WELCOMED A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF VISITORS FROM THE WISCONSIN DPI FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TOUR OF THE CTE PROGRAMS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025. THE DELEGATION INCLUDED DR. JILL UNDERLY, STATE SUPERINTENDENT, JOSH ROBINSON, ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE DIVISION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AND MERI ANNIN, VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS LEAD DESIGNER FOR THE EDUCATION INFORMATION SERVICES TEAM.

THE VISIT FEATURED A DETAILED LOOK AT THE INNOVATIVE HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED TO UNITY STUDENTS THROUGH CTE PROGRAMMING AND INSTRUCTION.



Collective Community Conversations

**Wednesday, February 26
5pm & 7pm, High School Gym**

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, UNITY HOSTED A UNITY TALKS EVENT OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. AFTER A BRIEF PRESENTATION FROM DAREN SIEVERS, SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS CONSULTANT, EVERYONE WORKED AT THEIR TABLES TO ANSWER VARIOUS QUESTIONS FOCUSING ON UNITY'S FUTURE. STAFF, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND ADMINISTRATION ENGAGED IN HIGHLY BENEFICIAL CONVERSATIONS, WHICH WILL LEAD TO NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS AS WELL AS DISTRICT GOALS AND ACTION STEPS. A HUGE THANKS GOES OUT TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!

100+

Ideas

30+

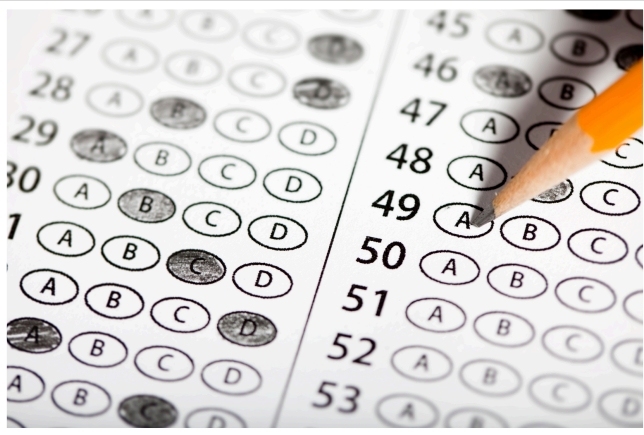
Attendees

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Great conversation!

Spring Assessments

Every spring, students in grades 3-11 partake in various mandatory state-wide assessments. The purpose of the assessments is to evaluate students' educational progress as compared to state-wide and national standards. While the assessments serve as a means of accountability for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, they also serve as excellent indicators for post-secondary preparation for technical colleges, 4-year colleges and universities, and certification programs. For example, high school juniors who score above a 21 on the ACT in math become eligible for increased financial assistance, and are able to enter into technical programs without having to complete placement exams. They also provide parents with an idea of how their children are performing as compared to their grade-level peers. Stay tuned for more information and details in the coming weeks.



JENNIFER VOS BENKOWSKI

Unity School District would like to highlight Mrs. Jennifer Vos Benkowski, Elementary Art Teacher. Mrs. Vos Benkowski has been a part of Unity School District for 24 years!

Mrs. Vos Benkowski's passion for art is contagious and she finds extremely creative ways to bring out the best in her students. On a daily basis, Mrs. Vos Benkowski's room is buzzing with learning and excitement. Thank you Mrs. Vos Benkowski for igniting the creative minds of our students!



MY RIDE: UP-TO-DATE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ALERTS



Unity School District and Safe-Way Transportation have implemented the “My Ride” student transportation update system on all school buses.


Register now to receive:

- ★ Weather Alerts
- ★ Route Time Changes
- ★ Daily Communication

All you need is your Student’s ID number
 Forgot the number? Call Safe Way at 715-825-3515 x5060 or email at transportation@unity.k12.wi.us

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Infinite Campus serves as our primary communication tool for Unity staff and families. Unity parents and guardians are encouraged to make sure Infinite Campus is updated with phone numbers and emails, as well as selecting their preferred type of contact. School closure announcements will fall under the “Emergency” header.



Delivery Device	Messenger Preferences Contact Reasons							
	Emergency	Attendance	Behavior Messenger	Staff	General	Food Service	Priority	Teacher
Email	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Text	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional places to find school closing information:

Unity School District Website, www.unity.k12.wi.us

WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com

KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com

KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com

KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com





2024 - 2025 UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS

- 1. PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE BY INCREASING CAREER READINESS THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM, START COLLEGE NOW, AND NEW PROGRAMS.**
- 2. IMPROVE READING ACHIEVEMENT AND LITERACY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM WITH FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALIZED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.**
- 3. CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT SUPPORTIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS.**
- 4. PROMOTE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTER-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

UNITY IS

HIRING

JOIN OUR
TEAM

CERTIFIED STAFF POSITIONS

- SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS 1.0 FTE

SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS

- LEAP CHILD CARE ASSISTANT
- LEAP CHILD CARE LEAD

Get the opportunity to join our team and gain experience and benefits by working with a great leadership team!

Apply Now!



Our Website
WWW.UNITY.K12.WI.US



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Friday, March 7	End of Trimester 2	District Wide	
Monday, March 10	Board Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 12	WASB Day at the Capital	Madison, WI	All Day
Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28	Spring Break - No School	District Wide	All Day
Tuesday, April 1	Spring Election	District Wide	
Thursday, April 3	Joint PAC Meeting	CESA 11	6:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Monday, April 7	Board Planning Session	Lakeland Communications	8:30 AM-3:00 PM
Monday, April 14	Board Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Friday, April 18-21	No School/In-Service	District Wide	All Day
Monday, April 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences	District Wide	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Monday, May 12	Board Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM

**Upcoming Regular Board Meetings:
April 7, May 12, June 9, July 14**