



# Frederic School District

## Administrative Report

December 2021

### State Inspection

We recently had the state inspector from the Division of Industry Services onsite to conduct an occupational safety inspection at both schools. We are addressing six specific items identified, ranging from work rests on grinders in the tech ed shop to storage of art supplies in the art room. We should have no trouble meeting the compliance requirements by the due date. The inspector was very complimentary to our facilities and District.

### Adult Meal Pricing

The DPI School Nutrition Team, in working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has informed districts that a new minimum exists for adult school meal prices. New rates are \$4.65 for lunch and \$2.56 for breakfast. These rates are up from \$3.55 and \$1.95. New rates must be implemented by February 1, 2022.



### Sign Making

Tech Ed students will be making wooden identification signs for Roots and Branches. We are excited to expand this type of opportunity throughout the District. There are many interior and exterior areas that will benefit from different types of signage, such as wood, metal, laser engraved, or various combinations. These projects offer great learning opportunities for students in our Career and Technical Education programs.

### Under-18 Population Decline

A new report, "Slowing Down: Wisconsin's Waning Population Growth," from Forward Analytics showcases Wisconsin's slowest 10-year growth rate on record 2010-2020. The trend is being driven by a declining youth population. Over the decade, the under-18 population fell 4.3%, more than double the 2.1% decline during 2000-2010. Falling birth rates resulted in approximately 44,000 fewer babies born than during 2000-2010. One impact is that fewer young people in the state affects Wisconsin's future labor force because there may not be enough young people to replace retiring baby boomers and GenXers over the next two decades. Workforce migration to Wisconsin may not be the solution. The report indicates that is not trending in a favorable direction either.



## UP COMING EVENTS

WASB Workshop:  
January 5, 2022

2022 State Education  
Convention  
January 19-21, 2022

Next Committee of  
the Whole Meeting:  
01/26/2022 @ 5 pm

Next Regular Board  
Meeting:  
01/26/2022 @ 6pm

### **Northwood Technical College Visit**

Representatives from Northwood Technical College (NTC) were onsite this week to discuss ways to maximize early childhood educational opportunities by utilizing Roots and Branches. Several current Roots and Branches staff members are enrolled in NTC programming. We discussed ways to extend more opportunities to our high school aged students through dual credit options, to potentially help them begin a career in early childhood.

### **Governor's Financial Investment**

When Governor Evers signed the 2021-23 biennial budget earlier this year, he promised to invest more than \$100 million in funds to Wisconsin schools. We now know what that investment actually means, a \$134 per pupil aid payment to all districts throughout the state. This is a one-time payment and does not apply to the second year of the biennial budget.

### **Outdated and Used Curriculum**

During the process of replacing some of our instructional materials over the summer, staff have been thorough in reviewing old/used materials. We have sold what we can to used textbook companies, provided reading packets to students and families, held on to anything that can continue to be used, and donated more than four pallets of materials to Books for Africa.

### **Field Trips**

Our staff and students have enjoyed the opportunity to offer and attend many field trip opportunities this year, with more planned. We continue to follow venue protocol requirements. An example is a music trip being planned for later this spring, where high school students will have the opportunity to visit several different venues related to music topics.

