

# District Administrator's Report

*April 2020*

## Unity School District

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Update

- Information regarding Unity School District's response to COVID-19 will be updated and shared on the District website at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us). All communication with parents has been posted to the website.
- Parents are encouraged to log in to Infinite Campus or contact their child's school office to update their contact information if it has changed recently.
- Unity Board of Education meetings will be conducted virtually, via Zoom, during the school closure. The login information for the meeting is located at the top of the published agenda.

### Virtual Learning Update

- Middle and High School students (grades 5-12) use their school issued iPad for learning activities online.
- Middle and High School students use the Google Classroom platform, with integrated Gmail, Drive, and Google Meet.
- Elementary School students receive their educational materials on Mondays, delivered by the meal bus. They also have access to their teacher's website to download the materials.
- Students can communicate with teachers via email, phone, or through video conferencing. Middle and High School students use Google Meet video conferencing. Elementary students and parents can use Zoom to video conference.
- Teachers have been adapting lessons and learning opportunities to be creative, flexible, and enriching for students.
- Counselors are connecting with students remotely to assist with any needs or questions.

### Food Service Meal Program Update

- Over 700 children receive meals daily from the school's food service meal program.
- The meals consist of a breakfast and a lunch.
- The meals are free and are for children, 18 years of age and younger.
- Children do not need to be enrolled in the District, but do need to be residents.
- Most meals are cold meals in bags, but there will be some meals that may be microwavable.
- Meals may be accompanied by educational materials for younger children.
- Meals are delivered by school bus with educational assistants distributing.
- If you want more information, or to be added, please call 715-825-3515, Option 1.

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### Questions, Answered and Unanswered, During School Closure

- **How do I contact someone at school?**
  - Email them, or call their phone extension. Voicemail messages are still sent to them by the email system.
- **Are the offices open?**
  - Someone is present in the District Office daily, until 4:00pm. The School Offices have someone present one day a week, and are working remotely otherwise. All patrons should call from their vehicle or wait in the lobby for service.
- **Can I still be added to the meal list?**
  - Yes. You can call the District Office at 715-825-3515, Option 1.
- **My elementary child received a book with their meal, do I have to return it?**
  - No. Books and craft materials that have been provided should not be returned. They are yours to enjoy!
- **How can I get help with my child's school iPad?**
  - Contact your child's principal and the IT department at 715-825-3515 x4340.
- **What about my child's grades during this trimester?**
  - Third trimester grades for middle and high school students will be Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. They will not impact the student's GPA unless it is a college class.
- **Can I use the playground or Unity Nature Trail?**
  - No. The school building, as well as the campus, are closed during the school closure.
- **What about spring sports?**
  - The WIAA has not made a decision about the spring sports seasons at this time. According to the WIAA, the Board of Control will conduct its scheduled meeting on April 21 and will discuss options for the remainder of the sports seasons.
- **Will the LEAP Child Care Center open soon?**
  - The opening of the center is currently on hold. Parents who are considering enrolling their child(ren) are encouraged to contact the school district by email at [htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us](mailto:htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us) or by phone at (715) 825-3515 x4000.
- **When will the Unity Pool and Fitness Center reopen?**
  - These two programs will be reopened when they are allowed to do so by the County Health Department. All memberships will be extended for the time of the closure.
- **Will there be summer school?**
  - There has been no decision about summer school. This decision is dependent upon the Governor's orders and the Department of Public Instruction. If you would still like to enroll, you may contact the elementary office at (715) 825-3515 x3000.
- **When will we know more about Graduation?**
  - There has been no decision made about Graduation. This will likely be dependent upon the Governor's orders and the Department of Public Instruction. Regardless of the date or location, there will be some type of event to honor the achievements of the graduating seniors.

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### 2019-2020 School District Goals

*(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, April, 2019)*

- Nurture and promote a positive culture of respect, leadership, and character for all.
- Encourage career readiness through school and community partnerships.
- Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- Encourage healthy students, staff, and community while continuing to address mental health needs through various programs and partnerships.

### Community Education May Need You!

Information regarding the specific offerings can be found at <https://www.unity.k12.wi.us/o/unity-school-district/page/community-education--22> and on Facebook at "Unity Community Education." Additionally, if you are interested in teaching a class, would like to register, or have an idea for an offering, please contact Christa Ross at (715) 825-2101 x1560.

### Community Education: Facilities Rentals and Events

Community Education is not booking any community events for the remainder of the school year. If school is reopened, school events will be scheduled with the highest priority. For additional information or questions, please contact Christa Ross at (715) 825-2101 x1560.

### Student Open Enrollment Window Open for 2020-2021

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

#### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

#### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2020-21 school year is from February 3-April 30, 2020. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

If you have questions regarding Open Enrollment, please contact Amanda at [awarner@unity.k12.wi.us](mailto:awarner@unity.k12.wi.us).

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, April 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Friday, April 24	Board Planning Session	Lakeland Comm.	8:30 AM
Tuesday, May 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Friday, May 22	Unity High School Graduation	HS Gym 1	7:00 PM
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day - No School	District	
Tuesday, June 2	Last Day of School	District	
June 3, 4	Staff In-Service Days	District	



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