

# District Administrator's Report

May 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.
- Unity Board of Education meetings are being conducted virtually, via Zoom, during the school closure. The login information for the meeting is located at the top of the published agenda on the school district website.

### 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.
- Counselors are connecting with students remotely to assist with any needs or questions.
- Students will be able to keep their school issued iPads over the summer.

### Food Service Meal Program Update

- Meal service will continue through June 30th.
- 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.
- 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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### Summer School Program Changes

- Elementary School:
  - Weekly lesson and activity packs filled with projects and experiences for home and outdoors.
  - Connection time with a grade level teacher twice a week.
  - Online office hours to share completed projects with your teacher.
  - Fun activities to maintain progress in Reading and Mathematics.
  - Surprise activities and materials delivered by school bus.
  - Food service delivery by school bus continues.
- Middle and High School:
  - Vocal and Instrumental Music lessons online.
  - Strength and conditioning activities and workouts.

### LEAP Child Care Center Update

- Final State Approval of the utilities plan has been received.
- Week of May 11 - Site plumbing, backfilling, and final grading
- Week of May 18 - Playground pad is installed.
- Week of May 25 - Sidewalks and parking area curbs installed.
- Week of June 1 - Outdoor Playground equipment installed.
- Week of June 1 - Inspections

After inspections occur, the center staff will need about a week to stage the classrooms, finalize their training, and register students. It is anticipated that the Leap Center will open in mid-June.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding. This outstanding center will be opening soon to help meet the needs of our families and the Unity community.

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.

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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 cancelled the spring sports season.
- **Will the LEAP Child Care Center open soon?**
  - The opening of the center will occur this June. The construction of the center is being completed. 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.



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, May 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Friday, May 22	Senior Send-Off (Seniors and Families Only)	Parking Lot	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	
June 8 - 30	Summer School: Virtual, On-Demand	District	
Tuesday, June 9	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Thursday, July 16	Unity High School Graduation Ceremony	Gym 1	7:00 PM

### 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.

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## UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Alternative Event Dates and Methods Summary - Spring 2020

Event	Alternative Date	Information
<b>School Closure</b>	Closed Through June 30	The Building and campus, including fields, playground, nature trail, etc., remain closed through June 30.
<b>Meal Service Delivery</b>	Continue Through June 30	The meal delivery program will continue through June 30. A decision for the program after June 30 is dependent upon summer school.
<b>Spring Sports</b>	Cancelled	The WIAA cancelled the spring sports seasons but allowed some contact days in July. The Lakeland Athletic Conference has also cancelled the 30 day contact window in July.
<b>Pre—Kindergarten and Kindergarten Graduation</b>	Cancelled	Students will receive a graduation certificate and small gift.
<b>Prom</b>	Cancelled	Prom is cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Next year will be a Junior/Senior Prom with a court from each grade level.
<b>2020-2021 High School Course Registration</b>	May 18 - 22	High School students will register online in Infinite Campus for their courses for next year.
<b>Scholarship and Awards Night</b>	Wednesday, May 20, 7pm	This virtual Awards Scholarship Ceremony will be a video posted online on the District's website and social media accounts.
<b>Graduation</b>	Thursday, July 16, 7pm	2020 Graduation has been postponed until July. Other activities for graduating seniors are being planned.
<b>Last Day of Activities - Virtual School</b>	May 22	This is the last day of virtual lessons. No additional assignments will be provided after this date.
<b>Final Virtual Work Completion</b>	May 26-29	For students in grades 5-12, this week is the last time to turn in assignments and visit with teachers virtually. Online year-end meetings between students, parents, teachers.
<b>Student Locker/Desk Materials Returned</b>	May 28, 29, June 1, 2	Students will be scheduled a time during this week to obtain any remaining items from their lockers/desks.
<b>Yearbooks</b>	May 28, 29, June 1, 2	Yearbooks, in all three buildings, can be picked up with the student belongings during the scheduled pickup time.
<b>Student iPad Return</b>	Fall	Students will be able to keep the school-issued iPads over the summer.
<b>Grades Posted/Mailed</b>	June 3	Grades will be posted online in Infinite Campus. A report card will also be mailed on this date.
<b>Teacher/Classroom Organization</b>	June 1-4	Teachers will be assigned a specific date and time to organize materials and ready their classrooms for summer.
<b>LEAP Child Care Center Opening</b>	TBD, June	The LEAP Child Care Center will open as soon as possible to provide child care for first responders and health care professionals. The opening will comply with the restrictions of the emergency order but will likely occur prior to the opening of the school.
<b>Summer School</b>	TBD, July	In June, some "on-demand" virtual courses will be offered. It may be available in July or August, dependent upon any restrictions with sizes of groups.