

District Administrator's Report

June 2018

Unity School District

PBIS Recognition of Schools

Congratulations are in order for Unity Elementary School, Unity Middle School, and Unity High School. Each was recognized for their efforts in implementing an equitable, multi-level system of supports! Creating a system to meet the needs of ALL students is rewarding work that takes the determination of many.

The schools are being recognized by the Wisconsin RtI Center and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for implementation:

- Unity Elementary School: Silver Level
- Unity Middle School: Silver Level
- Unity High School: Bronze Level

Funded by the Wisconsin DPI, the Wisconsin RtI Center supports schools and districts by providing statewide training and technical assistance. Their mission is to help schools and districts create equitable, responsive systems for all students.

The work the Unity School District lays a solid foundation for the future expansion and refinement of its equitable, multi-level system of supports. Carolyn Stanford Taylor, Assistant State Superintendent, praised the District's efforts, "Once more, congratulations to you, your staff, and students! We look forward to supporting you in your continued success, and helping you ensure all your students graduate college and career ready."

Positive Changes Continue at Unity

Unity School District is continuing to change and improve in many ways. The District's focus on personalized learning is at the top of the list. But, before a summer of frenzied activity begins, there is also a leadership change that will take place.

Mr. Zachary Fugate will be moving to the high school principal position for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Jason Cress will be moving to the elementary principal position for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Fugate and Mr. Cress are eager to lead in this change in new buildings. This change focuses on maximizing the strengths of our administrators and aligning their leadership styles with where they are needed most in our school system.

The District's approach to personalized learning and higher expectations throughout the system will benefit from the change. Each school will experience unique challenges and opportunities over the next year on their journey toward a more comprehensive personalized learning approach. It is believed that the District will be better positioned to raise expectations and produce desired results with this shift in leadership.

District employees were informed Tuesday at in-service, in their building staff meetings. The transition of the principals will occur this summer as they work with their new staff to prepare for the upcoming school year.

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Personalized Learning Takes Center Stage

Personalized learning is an approach to learning that is designed around individual learner readiness, strengths, needs and interests. Unity's approach to personalized learning is structured around three focuses: standards-based learning, student choice, and customized learning. A variety of instructional strategies make up Unity School District's Personalized Learning Model based on the age of students, the academic discipline, and the needs of students. Not all strategies are used in classrooms at all times. Unity's personalized learning approach serves to better prepare students for the future of their own design.

Mrs. Jorgensen, Unity Middle School Principal and Director of Instruction said recently, "It is an exciting time to be an educator and a student at Unity. We are having powerful conversations about how to best prepare students for *their* future. Personalizing learning for students gives them a better opportunity to engage and be empowered in the learning process."

Much of this summer's professional development and planning will be focused on personalized learning. Unity's Personalized Learning Framework will be posted to the website soon and will transform many of the teaching and learning processes in the District. One Unity high school teacher, Brian Collins, said of the change, "This is right up my alley. As a science teacher it makes sense to engage our students through projects, inquiry based science learning, experiments, and collaboration." Fellow middle school science teacher, Shawn Perkins, also noted, "This will benefit so many students who are ready to move on and really challenge them. What a great opportunity for those students who are being held back in the traditional classroom model."

Unity Hosts Summer Regional Custodial Workshop

The CESA #11 Custodial Workshop and Vendor Showcase will be hosted at Unity on July 11, 2018. At past workshops, there have been about 150 custodians from CESA #11 schools and ten vendors. In addition to the vendor showcase, there will be several educational topics offered for the custodians.

This workshop is designed to highlight the latest innovations in custodial/maintenance products/ practice and to increase awareness of issues in the workplace affecting staff and students. Session topics may include school safety, cleaning efficiency, lawn and turf maintenance, LED lighting, and new maintenance technologies. This workshop will also offer an opportunity to tour the new Unity High School.



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School

2018-2019 School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, April, 2018)

- 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.

Parents:

Update your contact information online or by calling your child's school office.

Unity School District Technology Updates



SCHOOL DISTRICT APP The app is available for both Android and iOS mobile devices. The app, Unity School District, can be found at the App Store or Google Play.

SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE Unity School District updates the District website daily. Please visit the website to ensure that you stay informed regarding the District's events, policies, activities, performance, and programs.

The Infinite Campus App will be updated by the end of June. This update will create two new apps, Campus Parent and Campus Student. They will be added to the App Store and Google Play this summer. Parents and students downloading the apps will instantly be connected to tailored user experiences for accessing assignments, grades and more. The new apps will make it so easy for parents and students to monitor student progress with up-to-date information.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
June 11, 12	Staff In-Service	District	
Tuesday, June 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, June 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, June 18	Summer School Begins	District	
Wednesday, June 20	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 27	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 4	Fourth of July - School Building Closed	District	
Thursday, July 5	Balsam Lake Queen Pageant	PAC	6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 10	Unity Wall of Honor Award Ceremony	PAC	6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 10	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, July 11	CESA 11 Custodial Workshop and Vendor Showcase	District	All Day
Saturday, July 28	Prairie Fire Theatre Presents Peter Pan	PAC	7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 1	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
August 6 - 9	District Annual Financial Audit	District Office	
Wednesday, August 8	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, August 22	First Day of Fall Staff In-Service	District	
Tuesday, August 28	Fall Open House	District	5:00-7:00 PM

"Expect Great Things"

Encourage healthy students, staff, and community while continuing to address mental health needs through various programs and partnerships.