

District Administrator's Report

July 2019

Unity School District

Construction of Child Care Center to Break Ground

By the end of the month, ground will be broken and dirt will be moved to make room for a new Child Care Center on campus.

The "Little Eagles Early Learning Center" will provide quality child care in a safe and rewarding environment where play and interaction are encouraged. Programming will be affiliated with the school district and will offer beneficial parenting activities as well as child care services. The child care program will be offered through the District's community education program. The program will operate on a weekly fee-based payment schedule.

Located at the southwest corner of the Unity campus, the center will have access to the current elementary school parking lot making an easy transition for parents. The center will include outdoor and indoor play areas. The building will be constructed during the summer, with the opening of the facility projected to be October, 2019.

Interested parents are encouraged to contact the school district at awarner@unity.k12.wi.us. A contact list is being compiled for when registration and rate information becomes available. Registration will be based on a first come, first served basis.

Unity is excited to offer this service to its community and cannot wait to meet its youngest learners!

Looking Back at the Change to Trimesters

Unity's implementation of a trimester schedule last year at the middle and high school has been successful in many ways. Feedback from teachers, staff, and students has been very positive. Most commonly noted has been the decrease to six classes a day, with each class running an hour long. This change has meant that staff have been able to focus more on personalized learning.

In review, a trimester system makes three significant changes to the master schedule. First is the way the school year is structured. Instead of quarters or semesters, the school year is divided into three 12-week trimesters. Second, there is a reduction of the number of overall class periods. Trimester schedules usually run five or six class periods that meet every day; as opposed to regular schedules which run eight classes for one semester. Third, the trimester schedule offers varying course lengths. Typically, core classes are two trimesters, or 24 weeks; electives are one trimester, or 12 weeks; and some special classes such as Advanced Placement (AP) and music, are all three trimesters, or 36 weeks.

The school day schedule has been maximized to ensure that students have more time for project based learning, cooperative learning, and more in-depth, hands-on learning opportunities. Balancing students' core classes over three terms allows for less stress on students. Staff members are given more preparation time with fewer students and classes to manage. The lengthened class times affords deeper diving into the curriculum and more project based learning.

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Unity Summer Maintenance Projects

- Child Care Center Construction
- High School Greenhouse Construction
- Door Lock Core and Key Replacement
- Football Stadium Lighting (LED)
- Elementary Cafeteria Flooring
- Classroom Painting
- Security Camera Additions
- Pool Cover Replacement
- PAC Stage Floor Painting
- Elementary School Hallway Lighting (LED)
- Privacy Fencing - Elementary Playground

General Aid Estimates Indicate Increase at Unity

Each July 1st, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is required to provide districts with an estimate of the upcoming year's General School Aid. General Aid includes Equalization, Special Adjustment, and Special Transfer Aid. General School Aid is one of the two parts that make up a school district's revenue limit. The other portion is the tax levy. An increase or decrease in the General School Aid does not increase or decrease the school district's budget, rather it correspondingly increases or decreases the tax levy.

Unity is projected to receive an increase of aid for the upcoming school year of \$416,468. This would be only the third time in a dozen years that the District's aid would see an increase. An increase in the aid would decrease the corresponding tax levy for the school year. It remains to be seen whether this projection will be a reality when the final numbers are certified by the DPI on October 15th.

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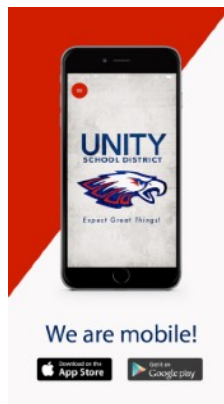
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2019-2020 School District Goals

(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.



Download Unity's App!

Unity School District's App can be found at the Apple App Store and at the Google Play Store. The app is now synchronized to the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us so that you won't miss out any new and exciting information. Look for the app, Unity School District, at the App Store or Google Play today!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, July 9	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 10	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 17	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 31	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 31	Sports Physicals	HS Gym 1	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
August 5 - 8	Annual District Financial Audit	Board Room	
Wednesday, August 7	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 13	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Tuesday, August 20	Fall Staff In-Service - First Day	District	
August 28, 29	Unity Academy	District	
Wednesday, August 28	District Open House	District	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Monday, September 2	Labor Day - No School	District	
Tuesday, September 3	First Day of School	District	

"Expect Great Things"

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