

District Administrator's Report

June 2013

Unity School District

Unity Recognizes Outstanding Educators and Support Staff

Outstanding Support Staff

Donna Asper: Donna Asper is an educational assistant who is always on the go. She uses her enthusiasm and energy to meet the needs of students and staff alike. She oversees the District's distance learning (ITV) lab, ensuring that students are able to take courses from other locations right here on campus. She is always willing to help someone with their technology or scheduling concern. Outside of school, she is very involved in youth sports and connected to her church. She has been the support staff representative to the District Professional Staff Development Committee (PSDC) for years, ensuring that support staff receive the training necessary to meet the demands of their work.

Outstanding Educators

Deanna Erickson: Deanna Erickson plays a large role in the achievement of students at Unity School District by providing access to information and support through technology in the schools' media center. She inspires students with her love of books and reading. Her book fairs are always well attended and looked forward to with excitement. She is a caring, outgoing professional who also volunteers her time to the Special Olympics. Deanna also coordinates the District's Alternative Diploma Program. Deanna has also been involved in various committee work at the school, sharing her ideas and insight to provide the best programming possible to our students.

Summer Food Service Program Meeting Children's Needs

For the fourth year in a row, Unity School District will be participating in the "Summer Food Service Program" sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture. Nationally, more than 26 million children eat school lunch every day when school is in session, and about half of them receive their meals free or at a reduced price due to low household income. The summer program offers children nutritious food when school is not in session. Meals are similar to those that are served during the regular school year. With this program in our school all children in our community (and in our summer school programs) will be able to eat a healthy breakfast from 7:45am-8:30am and lunch from 11:00am-1:30pm at no cost during summer vacation on the following dates:

June 10-27 (when summer school is in session)

July 15-25 (when summer school is in session)

August 19-23

All children ages 18 and under are eligible to participate (regardless of school enrollment). Children eat free and adults can purchase a breakfast for \$1.75 and a lunch for \$3.25.

Parents are asked to not drop their children off at the door to eat without supervision. There will be staff supervision during serving times for those students enrolled in summer school.



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Summer Maintenance Projects Underway

| PROJECT/PURCHASE | DATES AND STATUS |
|---|------------------------------|
| Fire Alarm System Renovation | Approved, Scheduled for June |
| Facility Booster Pump Replacement | Approved, Scheduled for June |
| Pool Air Handler (HVAC) Replacement | Approved, Scheduled for June |
| Clock System Replacement | Completed |
| Fencing and Gate Replacement | Bids Received, In Progress |
| Automated School Sign | Approved, Scheduled for June |
| Pool Office Rollup Window Replacement | Bids Received, In Progress |
| Door Security Numbering | Scheduled for June |
| Door Replacements - High School Classrooms | Bids Received, In Progress |
| Door Replacements - MS Gym, Auditorium | Bids Received, In Progress |
| Computer Network Room Renovation | In Progress |
| Library Wallpaper Removal and Painting | In Progress |
| Concrete Sidewalk Repairs | In Progress |
| Shed Roof Repairs | Completed |
| School Bus Replacement | Completed |
| School Bus with Wheelchair Lift Replacement | In Progress |
| School Van Replacement | Completed |

Unity Summer School Changes Mean Increased Student Interest

Unity School District's summer school program has been successfully extending summer learning opportunities to students for years. While the schedule is similar to last year, this year's approach is very different. The new approach has Project Based Learning (PBL) as its focus. Students will be able to learn by doing - with projects at the center of the learning process.

You can still enroll!

| Date | Summer School Program | School |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| June 10-27 | 1st Session | Elementary, Middle & High School |
| June 10-27 | Achievement | Middle School |
| July 15-25 | 2nd Session | Elementary, Middle & High School |
| July 17-22 | Prairie Fire Theater | Elementary & Middle School |
| August 19-23 | Motivation | Middle School |

Check the Unity School District Website for Breaking Information, Further Details, Calendars, and Schedules:

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Summer Professional Development Efforts

Unity School District is committed to providing quality professional development and training opportunities for its staff. Initiatives such as the Response to Intervention (RtI) Model planning, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Common Core Standards, Educator Effectiveness Program, successful transitions planning, and technology integration are at the center of the District's goals and efforts for the school year.

Upcoming Efforts:

- June 11, 18: Curriculum Mapping: Language Arts
- August 19-22: Unity Summer Academy
- August 26: New Teacher Orientation
- August 27-30: Fall Staff In-Service

State Budget and the Impact on Local Education

The most recent budget compromise from the Joint Finance Committee sees a \$150 per pupil increase for states schools in each of the next two years in the biennium. The increase is a welcome change from the original "freeze" that was proposed. The increase will not fully fund the increased costs for school districts, which vary by school district. Districts will continue to need to address the funding shortfall as they plan their educational programming for the 2013-2014 school year.

From a local perspective, Unity School District has seen its state aid decline by 15% or more each year for the past six years. The District's budget is now supported by only 14% state aid. The lack of state support and decreased revenues is detrimental to the District's mission and erodes its educational opportunities. It is a testament to how the school funding formula is becoming less effective.

The State Superintendent's "Fair Funding For Our Future" plan would address many of the issues regarding school finance. This plan, in Unity School District, would reduce property taxes and increase the state's support of our schools.

2012-2013 School District Goals

- Increase student achievement in reading through curriculum development, consistency of instruction, and effective instructional strategies.
- Implement and incorporate the District's Response to Intervention Model throughout pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade programming for students of all academic and behavioral needs.
- Promote school spirit and pride through increasing community and parent involvement.
- Integrate technology into the teaching and learning process to best prepare our students for their future.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

| DATE | MEETING | PLACE | TIME |
|----------------------|---|--------------|----------|
| Monday, June 10 | Summer School Begins | District | 8:00 AM |
| Tuesday, June 11 | Board of Education Meeting | Board Room | 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, June 11 | Curriculum Mapping: Language Arts | Library | 12:30 PM |
| June 12, 13 | WISEDASH Training | Turtle Lake | |
| Tuesday, June 18 | Curriculum Mapping: Language Arts | Library | 12:30 PM |
| June 21, 22 | Prairie Fire Theater Performances | Auditorium | |
| Thursday, July 4 | Balsam Lake Queen Pageant | Auditorium | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday, July 9 | Board of Education Meeting | Board Room | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday, July 17 | 2013 Custodial/Maintenance Workshop | Rice Lake | |
| Thursday, July 18 | CESA 11 Joint Superintendent/Board Meeting | Turtle Lake | 6:00 PM |
| July 24, 25, 26 | WASA Legal Seminar | | |
| August 1, 2 | District Audit | | |
| Tuesday, August 13 | Board of Education Meeting | Board Room | 6:00 PM |
| August 19-22 | Unity Summer Academy: Professional Training | | |
| Tuesday, August 20 | 2013 Summer Food Service Workshop | New Richmond | |
| Monday, August 26 | Bus Driver Training | Turtle Lake | |
| Monday, August 26 | New Staff Orientation | Board Room | 9:00 AM |
| August 27-30 | Fall In-Service | District | |
| Tuesday, September 3 | First Day of School | District | 8:25 AM |

"Expect Great Things"

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