

District Administrator's Report

December 2019

Unity School District

School and District Report Cards Released by DPI

The Department of Public Instruction released the state report cards for schools and school districts today. Information regarding the report cards and the report cards themselves are available at <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces report cards for every publicly funded school and district in Wisconsin. These Accountability Report Cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas (Student Achievement, Growth, Closing Gaps, and On-track and Post-secondary Success). A school or district's Overall Accountability Score places the school/district into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings:

Rating	Score	Stars
Significantly Exceeds Expectations	83-100	*****
Exceeds Expectations	73-82.9	****
Meets Expectations	63-72.9	***
Meets Few Expectations	53-62.9	**
Fails to Meet Expectation	0-52.9	*

Unity School District received a 2018-2019 Report Card Score of 76.7, or "Exceeds Expectations." This rating is one of the highest in the area and in the Lakeland Conference. Unity High School received a "Meets Expectations" designation, while Unity Elementary and Middle Schools received an "Exceeds Expectations" designation. In addition, all of the schools improved from last year.

Unity School District is proud of its educators and programming, and is working to improve with each report card.

Unity's LEAP Program Updates

- Unity's Child Care program will be known as LEAP, "Little Eagles At Play"!
- The program will operate on a weekly fee-based payment schedule.
- Heather Tiedemann is the program director and is currently developing the programming and activities for the center. Current efforts include training of new staff.
- The District has started the hiring process for the various positions at the center. If interested in employment at the center, please contact awarner@unity.k12.wi.us.
- Parents who are considering enrolling their child(ren) are encouraged to contact the school district at htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us. The wait list has is being developed. Information is available online at www.unity.k12.wi.us.
- The foundation is complete and the modules have been delivered. The modules will be craned into place later this week.
- A grand opening date will be made available soon, but it is anticipated that the center will open in mid-January.

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Have you ever thought of teaching a class?

Unity School District's Community Education Program is continually looking for instructors for classes. Unity Community Education offers a diverse catalog of classes to meet the needs and interests of the community. The program is looking for new, exciting, and interesting classes. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Christa Ross at (715) 825-2101 x1560.

Unity Wall of Honor Nominations Sought

The Unity Board of Education has established a "Wall of Honor" to recognize and honor the accomplishments of Unity alumni and employees. Criteria for selection to the "Wall of Honor" will be based on contributions in the areas of education, business, human services, government, athletic, military, fine arts, and community involvement. Alumni selection is based on post-high school accomplishments. The nominee will be screened by a selection committee, which will meet in early March. Deadline for applications each year is March 1st.

If you know of someone who is worthy of being considered for the "Wall of Honor," nomination forms are available at Unity's District and School offices. Additionally, application forms are available on the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, call or write to Unity Wall of Honor, Unity School District, 1908 150th St./ Hwy 46N, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; (715) 825-3515.

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.

- January 20 In-Service:
 - Student Wellness
 - Social/Emotional/Learning (SEL) Curriculum
 - Habits of Mind
 - Staff Wellness
 - Growth Mindset
 - Team/Department Planning
 - Curriculum Planning
 - Social Studies Curriculum Materials Selection
 - Language Arts Curriculum Development



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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.



School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, www.unity.k12.wi.us
 WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com
 KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com
 KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com
 KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com
 iOS or Google App, Unity School District

Unity School District Belief Statements

Unity Belief Statements represent our strong convictions, our common core values, and our moral character.

We Believe:

- The student, family, school, and community as partners, share the responsibility for a successful educational experience.
- An awareness of and a tolerance for diversity enriches life.
- Learning thrives in a safe, caring, disciplined environment.
- Learning is lifelong.
- Character development (respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship) is an essential component of effective education.
- All individuals learn in different ways, at different rates, and at different times.
- Education includes social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic growth.
- Problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication, and working cooperatively are fundamental life skills.
- In challenging individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
- Education provides students with a solid academic foundation.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, December 10	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 11	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, December 13	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Monday, December 16	High School Band & Choir Holiday Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 17	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, December 18	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, December 20	Staff Holiday Breakfast	Elementary Gym	7:30 AM
December 23-27, 30, 31 Jan. 1	Winter Break - No School	District	
Thursday, January 2	Professional Staff Development Committee	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Wednesday, January 8	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, January 13	Upper St. Croix Valley Music Honors Band	PAC	All Day
Tuesday, January 1	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, January 20	MLK Day, Staff In-Service, No School	District	
January 22-24	WASB Education Convention	Milwaukee	
Wednesday, January 29	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Saturday, February 1	FBLA Region 1 Conference	Unity	All Day

"Expect Great Things"

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