

District Administrator's Report

March 2019

Unity School District

District Budget Planning

The District budget development process has begun as administration is analyzing the educational impact of the Governor's Proposed State Budget. The recommendations from Wisconsin's Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding will likely play into the state budget process as well.

There are ongoing conversations regarding education funding at the state legislative level that will likely result in changes prior to the final state budget. It is expected that the entire process may take several more months to arrive at an approved state budget. Unity will be working through budget calculations and implications through the spring.

Student Open Enrollment Is Open for 2019-2020

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

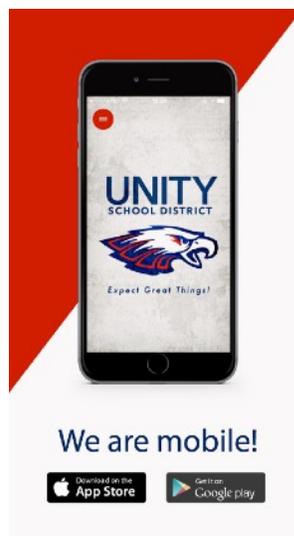
Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2019-20 school year is from February 4-April 30, 2019. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.



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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Inclement Weather Causes Calendar Changes

With the snow and cold, this has been an exciting winter season! We hope you are enjoying winter activities. Our physical education classes are enjoying snowshoeing and cross-country skiing while our science classes are learning animal tracking in the snow.

Nonetheless, due to the inclement weather school cancellations, delays, and early releases, Unity School District will need to make some changes to the school day and the calendar. Additional school cancellations or delays may require further modification of the plan.

May 24, Graduation Day, is now a full day of school. June 6 and 7, which were teacher in-service days, are now school days.

In addition, minutes will be added to the school day for the remainder of the school year. The exact times of the school day will be communicated with parents and students.

UNITY STUDENT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERIES

BRIDGING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 2018-2019

Date	Event	Information
September 12, 2018	<i>Tasha Schuh</i> , Motivational Speaker, Ms. Wheelchair USA (2012-2013), Award Winning Author "Purpose, Attitude, and Transformative Hope"	Suicide Awareness and Bullying Prevention Day - Middle and High School Student Presentations *Evening - Community Presentation
September 25, 2018	"Save A Life Tour" Distracted Driving Presentation and Simulation	Day - High School Student Presentation and Simulations
November 6, 2018	"Butler vs. Bullying" Leroy Butler Presentation	Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) Day - Middle and High School Students 9:30 A.M. Presentation
November 13, 2018	<i>Youth and the Dangers of E-cigarettes/Vaping</i> Mary Boe and Brian Kazmarski, Polk County Health Department	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M. Presentation
December 5, 2018	<i>QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)</i> <i>Suicide Prevention Presentation</i> , Kim Henningsgard	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M. Presentation
February, 2019	"Put Out the Flame," Holocaust Presentation Tim Scott	Day - High School Student Presentation
March, 2019	Historical Trauma Presentation To Be Determined	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC)
March 27, 2019	<i>SAM (Stop Abusive Messaging)</i> , Polk County Social Worker Brooke Whitley	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M.
April, 2019	<i>Suicide: The Ripple Effect</i> , Screening and Presentation, Corby Stark	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC)
May, 2019	<i>Polk County Resource Night: Education, Employment, and Beyond!</i>	*Community Presentation for Parents of Students with Disabilities, Grades 8-12

Further details will be provided closer to the event dates. Stay tuned to www.unity.k12.wi.us, the Unity App, or Unity School District on Facebook.

Events Noted by an Asterisk (*) Are Open to the Public.
Times To Be Determined and Provided at a Later Date.

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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.

District Goals to be Reviewed

The Unity Board of Education will be reviewing District progress on the District Goals at their upcoming Board Planning Session. The District's current goals were updated last year. It is possible that the Board may modify existing goals or develop new ones altogether, when taking into account the District's progress. There have been many activities, programs, and efforts to positively impact each one of the current goals. The Unity Board of Education and Administration would like to thank everyone who has been supportive and has worked hard to help Unity realize its goals and make Unity a great place to learn, work, and live!

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 Summer School Planning

The 2019 Summer School Program looks to build on Unity's successful tradition. Enrollment numbers for last summer were absolutely amazing, with over 600 enrolled. Luck and Unity, working collaboratively, provided the area's richest, most rigorous, and creative summer school programming. This year's program will again see the two neighboring districts combining to provide an exemplary learning program for students. The courses offered will be geared toward students' interests while providing a project based approach to learning.

Families and students who are interested in registering for the course offerings at the elementary, middle, and high schools are encouraged to contact their child's office soon. Information will be posted on the school district website regarding the exact dates, times, events, and classes.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, March 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 14	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
March 18 - 22	Spring Break - No School	District	
Tuesday, March 19	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 26	High School Large Group Music Contest	PAC	
Wednesday, March 27	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 27	SAM - Stop Abusive Text Messaging Community Presentation	PAC	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, April 5	Board of Education Planning Session	TBD	9:00 AM
Friday, April 5	CESA Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 9	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 10	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, April 11	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Tuesday, April 16	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 17	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, April 18	Kindergarten Circus	UHS Gym	10:00 AM
Friday, April 19	No School	District	

"Expect Great Things"

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