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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Joint Finance Committee is scheduled to take up the education portion of the state budget on Thursday, May 23. Latest discussion involves potentially splitting the budget into two bills, something that has not likely been done since the executive budgeting process began in 1931, according to WisPolitics.com. Districts will continue to plan upcoming budgets based on key assumptions used in the past. We are expecting to be in our next fiscal year prior to the budget being finalized.

HOCKEY CO-OP

Frederic will be taking its turn providing Athletic Director support and acting as the fiscal agent for the Blue Line Blizzard Hockey Co-op, beginning with the 2019-20 school year. The Co-op will likely begin charging districts an athlete participation fee.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMMING

2.9 million meals are served throughout Wisconsin during summer school, as part of the summer food service program. This program allows students under the age of 18 to eat for free. The DPI is encouraging districts to promote this excellent opportunity for students to have free meals during much of summer. At a modest rate, Frederic students eat more than 12,000 free meals during the summer months, all sponsored through this program.

CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT/PERSONALIZED LEARNING DAYS

The final day for students and staff will be May 31, with students attending a half day and staff having an afternoon in-service and year-end gathering. It's not too early to begin planning for winter weather next year, so the District will be exploring options with personalized learning days or digital learning days to combat future inclement weather days.

ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

We anticipate finishing the school year with balanced head count numbers from where we began the year. Although we have had students moving in and moving out of the district throughout the year, the numbers have been pretty steady. In past years we experienced larger increases after the January count date and then larger loss over the summer months. The consistency should help with planning for next year.

TRANSPORTATION

For the second year in a row, Kobussen is increasing its per hour pay to drivers by \$1.00 per hour. The increase for Frederic drivers means a 1.5% increase on the District's overall rates beginning with the 2019-20 school year. The increase is being done to combat the national shortage in bus drivers.