

District Administrator's Report

March 2019

Unity Updates Long-Range Plan

Unity School District's Comprehensive Long-Range Plan was reviewed and updated at the recent Board of Education planning session. The plan includes a strategic approach to the District's next ten years. The revised plan has various components; a Facilities Plan, Campus Maintenance Plan, District Vehicle Replacement Plan, District Teaching and Learning Pathway, Curriculum Development Materials Summary, Technology Plan Replacement Schedule, and Community Partnership Outline. A new aspect of the plan was included this year, a Curriculum Review Timeline that defines which curriculum content areas will be reviewed annually over the next ten years.

The Comprehensive Long-Range Plan will help to ensure that Unity School District continues to meet the needs of its students and community into the future, providing quality education programming. Unity is constantly evaluating programming to offer the best educational experiences for its students.

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?

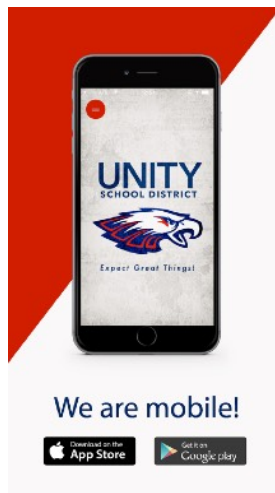
Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

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, WI" at the App Store or Google Play today!

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School Cancellation Days Go Virtual

Unity School District is going virtual with its school cancellations due to inclement weather. Unity has been a leader locally with respect to infusing technology in the learning process. Now, as school districts wrestle with many cancellations due to Mother Nature this year, Unity will be transforming some school cancellations days into opportunities for learning.

Virtual learning days will be a natural evolution for Unity, as it has provided each of its students in grades 5-12 with iPads for enhanced learning. Students in middle and high school will have an opportunity to make a choice between several project based, hands on learning opportunities that they will chronicle on their iPads. Teachers will be available online for them to connect with for additional guidance. The elementary school students have been provided with a "Top Secret Mission" packet that details several activities that they can do once they receive the "password." The elementary's activities are based on a top secret mission theme and coincide with what they are covering in their classes, affording students with some choices in how to best complete their mission.

Unity's Alternative Diploma Program Opens Doors!

In its 15th year, Unity School District's Alternative Diploma Program (ADP) continues to open doors for graduates. It is one of the first and most successful non-traditional, alternative high school programs in the area. Many of its graduates have gone on to successful post-secondary careers, college, technical training, and military service. The program is available to high school aged students, up to age 20, who seek to earn their high school diploma in a unique setting. The program works closely with WITC in providing beneficial opportunities, is project-based, and has an online component. The program is like no other, as it keeps students interested, engaged, and focused on life after high school. Unity's ADP Graduating Class of 2019 will be honored on May 14th!

Unity's Co-Curricular Activities

High School is more than classes and credits. There are many opportunities for students to be engaged in various different ways. From Theater to Forensics, from Band to Choir, from FBLA to FFA, from NHS to Student Council, Unity's students have the opportunity to be a member in some of the most successful co-curricular programs in the area. A record number of Unity's students are participating in regional and state level competitions in its many co-curricular offerings. Unity High School students have been successful in showcasing their talents, hard work, and leadership abilities this year! Through their successes, it is evident that at Unity we "Expect Great Things!"

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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.**

District Goals Renewed

The Unity Board of Education reviewed the District's progress on the District Goals at the Board Planning Session on April 5th. The administration presented the many activities, programs, and efforts that have positively impacted each one of the current goals. Outstanding progress toward these goals have been made, but there is more work to be done in each of these areas. With that being considered, the Board voted to continue the same goals for the 2019-2020 school year.

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 Registration Is Now Open!

The 2019 Summer School Program is the most impressive summer school program in the region. Over 600 students experienced many exciting, engaging, and unique learning opportunities last year. Luck and Unity, working collaboratively, provide 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 are 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. 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, 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	
Wednesday, April 24	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, April 26	Unity PowWow	HS Gym 1	1:00 PM
Tuesday, April 20	Unity Home Golf Match	Luck Golf Course	1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 1	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 4	Unity High School Prom	Paradise - Balsam Lake, WI	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 8	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, May 10	1st and 2nd Grade Musical	PAC	2:00 PM
Tuesday, May 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 14	Unity ADP Graduation	WITC ADP Center	6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 14	5th and 6th Grade Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, May 16	7th and 8th Grade Sprin Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Monday, May 20	High School Spring Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Thursday, May 23	Busy Bugs Spring Concert	PAC	9:30 AM
Friday, May 24	Unity High School Graduation	HS Gym 1	7:00 PM

"Expect Great Things"

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