

District Administrator's Report

April 2021

Summer School Returns In-Person

Unity's Summer School has always been an innovative, engaging, and rewarding experience for students. Unity's first summer school session is on the calendar for June 14 - July 2! These three weeks will have many different learning opportunities for students that will include new activities, exciting classes, and the traditional favorites. This year will also have some offerings geared toward students who need to close the achievement gap due to any learning losses during COVID.

If you are interested in your child attending summer school, please contact your child's school office. Summer School brochures will be made available soon.

Spring Events Around the Corner

Unity's spring season is going to be busy, as there are many activities and events that are being scheduled to close out this unique school year. While some events may look different, an effort is being made to schedule the "traditional" events that occur each spring at Unity. Many events have limited attendance, so please contact your child's school office regarding attending any events.

Some highlighted events include:

- * **NHS Induction Banquet** - Wednesday, April 14, 7:00pm at the Unity PAC.
- * **Unity FFA Awards Banquet** - Sunday, April 25, 4:30pm at the Unity PAC.
- * **Prom** - Saturday, May 1, 6:30pm at Brow Tine.
- * **Scholarship and Awards Night** - Wednesday, May 12, 7:00pm at the Unity PAC.
- * **Unity High School Graduation** - Friday, May 28, 7:00pm at ROK Stadium.
- * **Kindergarten Graduation** - Wednesday, June 2, 10:00am, live streamed to parents.

Unity Long-Range Plan Updated

Unity School District's Comprehensive Long-Range Plan was reviewed and updated at the Board of Education planning session on March 23rd. 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 Cycle Summary, Technology Plan Replacement Schedule, and Community Partnership Outline. The plan will help to ensure the Unity School District continues to meet the needs of its students and community into the future, providing quality educational programming.

Some highlights of the plan updates are:

- * **Curriculum** - English/Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum materials are being reviewed for consideration and adoption.
- * **Technology** - Student iPads are scheduled to be replaced this summer (2021). They were scheduled to be updated last summer (2020) but it was placed on hold due to COVID and virtual learning.
- * **Facilities** - Resurfacing of the tennis courts, parking lot asphalt repair, elementary school hallway flooring, and middle school window replacements are all being considered for summer completion.

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Ripple Effects:

The web-based program, Ripple Effects, supports personalized Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for students within the 5 social/emotional/learning (SEL) domains. Ripple Effects differs from traditional classroom instruction in that teachers are able to customize learning activities for each student based on the student's unique needs and strengths. Additionally, the program provides students with the opportunity to independently and confidentially explore hundreds of learning modules on SEL topics of their own choosing. Topics range from school readiness skills (such as active listening, getting organized, and following instructions) to help with school-based challenges (such as bullying, gossip, and feeling left out) to out of school issues (such as grief, substance abuse, divorce, and sleep problems).

For more information about Ripple Effects, visit <https://rippleeffects.com/>.

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO)

While the vast majority of students report Wisconsin schools as being safe, the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO) threat reporting system aims to empower students to share their concerns safely and confidentially without fear of retaliation. We encourage parents to talk to their students about the importance of letting a trusted adult know about their safety concerns.

Through the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO) system, students, parents, school staff and community members can submit a school safety concern by downloading the SUSO app (Android and iOS), visiting speakup.widoj.gov or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1. There is a quick link available on our District website, www.unity.k12.wi.us. SUSO Resource Center staff work around-the-clock to respond to reports and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and counselors.

Closegap:

Closegap is a digital emotional wellness tool that helps students share their feelings and needs and enables educators to respond. Through a fun, daily virtual check-in, and a library of self-guided activities, Closegap offers students an opportunity to practice emotional awareness, understanding, and regulation.

For more information, visit www.closegap.org!

"Expect Great Things"

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Student Open Enrollment Is Open For 2021–2022

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 2021-22 school year is from February 1-April 30, 2021. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021.

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

Swimming Lessons Returning This Summer!

After being canceled last summer due to the COVID Pandemic, swimming lessons are returning to the Unity Aquatics Center! Lessons will be offered in two formats.

First, lessons will occur for students during summer school. Students will receive swimming lessons and water safety safety/acclimation during their summer school day.

Second, there will also be community education swimming lessons scheduled during the summer. Space may be limited for the community education swimming lessons due to COVID precautions and pool capacity.

Parents can enroll in swimming lessons for summer school by selecting it on the summer school enrollment form. Enrollment for the community education swimming lessons can be found online at www.unity.k12.wi.us, on the Community Education page, starting May 1st.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, April 13	Board of Education Meeting	Library	6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 14	Unity National Honor Society Induction Banquet	PAC	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 15	Unity Employee Vaccine Clinic - 2nd Dose	HS Gym 1	1:00-3:00 PM
Friday, April 16	No School - Remote Learning Work Day	District	
Tuesday, April 20	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	ZOOM	9:00 AM
Wednesday, April 21	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 28	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Saturday, May 1	Unity High School Prom	Brow Tine	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 5	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, May 7	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	CESA - Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 11	Board of Education Meeting	Library	6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 12	Unity High School Scholarship and Award Night	PAC	7:00 PM
Friday, May 14	No School - Remote Learning Work Day	District	
Tuesday, May 18	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	ZOOM	9:00 AM
Wednesday, May 19	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, May 28	Early Release In-Service	District	1:00 PM
Friday, May 28	Unity High School Graduation	ROK Stadium	7:00 PM
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day - No School	District	
Wednesday, June 2	Kindergarten Graduation	Streamed	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 2	Last Day of School	District	
Thursday, June 3	Unity Staff In-Service	District	
Monday, June 14	Summer School - First Day	District	

Unity School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2021)

-  **Nurture and promote a positive and inclusive 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.**