

District Administrator's Report

July 2022

Unity School District

Summer School Continues!

Unity's Summer School Program is always the most impressive summer school program in the region. This year's participation has been astronomical! Over 600 Unity students participated in June, enjoying many exciting, engaging, and unique learning opportunities. The courses offered are geared toward students' interests while providing a project based approach to learning.

Extended Summer School occurs for two weeks in July, for grades 1 through 4. It is scheduled for the weeks of July 11 and 18, Monday through Thursday. There are also many camps and events throughout the summer. Parents are encouraged to contact the Elementary School Office for details on continuing events and activities. Have fun this summer, while still learning!

Food Service Meal Program Update

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will continue reimbursing schools and childcare centers for free meals to all students regardless of their income through the 2022 Summer. This free meal program has been incredibly successful over the past year. The program has ensured that school children do not go hungry and have access to nutritious meals, both breakfast and lunch.

It is likely that the free meal program will cease after this summer, with the elimination of federal funding. Meal prices will be considered by the Board of Education in the summer for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be some increases, based upon WI DPI and WSDA recommendations, as well as food prices.

In addition, at the Board Finance Committee, other meal reimbursement programs were investigated. The Free Universal Breakfast Program and the Community Eligibility Program were considered. The finances and program parameters were reviewed for possible participation. After evaluating the financial cost and program requirements, the Free Universal Breakfast Program is being considered for the 2022-2023 school year. The program is beneficial for students to start their day with a balanced, nutritious meal at no cost.

The percentage of free/reduced, as determined by direct certification, is a qualifying factor for the District's program eligibility. It will be important for families to complete the necessary free/reduced meal program applications and the direct certification process.

"Expect Great Things"

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Summer Is A Time For Projects

Summer 2022 Facilities Maintenance Projects:

- ★ Elementary School Flooring Replacement, Phase 1 (Classrooms and Hallways)
- ★ Middle School Locker Room Renovation (Lockers, HVAC, Flooring)
- ★ Middle School North Roof Replacement
- ★ Replacement of Middle School Exterior Windows and Doors
- ★ Parking Lot Crack Sealing and Patching
- ★ Concrete Sidewalk Replacement
- ★ Pool HVAC Unit Maintenance
- ★ Pool Locker Room Flooring
- ★ Restroom Privacy Partitions
- ★ Gym Floor Refinishing, HS Gym 2 and MS Gym
- ★ LEAP Center Playground Completion
- ★ LEAP Center Cleaning and Maintenance, June 6-10

A Board Long-Range Planning and Facilities Committee meeting is being scheduled prior to the end of May to review the scope of the work, materials selection, and a general revision of the District Facilities Plan.

School Day Schedule Changes for 2022-2023

The school day times will change slightly for the 2022-2023 School year. The changes will provide more time for morning breakfast. There will also be a staggered end to the school day, to more efficiently exit elementary students at the end of the school day, during parent pick-up. The changes also add five minutes to the day, further ensuring compliance with DPI Rule PI 8.01(2)(f), regarding the required hours of instruction.

2022-2023 School Day Schedule:

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| Early Student Dropoff: | 7:55am |
| Students: | |
| Elementary: | 8:15am – 3:15pm |
| MS and HS: | 8:15am – 3:20pm |
| Teacher Work Schedule: | 7:50am – 3:50pm |

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Science Curriculum Increases Hands-On Learning!

As part of the yearly curriculum review process, the District's science and physical education curriculum was reviewed. Curricula is reviewed and adopted on a seven year cycle, as defined by the District's Long-Range Plan. The new proposed science curriculum, as reviewed by the District Curriculum Committee and considered by the Board Policy and Programming Committee, is focused on hands-on learning in the elementary grades. Students will learn through discovery and experimentation. In the upper grade levels, the students will be guided by the scientific method while learning and developing an understanding of science for career readiness and higher education learning.

In addition, proposed updates to physical education equipment, high school leadership curriculum, and an ACT preparation program were considered.



**2022 - 2023
UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOALS**

- 1. PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE BY INCREASING CAREER READINESS THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM, START COLLEGE NOW, AND NEW PROGRAMS.**
- 2. IMPROVE READING ACHIEVEMENT AND LITERACY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM WITH FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALIZED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.**
- 3. CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT SUPPORTIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS.**
- 4. PROMOTE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTER-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

APPROVED BY UNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION - JUNE 2022

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

| DATE | MEETING | PLACE | TIME |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|----------|
| Tuesday, July 12 | Board of Education Meeting | Board Room | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday, July 13 | Administrative Team Meeting | Board Room | 1:00 PM |
| Tuesday, July 26 | CESA 11 Supt. Mentorship Meeting | Turtle Lake | 11:00 AM |
| July 27-29 | WASDA Legal Seminar | | |
| Thursday, August 4 | CESA 11 Administrative Team Legal Summit | Turtle Lake | 8:00 AM |
| Tuesday, August 9 | Board of Education Meeting | Board Room | 6:00 PM |
| Monday, August 15 | CESA 11 Supt. Networking Meeting | ZOOM | 10:30 AM |
| Wednesday, August 17 | Administrative Team Meeting | Board Room | 1:00 PM |
| Monday, August 22 | New Teacher Orientation | Library | 8:00 AM |
| Tuesday, August 23 | First Day Staff Breakfast | Cafeteria | 7:30 AM |
| Tuesday, August 23 | First Day of Teacher Inservice | District | 7:30 AM |
| August 30, 31 | Eagle Academy | District | |
| Thursday, September 1 | First Day of School | District | 8:00 AM |
| Friday, September 9 | CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting | Turtle Lake | 9:00 AM |

