

# District Administrator's Report

*December 2018*

## Unity School District

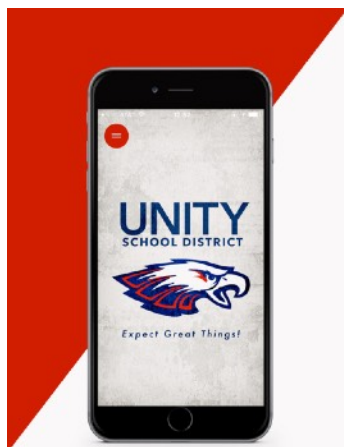
### District and School Report Cards

Unity School District, like all public school districts in Wisconsin, received its district and school report cards in November. Unity School District received an “exceeding expectations” district designation. Unity Middle School also received an “exceeding expectations” designation, while the elementary and high schools received a “meeting expectations” designation. Unity School District is proud of its educators and programming, and is working to improve with each report card.

This is the third year that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction used legislatively mandated growth and value-added calculations for the 2017-2018 School and District Report Cards. Statewide, more than eighty percent of Wisconsin’s public and private school report cards had three or more stars, meaning the schools met or exceeded expectations for educating students.

As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces report cards for every publicly funded school and district in Wisconsin. These Accountability Report Cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas (Student Achievement, Growth, Closing Gaps, and On-track and Post-secondary Success). In addition, given the impact on student success, the Accountability Report Cards also measure chronic absenteeism and dropout rates. A school or district's Overall Accountability Score places the school/district into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings.

It is important to be cautious about drawing conclusions from the overall results noted in the report cards. It is important to analyze the specific results behind the scores to determine what is working well and what needs to be improved upon. Report cards are an important part of the conversation about what happens in a school or district, but it must be paired with local data, student opportunities, and programming that is unique to each district. Report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to target improvement efforts to ensure students are ready for their next educational step, including the next grade level, graduation, college, and careers.



We are mobile!



### 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](http://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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Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

Unity High School offers the most Advanced Placement (AP) courses in the area. High School students benefit from the ability to earn college credits while taking these courses in high school, saving money and getting a head start on their college education. Currently, there are six teachers at the high school who are certified to teach AP courses and over ten courses are offered at Unity.

### 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 <i>"Purpose, Attitude, and Transformative Hope"</i>	Suicide Awareness and Bullying Prevention Day - Middle and High School Student Presentations *Evening - Community Presentation
September 25, 2018	<i>"Save A Life Tour"</i> Distracted Driving Presentation and Simulation	Day - High School Student Presentation and Simulations
November 6, 2018	<i>"Butler vs. Bullying"</i> 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
January 30, 2019	<i>SAM (Stop Abusive Messaging)</i> , Polk County Social Worker Brooke Whitley	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M.
February, 2019	<i>"Put Out the Flame," Holocaust Presentation</i> Tim Scott	Day - High School Student Presentation
March, 2019	Historical Trauma Presentation To Be Determined	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC)
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](http://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.

**Ohhhhhhhh, the weather outside is frightful!**

Update your contact information online or by calling your child's school office.

### School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us)

WCCO Channel 4, [www.wcco.com](http://www.wcco.com)

KSTP Channel 5, [www.kstp.com](http://www.kstp.com)

KMSP Channel 9, [www.myfox9.com](http://www.myfox9.com)

KARE Channel 11, [www.kare11.com](http://www.kare11.com)

iOS or Google App, Unity School District

### Unity Wall of Honor Nominations Sought

The Unity Board of Education has established a "Wall of Honor" to recognize and honor the accomplishments of Unity alumni and employees. Criteria for selection to the "Wall of Honor" will be based on contributions in the areas of education, business, human services, government, athletic, military, fine arts, and community involvement. Alumni selection is based on post-high school accomplishments. The nominee will be screened by a selection committee, which will meet in early March. Deadline for applications each year is March 1st.

If you know of someone who is worthy of being considered for the "Wall of Honor," nomination forms are available at Unity's District and School offices. Additionally, application forms are available on the District website at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us). If you have any questions, call or write to Unity Wall of Honor, Unity School District, 1908 150th St./Hwy 46N, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; (715) 825-3515.



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, December 11	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 12	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, December 13	District Technology Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, December 14	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Friday, December 14	3rd and 4th Grade Concert	PAC	2:00 PM
Monday, December 17	High School Holiday Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 18	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, December 19	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, December 21	Busy Bugs (PreK) Concert	PAC	9:30 AM
December 22 - January 1	No School - Winter Break	District	
Wednesday, January 2	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, January 4	Superintendent Legislative Meeting	Osceola	12:30 PM
Tuesday, January 8	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 9	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, January 10	District Technology Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, January 11	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, January 16	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, January 21	MLK Day - No School - Staff In-Service	District	
January 22-25	WASB State Education Convention	Milwaukee	

"Expect Great Things"

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