

District Administrator's Report

June 2021



Unity Elementary and Middle School Recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin RtI Center

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin RtI Center has recognized Unity Elementary and Middle School for their implementation of a Behavior Model at the Silver level for successfully building a school-wide equitable, multi-level system of supports aimed at closing achievement. National research shows that full implementation of an equitable system leads to improved student outcomes.

By establishing equitable, multi-level systems of supports, Wisconsin schools like Unity Elementary and Middle School are increasing the consistency of effective instruction for all students, building staff knowledge and skills to support all learners, using data to more quickly identify and provide support for students, and shifting to a proactive culture that supports stronger relationships with students, their families, and our communities.

For more information on the school's efforts, visit www.unity.k12.wi.us. To learn more about the Wisconsin RtI Center's Recognized Schools Program, visit www.wisconsinrticenter.org.

The Most Fun and Creative Summer School Returns!

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 14th - July 2nd! 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 already registered, your child should receive information about their summer school classes and schedule this week. If you are still interested in your child attending summer school and did not register, please contact the elementary school office as soon as possible. Summer School brochures are available online and were also sent home with students.

Before and After School Program Being Planned

Unity is planning to offer a before and after-school child care program this fall. The program was being developed prior to the COVID pandemic but was paused during last year. Unity has restarted the planning process with a target of offering a program at the start of the school year. While the program is early in the planning stage, it will be geared toward elementary school students. The program will be composed of a balanced approach to recreation, play, and discovery learning. The program will be fee-based, dependent upon the amount of time a child is in the program. A proposal is expected to be brought to the Unity Board of Education at the July or August Board meeting.

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Unity Long-Range Plan and Summer Projects

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, and elementary, middle school and district exterior window and door replacements are all being considered for summer completion.

We are having tons of fun at the LEAP Child Care Center!

Our youngest Eagles are learning and growing, too! From apple tasting, to barnyard animals, to light tables and more, we are expanding our brains and learning about our world through play!

The LEAP Center has openings for children ages six weeks to four! Call Heather at 715-825-3500 x4000 for more information.

<https://www.unity.k12.wi.us/page/leap-little-eagles-at-play-child-care-center>



"Expect Great Things"

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Food Service Meal Program Update

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in April that it will continue reimbursing schools and childcare centers for free meals to all students regardless of their income through the 2021-2022 school year. This free meal program has been incredibly successful over past year. The program has ensured that school children do not go hungry and have access to nutritious meals, both breakfast and lunch. Further details will be provided later in the summer as the WI DPI processes the program change and extension.

Meal prices are typically considered by the Board of Education in the summer for the following school year. In light of the free meal program extension, meal prices will not be considered at this time.

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.

District Budget Planning

The District budget process has begun as administration is analyzing the educational impact of the Governor's Proposed State Budget as well as the action taken by the Joint Finance Committee. This year's budget process is also affected greatly by federal funding due to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

The legislative budget development process is in full swing and there are ongoing conversations regarding education funding that will likely result in changes prior to the final state budget. It is expected that the entire process may take several more months to arrive at an approved state budget. Unity will be working through budget calculations and implications through the summer.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Monday, June 7	CESA 11 Legislator Meeting	ZOOM	10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 8	WIRSA Legislative Update Meeting	ZOOM	9:00 AM
Tuesday, June 8	Board of Education Meeting	ULC	6:00 PM
Friday, June 11	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	ZOOM	9:00 AM
Monday, June 14	Summer School - First Day	District	
Wednesday, June 16	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 23	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, July 2	Last Day of Summer School	District	
Wednesday, July 7	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
July 12 - 15	ALERT Safety Training at School - Polk Co. Sheriff	District	
Tuesday, July 13	Board of Education Meeting	Library	6:00 PM
July 19 - 22	District Audit	Board Room	
Wednesday, July 21	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 10	Board of Education Meeting	Library	6:00 PM
Monday, August 23	First Day of Fall Staff In-Service	District	8:00 AM
August 25, 26	Eagle Academy	District	
Wednesday, September 1	First Day of School	District	8:00 AM

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.

Have you ever thought of teaching a class?

Unity Community Education is gearing up for a full return in the fall. Unity School District's Community Education Program is continually looking for instructors for classes. Unity Community Education offers a diverse catalog of classes to meet the needs and interests of the community. The program is looking for new, exciting, and interesting classes. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact Amanda Warner at (715) 825-3515 x5010.