

District Administrator's Report

July 2020

Unity School District

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and School Reopening Plan

- Information regarding Unity School District's response to COVID-19 will be updated and shared on the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us. All communication with parents has been posted to the website.
- **The Unity School District Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year will be made available to families and the Unity Community on Wednesday, July 15. Every effort is being made to provide a five day school week for children in the coordinated plan. In addition, we are developing an independent virtual learning option as a choice for families. The Reopening Plan will be available, along with other importation information, on the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us.**
- Unity Board of Education meetings are being conducted virtually, via Zoom, during the school closure. The login information for the meeting is located at the top of the published agenda on the school district website.

Graduation Ceremonies

- Unity's 2020 High School Commencement Exercise is scheduled to be conducted Thursday, July 16 at the ROK Stadium. Attendance at the ceremony is by invitation only, with graduating seniors being given six tickets for family and friends. The ceremony will be streamed online. We look forward to celebrating the successes of the Unity Class of 2020!
- Unity's 2020 Alternative Diploma Program (ADP) Commencement Exercise was conducted on Tuesday, July 14 at the Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC). Attendance at the ceremony is by invitation only, with graduating seniors being given six tickets for family and friends. It was fantastic celebrating the successes of the Unity ADP Class of 2020!

Aquatics and Fitness Centers Reopen

- The Unity Aquatics and Fitness Centers have reopened to the public. The hours of operation are the normal times. Patrons must pre-register online as the spaces are limited due to social distancing requirements and group size limitations.
- Increased cleaning procedures and other health safety precautions have been implemented.
- Red Cross Swimming Lessons are currently not available due to the various health requirements.
- Patrons may register online for use of either the Aquatics Center or Fitness Center. The link is on the District website: <https://www.mis.io/portal/unityschooldistrict/member/book>.

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On-Demand Summer School Is A Hit!

- Summer School is a SUCCESS! Nearly 300 students have benefitted!
- You can still enroll, as the programming is “on-demand” and tailored to your needs.
- Elementary School:
 - Weekly lesson and activity packs filled with projects and experiences for home and outdoors.
 - Connection time with a grade level teacher twice a week.
 - Online office hours to share completed projects with your teacher.
 - Fun activities to maintain progress in Reading and Mathematics.
 - Surprise activities and materials delivered by school bus.
 - Food service delivery by school bus continues.
- Middle and High School:
 - Vocal and Instrumental Music lessons online.
 - Strength and conditioning activities and workouts.

LEAP Child Care Center Opens!



The LEAP Center has opened its doors! Children started attending the LEAP (**L**ittle **E**agles **A**t **P**lay) program on Monday of this week. The staff were eager to interact with the children and to communicate with their families. It is a tremendous addition to the Unity Community!

Parents who are considering enrolling their child(ren) are encouraged to contact the school district by email at htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us or by phone at (715) 825-3515 x4000.

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New Learning Management System (LMS)

- Unity learned a great deal during the spring school closure regarding their capability and capacity for online learning. Unity has had the capability of technology with student devices. The District has also had the capacity of an eager and expert teaching staff. The limitation was identified as an organizational framework that was easy to use, powerful, and uniform throughout the system. The decision was made to move beyond Google for a K-12 solution that better meets the District's needs.
- A Learning Management System (LMS) is a platform that helps teachers manage and organize educational materials online and conduct online courses. Learning management systems help streamline the learning process by providing a central location for accessing material online and developing content. LMS software is used by K-12 schools, higher education institutions, school districts, etc.
- LMS software benefits administrators, teachers, and students. Students and teachers can access and upload course material such as calendars, syllabi, assignments, and grades. LMS platforms also allow instructors and administrators to track student progress on an individual basis and at the aggregate level. This software also helps minimize the use of paper materials and supports remote learning.
- Canvas Learning Management Platform: "Make sure your teachers and students have the tools they need to be successful this fall. With solutions for learning management, assessment, and professional development, the Canvas Learning Management Platform can help you navigate the challenges ahead."

School Day Schedule Changes for 2020-2021

- The school day will be scheduled from 8:15am to 3:15pm for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Upon arriving, students will grab their "Grab & Go" breakfasts and then can take them to their first hour or homeroom.
- Dismissal will occur for all schools at 3:15pm, to ensure that they are all available at the same time for pick-up by parents.
- The end of the day, from 3:15pm to 4:00pm will be available for teacher planning and meetings regarding the new learning model.
- Practices will start earlier and conclude earlier in the evening.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, July 14	ADP Graduation Ceremony	PAC	6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Thursday, July 16	Unity High School Graduation Ceremony	TBD	7:00 PM
August 3-6	District Audit	District	
Tuesday, August 11	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
August 26, 27	Unity Academy	District	
Tuesday, Sept. 1	First Day Of School	District	

"Expect Great Things"

Unity 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.

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