

# District Administrator's Report

January 2020

## Unity School District

### Diploma Plus Program Sees Additional Programming

Unity High School's Diploma Plus Program has helped many graduating students over the past few years earn college credit or certification in addition to their high school diplomas. With the Unity Board of Education adopting a district goal that focuses on "career, college, and technical readiness," there has been a renewed effort to establish cooperative agreements with the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) for transcribed and articulated credit for Unity's students who participate in specific career and technical education (CTE) classes. Next school year will see the most dual credit opportunities for Unity's high school students ever. In addition, Unity High School has some of the most Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college credit available for a high school of its size.

### Unity's LEAP Program Updates

- Unity's Child Care program will be known as LEAP, "Little Eagles At Play!"
- The program will operate on a weekly fee-based payment schedule.
- Heather Tiedemann is the program director and is currently developing the programming and activities for the center. The center staff has started and are currently participating in training.
- Parents who are considering enrolling their child(ren) are encouraged to contact the school district at [htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us](mailto:htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us). The wait list has is being developed. Information is available online at [www.unity.k12.wi.us](http://www.unity.k12.wi.us).
- Interior finish work is being completed, the utilities are being connected, and exterior siding is being installed.
- A grand opening date will be made available soon, but it is anticipated that the center will open at the beginning of February.

### NEWS FLASH!

### Unity's District Report Amongst Highest in the Area!

Unity School District received a 2018-2019 Report Card Score of 76.7, or "Exceeds Expectations." This rating is one of the highest in the area and in the Lakeland Conference. Unity High School received a "Meets Expectations" designation, while Unity Elementary and Middle Schools received an "Exceeds Expectations" designation. In addition, all of the schools improved from last year.

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### Student Open Enrollment Opens Soon for 2020-2021

#### 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 2020-21 school year is from February 3-April 30, 2020. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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

### 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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### 2019-2020 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.

### 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 School District Belief Statements

Unity Belief Statements represent our strong convictions, our common core values, and our moral character.

#### We Believe:

- The student, family, school, and community as partners, share the responsibility for a successful educational experience.
- An awareness of and a tolerance for diversity enriches life.
- Learning thrives in a safe, caring, disciplined environment.
- Learning is lifelong.
- Character development (respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship) is an essential component of effective education.
- All individuals learn in different ways, at different rates, and at different times.
- Education includes social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic growth.
- Problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication, and working cooperatively are fundamental life skills.
- In challenging individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
- Education provides students with a solid academic foundation.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Monday, January 13	Upper St. Croix Valley Music Honors Band	PAC	All Day
Tuesday, January 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, January 20	MLK Day, Staff In-Service, No School	District	
January 22-24	WASB Education Convention	Milwaukee	
Thursday, January 23	District Curriculum Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Wednesday, January 29	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Saturday, February 1	FBLA Region 1 Conference	Unity	All Day
Wednesday, February 5	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, February 6	Professional Staff Development Committee Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Tuesday, February 11	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 12	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, February 17	President's Day, No School	District	

"Expect Great Things"

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