School District of River Falls

Joint School Board & River Falls Common Council

November 2, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Meyer Middle School Media Center
230 N Ninth Street
River Falls, WI 54022

Personnel Committee members: Stacy Johnson Myers (Chair), Lindsey Curtis, and Thong Moua.
A quorum of the School Board may be present for information-gathering purposes only.
Agendas can be viewed at https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm or at https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Manner of Public Notification of Meeting**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Welcome and Introductions**
5. **School District Update**
   - A. 2028-33 Strategic Planning Overview 2
   - B. Discussion
     1. What community or educational outcomes are currently working well from the city's perspective?
     2. Where do you see the greatest gaps or unmet needs for students and families across the city?
     3. In what areas do city and school district strategic goals overlap, and where can we align our services or infrastructure?
6. **City Updates**
   - A. City of River Falls 2025-2027 Strategic Initiatives
   - B. River Falls Fire Station
   - C. River Falls Public Library Project
   - D. Housing and Development Updates
7. **Adjournment**

District Update

November 2, 2026
Joint Meeting with River Falls City Council

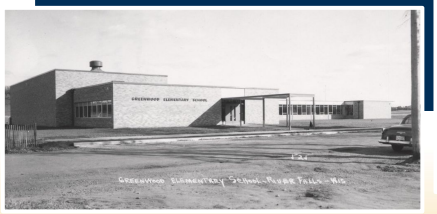
Honoring Tradition, Cultivating Opportunities, and Chasing Excellence

Honoring Tradition













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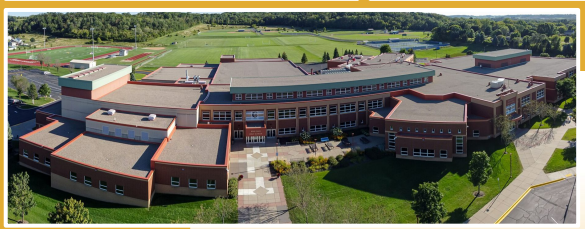














Cultivating Opportunities



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River Falls LEARNS

- Commitment to academic growth of all students.
- Investment in college and career planning experiences.
- Strong systems of support and robust resources for every learner.

River Falls WORKS

- Supportive collaborative teaching culture focused on student learning and high quality teaching practices.
- Mentoring and coach support for all staff.
- Regionally competitive salary and benefits package.
- Dedicated to a strong district and building culture and climate.

River Falls CONNECTS

- Connected and supportive community.
- Transparent and open communication.
- College and technical college connections.

River Falls Learns



Wisconsin Report Card
The River Falls School District "Exceeds Expectations" on the WI 2024-25 DPI School Report Card. The district's achievement score was the same or higher than 81.6% of districts in the state.

RIVER FALLS HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

165 course offerings

736 industry-wide certifications earned

33 students participated in CVTC academies or associate degree programs

166 student registrations for Dual Academic Credit Program (DACP) UWRF credit

1016 transcripted credits earned in 2024-25, saving families **$191,910**

178 students took AP exams

81% earned a score of **3** or higher

3 student-run entrepreneurial businesses at RFHS

RENAISSANCE CHARTER ACADEMY

A student-centered environment with a focus on personal growth and academic achievement. RCA provides Innovative, personalized learning.

1,600+ students served since 1998

average class size **14**

- state-of-the-art CNC/manufacturing and science labs
- flexible course offerings in collaboration with RFHS, UW-River Falls & Chippewa Valley Technical College

CHARACTER EDUCATION

30 State or National Promising Practice Awards

5 State School of Character Awards

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3 Honorable Mention State School of Character Awards

River Falls Connects

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Each student receives instruction in music, art, physical education, and library studies. Gifted & Talented programming to qualifying students. Dedicated time for character lessons during the school day.

4 elementary schools

- 5th Grade Patrol
- LEGO Programs
- Leadership opportunities: Character Council & Student Voice

200+ students contribute to our community through the Character Council, completing more than **20** service projects each year

average elementary class size **22**

RIVER FALLS PUBLIC MONTESSORI

Fostering students who are:
Problem solvers| Engaged | Accountable | Collaborators | Empathetic

200+ students each year, 4k-Gr 6

RFPME TEACHERS:

90% hold at least one Master's Degree

100% have Montessori credentials or are in training

MEYER MIDDLE SCHOOL

6 houses in **1** school

Collectively committed to the academic growth, character development and well-being of every student, every day.

88% co-curricular participation

25+ sports and clubs

20+ service learning projects throughout school and community

Community Education

- **3,500** courses
- **11,500+** participants since 2010

Kids Club SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after-school care. Summer child care with activities, field trips, outdoor play & more.

- **500** students each year

RF4C COMMUNITY-BASED 4K

- **8** community partner sites
- **2,000+** students since 2011
- **100%** of RF4C teachers are WI-licensed early childhood educators

- **70** school forest acres
- **35** school farm acres

River Falls Works





OUR EMPLOYEES

500+ dedicated employees

274 certified staff

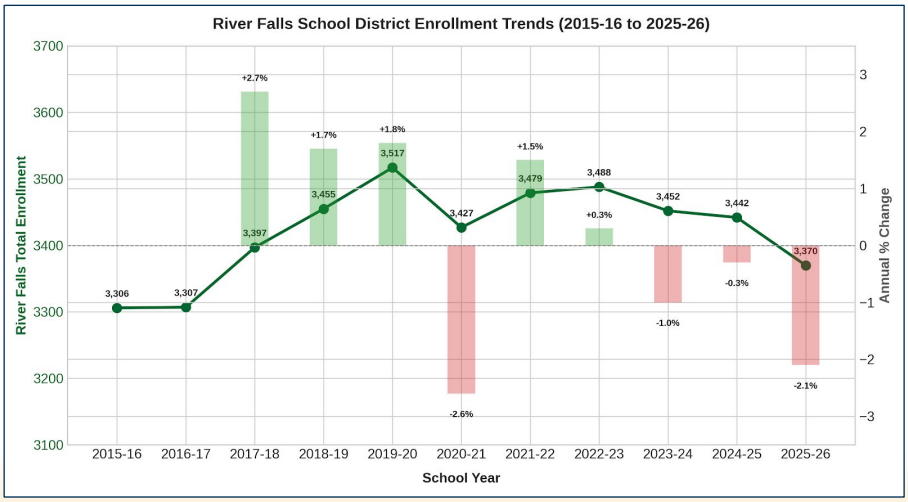
163 teachers & certified staff with MA or higher

60 employees with 20+ years of service



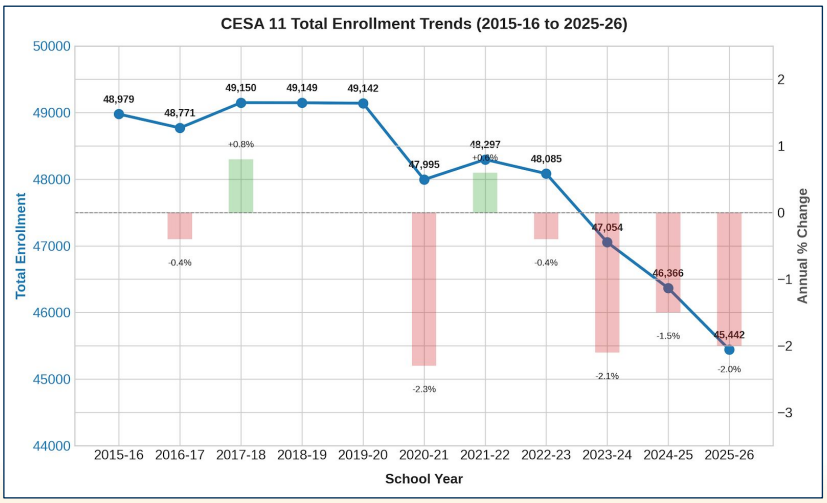
of employees recommend working in our district

Cultivating Opportunities-Enrollment



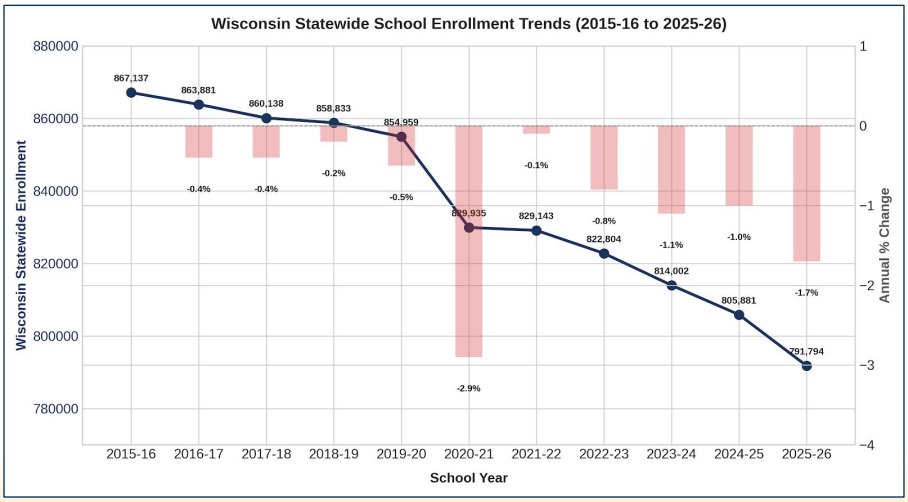
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Cultivating Opportunities-Operational Referendum Increases End

PER PUPIL REVENUE LIMIT	2025-26
River Falls *(if 2024 referendum had not passed.)*	$11,666
River Falls *(because the 2024 referendum passed.)*	$12,344
Regional Average *(Hudson, NR, Menomonie, Prescott, SCC, BW, Ellsworth)*	$12,396

*Includes recurring and non-recurring operational referendum adjustments.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2028-2033

STRATEGIC PLAN 2028-2033

SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



Phase 1
Listen, Learn, and Assess

Phase 2
Strategy Development

Phase 3
Review & Final Approval

Phase 1: Listen, Learn and Assess

October - December, 2026



Gather input and data to build a plan that truly reflects our community.

We want to hear from staff, families, students, and community members about our district's current strengths, challenges, and future needs. Through upcoming meetings and surveys, you can share your vision for our schools or apply to serve directly on the Strategic Planning Committee.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Coffee with the Superintendent ⌄

Community Survey ⌄

Strategic Planning Committee ⌄

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Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Superintendent Bell at the District Office for a free cup of coffee, a quick update on our upcoming strategic plan, and an opportunity to share your thoughts about the future of our schools.

All are welcome and no registration is required.

Time: 7 am
Location: District Office, 852 E. Division Street

Dates: October 8 | November 11 | December 2



Community Survey

Survey dates: October 21 – November 9

Check your mailbox! Every household in the district will receive a survey invitation by mail containing a unique individual code.

You can participate in one of two ways:

Online: Scan the QR code on your letter and enter your individual code to complete the survey online.
By Mail: Complete the paper copy and mail it back using the pre-stamped return envelope provided.
Please note: A unique invitation code is required to access the survey online to ensure accurate, representative feedback.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee will bring together staff, families, and community members to help shape the district's future direction. Participants will be selected with the goal of bringing together a variety of perspectives, experiences, and connections to our schools and community.

The committee will participate in two strategy sessions on Jan. 22–23 and Feb. 4. These sessions will be led by experienced facilitator Dr. Joe Schroeder, who will guide participants through the collaborative strategic planning process.

Interested in participating? Applications will be accepted this winter.

Application link coming soon

Phase 2: Strategy Development

January–March 2027



Develop strategic directions.

The Strategic Planning Committee will use what we heard and learned to help shape the district's future direction. Through two strategy sessions (Jan. 22–23 and Feb. 4), the committee will refine the district mission, vision, and commitments; conduct a SWOT analysis; and identify long-term strategic pillars, five-year objectives, key performance measures, and organizational health targets.

The School Board will remain engaged throughout this work, providing input and guidance as the strategic directions are developed. Input from other stakeholders will also help inform the work and shape the draft strategic directions that will provide a foundation for the final strategic plan.

Phase 3: Review & Final Approval

Spring/Summer 2027



Plan review and approval.

The 2028–2033 Strategic Plan will be developed based on the work of the Strategic Planning Committee and stakeholder input. The plan will be presented to the School Board for review in the spring of 2027.

The final plan will include:

- Actions: Specific short- and long-term initiatives and action steps to move the plan forward.
- Resources: Projected time, staffing, physical, and financial resources needed to support implementation.
- Progress Measures: Benchmarks to monitor implementation, measure progress, and evaluate success.