

District Administrator's Report

February 2019

Unity School District

Construction Class Gets A New Project!

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.

Last year, Unity School District, Workforce Resource, and WITC partnered to offer a construction class to high school students. Many local businesses also sponsored the class, as well as provided training and future job opportunities for the students. Last year's class built a concession stand for the Village of Balsam Lake to be used at Pioneer Park. This year, the class will be building a new greenhouse for the agriculture and life sciences classes on the Unity campus. They will be razing the old one and building a new, more efficient, and functional structure.

The District is excited to work with the local businesses, WITC, and Workforce Resource to offer this outstanding educational experience for our students. This is an experience that will result in a building that will be used by scores of Unity students in the future.

Student Open Enrollment Is Open for 2019-2020

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?

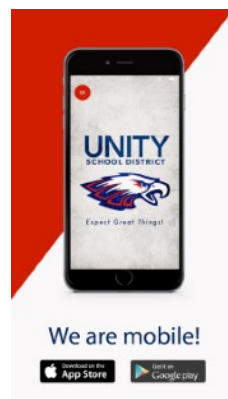
Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

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 2019-20 school year is from February 4-April 30, 2019. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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



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 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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Inclement Weather Causes Calendar Changes

With the snow and cold, this has been an exciting winter season! We hope you are enjoying winter activities. Our physical education classes are enjoying snowshoeing and cross-country skiing while our science classes are learning animal tracking in the snow.

Nonetheless, due to the inclement weather school cancellations, delays, and early releases, Unity School District will need to make some changes to the school day and the calendar. Additional school cancellations or delays may require further modification of the plan.

May 24, Graduation Day, is now a full day of school. June 6 and 7, which were teacher in-service days, are now school days.

In addition, minutes will be added to the school day for the remainder of the school year. The exact times of the school day will be communicated with parents and students.

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) Suicide Prevention Presentation</i> , Kim Henningsgard	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M. Presentation
February, 2019	" <i>Put Out the Flame,</i> " <i>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)
March 27, 2019	<i>SAM (Stop Abusive Messaging)</i> , Polk County Social Worker Brooke Whitley	*Community Presentation Unity Performing Arts Center (PAC) 7:00 P.M.
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, 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.

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School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, www.unity.k12.wi.us

WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com

KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com

KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com

KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com

iOS or Google App, Unity School District

Unity Wall of Honor Nominations

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. 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
Wednesday, February 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, February 15	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Monday, February 18	President's Day - No School	District	
Tuesday, February 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School	District	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 19	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 20	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Friday, February 22	CESA 11 Administrative Assistant Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, February 27	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
March 2, 3	Unity Drama Presents: <i>Divine Sella Divine</i>	PAC	Check Website for times
Thursday, March 7	Professional Staff Development Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
March 7, 8	Early Learning Days	Unity Library	All Day
Friday, March 8	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, March 14	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
March 18 - 22	Spring Break - No School	District	
Wednesday, March 27	SAM - Stop Abusive Text Messaging Community Presentation	PAC	7:00 PM

"Expect Great Things"

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