

District Administrator's Report

November 2019

Unity School District

School and District Report Cards Released by DPI

The Department of Public Instruction released the state report cards for schools and school districts today. Information regarding the report cards and the report cards themselves are available at <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

As part of the state accountability system, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces report cards for every publicly funded school and district in Wisconsin. These Accountability Report Cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas (Student Achievement, Growth, Closing Gaps, and On-track and Post-secondary Success). A school or district's Overall Accountability Score places the school/district into one of five Overall Accountability Ratings:

Rating	Score	Stars
Significantly Exceeds Expectations	83-100	*****
Exceeds Expectations	73-82.9	****
Meets Expectations	63-72.9	***
Meets Few Expectations	53-62.9	**
Fails to Meet Expectation	0-52.9	*

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.

Unity School District is proud of its educators and programming, and is working to improve with each report card.

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 was named as the program director and is currently developing the programming and activities for the center.
- The District has started the hiring process for the various positions at the center. If interested in employment at the center, please contact awarner@unity.k12.wi.us.
- Parents who are considering enrolling their child(ren) are encouraged to contact the school district at htiedemann@unity.k12.wi.us.
- Excavation work has begun at the site. The modules will be delivered and installed by the end of November.
- Policies and procedures for the center will be considered by the Board in December.
- A grand opening date will be made available soon, but it is anticipated that the center will open in mid-January.

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Unity Community Halloween Party A Big Success!

Unity Community Education, along with the Polk County Museum, Kobussen Transportation, Unity High School Student Council, and many local organizations and businesses sponsored a safe evening of Halloween fun for the whole family. There were Trick-or-Treating displays, a free supper, and a family movie. Over 400 people attended the event! Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who made the event a special one for Unity's children and families.

Veteran's Day Assembly

Unity School District honored the area's veterans with an assembly on Monday, November 11th in the new Performing Arts Center. The assembly was at 10:30am. The assembly is an annual tradition and this year the high school choir and the high school band shared their appreciation of our veterans' sacrifices through their performances. Additionally, the Elementary Student Council members shared a special "thank you" to those veterans in attendance. This year's speaker was Senator Patty Schachtner, WI Senate District 10.

The assembly was open to the public and was followed by a lunch reception in the auditorium. Veterans dined with the Elementary Student Council members. Please consider attending in the future if you are able.



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 on any new and exciting information. Look for the app, Unity School District, at the App Store or Google Play today!



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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
 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 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, November 11	Veteran's Day Program	PAC	10:30 AM
Tuesday, November 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 13	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, November 14	Parent Teacher Conferences	District	4:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Friday, November 15	End of Trimester	District	
Tuesday, November 19	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Thursday, November 21	Community Education: <i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	Orpheum Theatre	5:00 PM
November 25-29	Fall Break - No School	District	
November 28	Thanksgiving	District	
Monday, December 2	High School Honors Choir	PAC	All Day
Monday, December 2	High School Honors Choir Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 5	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, December 9	6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choir & Band Holiday Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 10	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 11	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Monday, December 16	High School Band & Choir Holiday Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 17	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM

"Expect Great Things"

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