

*Dear School District of Wisconsin Dells Community Members,*


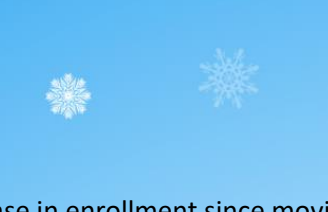

As we return from the Thanksgiving break and enter the month of December, it will certainly be a busy time with the beginning of the winter sports season. There are 15 total school days before the winter recess, and I wish to remind everyone on the virtues of excellent daily attendance habits. Our principals have set attendance goals, as when our students exhibit good attendance patterns students typically perform better academically than those who do not exhibit regular attendance. Keep up the good work!

On Monday, December 5, 2022 the board of education will take a few moments to recognize the WDHS soccer team for their first-ever appearance at the WIAA State Tournament. This will officially close out their season, and we wish to recognize the coaches and the student-athletes for all of their accomplishments as well as the excitement they have brought to our community this past fall season. This will take place in the WDHS library at approximately 7:30 p.m.



As a reminder, inclement weather will likely take place at some point in December, and the District will utilize the following four methods as our primary way of communicating with the public. The first will be the school messenger service. This will provide a phone call to the number you have provided the District within the Skyward Student Management System. The other media sources are the district Facebook page, WISC-TV 3, and WNNO 106.9 FM are the earliest contacts that the District makes. If the District deems it necessary to early release students because of inclement weather and you have elementary age children, please make sure that we have your alternative day care arrangements in advance and on file at one of the elementary offices. This will greatly assist the office staff as well as the classroom teachers and aides who ensure that your children are on the correct bus or for any alternative pre-approved arrangements. This will ease some of the confusion in an already hectic day!

Please take note of the 2021-22 school report cards as mentioned in Mr. Grove's monthly newsletter article. These annual report cards indicate what items the District and, more specifically, our students are collectively performing well on as well as what areas need greater attention. Often the District is well aware of the areas of strength on the cards as well as the areas the District is striving to improve upon. While the report cards provide a great deal of academic data detail, they do not measure any of the work our educators do with social-emotional learning, thus, as a reminder, the District has always taken a measured approach to reporting out the details in the report card. Often one of the best measures we do, however, take a great deal of pride in is the growth of individual students. For the most part, this is an area the District has typically done a good job at and in turn has resulted in good ratings for individual schools as well as the overall district score.

I wish to take a moment to thank everyone for the feedback and support with the passage of the operating referendum. The support of the revenue will go towards maintaining or slightly expanding the district's service level. One such example of increasing its service level will be the discussion of bringing on a second Ag-Science teacher at WDHS and WDMS. Our students are very interested in this area of career and technical education (CTE) programming. Following surveying for student interest, we will determine the need to bring on a second instructor. One of our goals at WDHS is to expose high school students to as much hands-on/project-based learning experiences, and courses such as these have seen



a big increase in enrollment since moving into the new high school these past couple of years. Mrs. Hoch's article expands on this topic as well. Please take a few moments to check out her article.



In closing, we hope you take a few moments to enjoy the monthly edition of our e-newsletter. Our students and staff are striving to reach our vision statement of academic and individual excellence for a stronger community, and we recognize there will always be challenges to get better. We thank you for the opportunity to serve our communities' children for they are both our highest priority and it is our privilege to do so!

Sincerely,

*Terrance R. Slack*