



Wausau School District News

March 2022

Our Mission . . .To advance student learning, achievement, and success.



REMINDER: Wausau School District Referendum Question on the April 5th Ballot

The purpose of the April 5th Referendum is to enhance the educational experiences for every Wausau School District student, while at the same time, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all. Our public schools are the heart of this community and setting our students up for success will lead to stronger schools, which in turn will lead to an even stronger community. So let's go forward together; making a difference.



Referendum | April 5, 2022

What are the needs being addressed through this proposed referendum?



Safety & Security



**Facility & Deferred
Maintenance**



**Right-Sizing Our
Learning Spaces**





Projected Property Tax Decrease

Referendum | April 5, 2022



On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents of the Wausau School District will vote on a referendum question.

If approved by voters, the \$119,800,000 million referendum would lower the tax levy, while at the same time allow the district to address its most pressing facility needs. The district would move forward with safety & security improvements at all elementary schools, as well as, adding additional classroom space at Stettin, South Mountain, and Riverview elementary schools to address increasing enrollment and alleviate capacity concerns. The district is also moving forward with all work at its middle and high schools; addressing deferred maintenance and safety & security needs there. It will also make facility improvements at the Wausau School Forest, including a new Environmental Learning Center.

An approved referendum would have an estimated property tax impact of negative \$0.43 on every \$1,000 of property value in school district. The owner of home valued at \$150,000 would see an annual tax reduction of about \$64.50.

[Learn More About the Referendum by Clicking Here](#)

**Crews are Removing Some Trees at Horace Mann;
Part of Larger District Project to Limit Impact of
Emerald Ash Borer**



Crews are removing mostly ash trees from the Horace Mann Middle School campus.

This is part of a larger project in the Wausau School District; one designed to remove declining ash trees on school campuses district-wide, while at the same time, reducing the number of those trees in general to limit the impact of the Emerald Ash Borer. If you're not familiar with the Emerald Ash Borer, it's an invasive beetle, discovered in our area, that destroys ash trees.

Once removal is complete, the Wausau School District will turn its focus this spring to replanting trees, of different species, in those areas.

DPI Recognizes our Nutrition Services Team



Congratulations to the Wausau School District Nutrition Services Team!

March 7 - 11 was National School Breakfast Week, and as part of that, they were named

'Breakfast Heroes' by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

The Wausau School District has nutrition services staff at all of our schools ensuring that our students are fed. They truly are heroes and are so deserving of this award.

THANK YOU, Nutrition Services Staff, for everything you do!!



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Reminder! Registration Open for Summer Learning



[Click here to register your child for summer learning](#)

Wausau School District Students Honored



Wausau West High School Band Student Recognized During Sun

Prairie Jazz Festival

Congratulations to Wausau West High School band student Levi Mathias for being awarded runner-up for the Birch Creek Music scholarship at the Sun Prairie Jazz Festival. Levi received high praise from the clinicians for his skill and artistry in improvisation.

Wausau West's Orchestra Headed to State Solo & Ensemble



Congratulations to the Wausau West High Orchestra for earning a trip to the State Solo & Ensemble competition for their performance of Mozart's 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.' Kirsten Hornby is the West High Orchestra director.

Congratulations to these 5 Wausau School District students who have been accepted into WSMA State Honors ensembles!

Ian Harsh - Wausau East
Hyojoon Kim - Wausau East
Ryan Hoganson - Wausau West
Levi Mathias - Wausau West
Emma Senanayake - Wausau West



Wausau East Senior Recognized by the Milwaukee Bucks



Wausau East Senior Cheyenne Schepp has received the Perseverance Award from the Milwaukee Bucks for overcoming adversity to compete or excel in interscholastic sports.

Cheyenne was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Despite that, she continued to serve, inspire, and grow as an educational-based athlete. As Wausau East Activities Director Kurt Vanden

Heuvel said in Cheyenne's nomination 'I want to nominate Cheyenne Schepp for the Milwaukee Bucks Perseverance Award' for her ability to put TEAM over self and continually serve others and make a difference in their lives no matter her circumstances. Cheyenne is a special person who will not let her adversity affect her attitude, goals, and smile.'

Wausau East High SkillsUSA Team Recognized During Regional Competition



Congratulations to the Wausau East High SkillsUSA Team on their success at the regional competition held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. It provides educational programs, events, and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

Katherine Rauscher earned 1st Place in Technical Drafting
Brooke Ohde earned 1st Place in Job Interview
Kendra Ohde earned 1st Place in Extemporaneous Speaking
Izzy Wilke earned 2nd Place in Job Interview
Nora Imhoff earned 1st Place in Advertising Design

Wausau West High SkillsUSA Team Also Recognized



Congratulations to the Wausau West High SkillsUSA Team as well on their success at the regional competition.

Simon Schumacher placed 1st in Machining

Dylan Teske placed 3rd in Machining

Derick Bailey placed 3rd in Power Equipment Technology

Wausau East Students Place at Junior Achievement Business Challenge



Congratulations to Wausau East High School students for placing at the Junior Achievement Business Challenge. Megan Marohl, Sam Bunnell, and Alex Koenig placed 1st out of 15 teams, earned Northcentral Technical College scholarships, and earned a trip to the state competition. Isaac Harding, Alex Benson, and Quinn Barber placed 3rd and earned Northcentral Technical College scholarships. Way to go Lumberjack business students!

Athletes from John Muir, Horace Mann Middle Schools Participate in MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition





Congratulations to Mathletes from John Muir and Horace Mann Middle Schools for their great effort at this year's MATHCOUNTS Regional Competition.

Brayden Kluck repeated as the Regional Champion among all regional competitors.

Riley Stanchik earned third place.

Conner Anklaam earned fourth place.

Emerson Suckow tied for fourth place.

Brayden, Riley, and Conner are competing at the State Tournament this month with other top Mathletes from around Wisconsin.

Central Wisconsin Storm Wins State Championship!



The Central Wisconsin Storm, a girls hockey team made up of players from Wausau East, Wausau West, D.C. Everest, Merrill, and Mosinee, defeated Onalaska on Saturday, March 5, to bring home the state championship for the fourth time in program history. They won 5-0. It's the team's first championship since 2017.

Congratulations to all of the players, including those from the Wausau School District: Claire Calmes (Wausau West), Kaia Abuzzahab (Wausau East), Logan Crawford (Wausau

West), Samantha Federici (Wausau West), Shaelie Parlier (Wausau West), Gianna Travis (Wausau West), Gabi Heuser (Wausau West), Michaela Gerum (Wausau West), Hannah Baumann (Wausau West), Julia DeByle (Wausau West), Ava Rode (Wausau West), Karissa Tranchita (Wausau West), Kailey Grosskreutz (Wausau West), Madi DePuydt (Wausau West), Mackenzie Bautch (Wausau West), and Kate Saari (Wausau West).

Rib Mountain Elementary Dedicates 'Synergy' Mural



Students from Rib Mountain Elementary created a Synergy Mural, with the help of staff and the President of RISE UP Central Wisconsin, using individual paintings merged into a greater piece.

The project was a part of a larger lesson on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Synergy is one of the 7 Habits - inspiring students to work together.

Thank you to the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin's Beyond Pencils & Crayons grant program for sponsoring this project.



Way to go, Rib Mountain Mustangs!

More than 1,000 Students Attend Greater Wausau College, Career & Hiring Fair



More than 1,500 students from Wausau East High, Wausau West High, WAVE, EEA, and D.C. Everest attended the Greater Wausau College, Career & Hiring Fair earlier this month. One hundred local businesses represented all 16 career clusters available in central Wisconsin ranging from law enforcement to the trades.

Thank you to United Way of Marathon County and the Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area for supporting this event.

**Vince Spratte, Wausau West Head Boys Track & Field Coach,
named Wisconsin Track Coaches Association's District 2 Coach
of the Year!**



**Wausau West Student, Claire Butalla, Named Spectrum News
Scholar-Athlete**



[Click here to view the Spectrum News Story](#)

Wausau West's Lexie White Named Player of the Year on the 2021-22 All-Wisconsin Valley Conference Girls Basketball Team



Register Now for our 4K Program!

Registration is open for our 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program for the 2022-2023 school year!

Our District is proud of our 4K Learning Academies located at G.D. Jones, Hawthorn Hills, Riverview, and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools. Our 4K research-based learning model focuses on collaboration and provides a solid foundation for children to reach their full potential. Whether children are enrolled in one of the District's 4K Learning Academies or one of our collaborative community outreach sites - children and their families will be warmly welcomed and come to know and love the 4K program mascot, Tucker Turtle!

[Learn More by clicking here](#)



Dive into WAVE K-5 Virtual Education

**WAVE IS A WHOLE
CHILD-WHOLE
SCHOOL
EXPERIENCE. WE
OFFER A RICH
ONLINE SCHOOL
PROGRAM
PARTNERED WITH
IN-PERSON
SOCIAL
OPPORTUNITIES.**

Join us for access to highly
qualified teachers, a
standards-aligned, vetted
curriculum, and a focus on
social-emotional learning,

Contact Principal Jennifer Seymour for more information.

[Click Here to Enroll](#)

Did you know the Wausau School District is home to Wausau Area Montessori Charter School?

Wausau Area Montessori Charter School is free to families of students in grades K-6. It's housed inside of Horace Mann Middle School.

Montessori is a method of education named after Dr. Maria Montessori. Dr. Montessori looked at education from a scientific level. She believed that education should prepare a person for all aspects of life. She designed materials and techniques that would promote a natural growth of learning in students. Working with these materials and techniques forms a pattern that children carry over naturally to reading, writing, and mathematics. Each skill is developed to interlock with another.

Do you want to learn more? Call 715-261-0795 today!





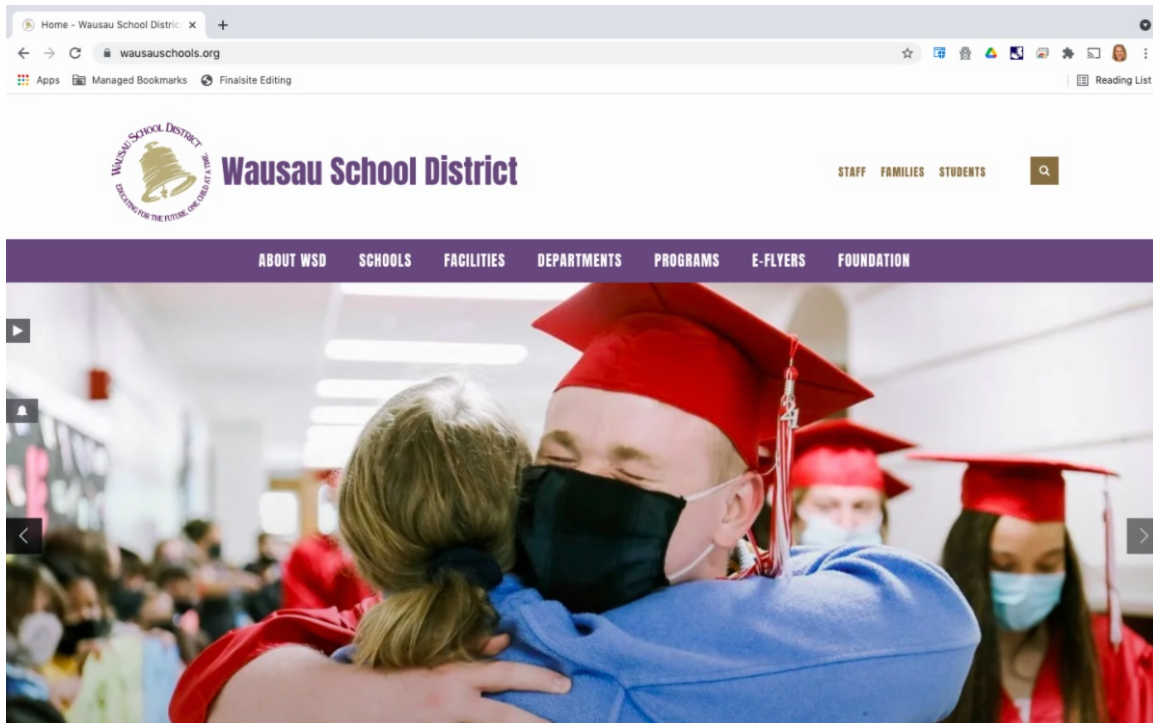
Have you heard of Enrich, Excel, Achieve Learning Academy?

Enrich, Excel, Achieve (EEA) Learning Academy is a resource in the Wausau School District for students who have not found success in the traditional school setting. If your student could benefit from a non-traditional and more individualized form of learning, we invite you to look into our program and explore the possibilities EEA can offer you and your child.

For more information or to set up a tour, please call 715-261-0636.

[EEA's Website](#)

Stay Informed on What's Happening in the Wausau School District!



Our new Wausau School District website is designed to be a hub of information for students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members. Find everything from important information about learning, to Board of Education meeting materials, to the latest news. To check it out, click on the box below.

[Visit our Website](#)

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