

Black Hawk School District

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March 2025

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March 2nd-National Read Across America Day-Dr. Seuss Birthday

ELEMENTARY

Read Across America DRESS UP DAY!



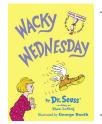
Monday, March 3rd: "Sleep Book"

Wear your pajamas

Tuesday, March 4th: "Oh, The Places You'll Go!"

Dress up like what you want to be when you grow up or a college shirt



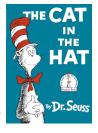


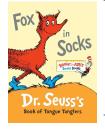
March 5th-Wednesday: "WaCkY Wednesday"

Wear your clothes backward, inside out, or mismatched

March 6th-Thursday: "Cat in the Hat"

Wear your favorite hat





March 7th-Friday: "Fox in Socks"

Wear Crazy Socks!

Black Hawk High School

Student Council



Heart Hush

On Valentine's Day, high school students participated in the Heart Hush. All of the girls wore hearts with their names on them. The rules for the game were that girls couldn't talk to any boys during passing period or lunch time or they would lose their heart to the boy that they talked to. The boy who collected the most hearts won the game. This year the boys who collected the most hearts was Conner Herbst and Spencer Hay-Skattum.





Crush Soda Sales

On Valentine's Day, Student Council members sold soda to the student body during lunch. Student Council collaborated with forensics for "Float Friday" and we sold our soda with their floats. It was a huge success and the students enjoyed it!

Ski Trip

At the end of February, high school students had the opportunity to go on a field trip the Chesnut Ski Resort! Manyof students went and it was lots of fun!





South Wayne Park & Rec

As in the past, we will have programs for children 4-k through 8th grade. The following is a list of teams available. The cost for ball programs is \$35.00.

- T-ball for 4k and kindergarten boys and girls (coaches will be in contact, this age level will not start until the very end of the school year)
- Baseball for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls (Coach pitch, coaches will be in contact, this age level will not start until the end of the very end of the school year)
- Softball for 3rd and 4th grade girls, Monday/Wednesday nights
- Baseball 3rd and 4th grade boys, Tuesday/Thursday nights
- Softball for 5th and 6th grade girls, Monday/Wednesday nights
- Baseball 5th and 6th grade boys, Tuesday/Thursday nights
- Softball for 7th and 8th grade girls, Monday/Wednesday nights
- Baseball 7th and 8th grade boys, Tuesday/Thursday nights

No child will be allowed to play up a grade unless there are not enough players for that grade. There will be **no exceptions** to this rule, as there were problems in previous years. Volunteers will be needed to coach every grade.

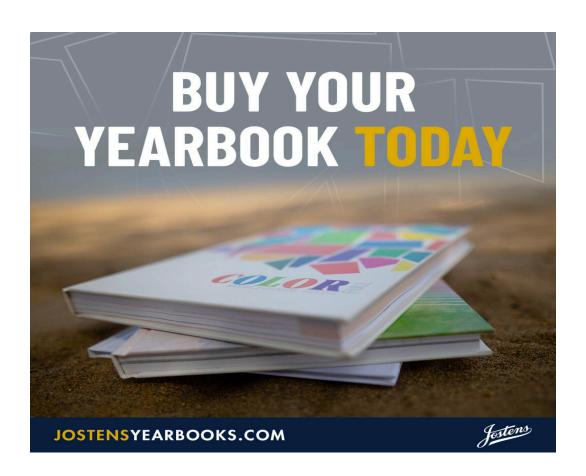
Please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to Black Hawk School or mail to 307 W Pleasant St. no later than March 14th. If you have any questions, you can contact Mindy Stauffacher at 608-636-3194.

* Ball fees go towards paying umps, updating equipment, and park maintenance.							
Please return the form and checks made payable to South ball programs.	Wayne	e Recrea	tion De	partment f	for \$35.00	child for	
Child's Name							
Parent's Name, phone number, and email							
Grade JUST FINISHED for ball programs:							
Shirt Size: 4k-2 nd grade (circle one): Child sizes:	S	M	L	XL			
Shirt Size: 3 rd -8 th grade (circle one): Adult sizes:	S	M	L	XL			

Dual Credit Course Applications Due March 7th

2025-2026 juniors and seniors who are interested in applying for dual credit courses through the Wisconsin technical college system, such as Southwest Technical College, need to have their applications to Ms. Crotty or Mr. Milz by March 7. Colleged Up and Start College Now programming and information can be found at the following link:

https://www.swtc.edu/academics/start-college-now#:~:text=Start%20College%20Now%20allows%20students,while%20also%20completing%20high%20school.



High School, Middle School, and Elementary are available!

High School \$55.00 Middle School \$15.00 Elementary \$11.00

^{*}Please send Cash or Check payable to Black Hawk School if you would like to order a 2024-2025 Yearbook.

Black Hawk Honor Roll

1st Semester 2024-2025

3.0-3.666 Honor Roll

6th Grade

Cyrus Akins Iosie Brooker

Annalise Frei

Easton Larse

Carson Lehman

Leah Mosley

Russell Ruegsegger III

Kanyon Seffrood

Rainah Seiple

Layla Sigafus

Carsyn Smith

Adelayne Williams

Ethan Wisnefski

7th Grade

Mia Breadon

Lane Foster

Ellie Gee

Elliott Hagen

Levi Jenson

Addisyn Johnson

Ryker Larse

Mason Lehman

Jacob Leverton

Makena McCauley

Johnathan Raisbeck

Rubi Ramirez Lopez

Trytin Wild

8th Grade

Zoev Brooker

Blake Dunlavey

Bryce Edler

Andria Lancaster

Braylen Schulze

Tucker Seffrood

Kayden Stauffacher

Wade Werren

Tate Whalen

Dalia Williams

3.667-3.99 High Honor Roll

6th grade

Madilyn Berget **Bradley Figi Iake Fox**

Archer Johnson

Kaylyn Lumley

Brooklyn Street Eli Wisnefski

7th Grade

Adalie Grossen

Jakobi Lewis Cooper Paquin

8th Grade

Ryan Curran

Charli Long

Charles Pickett

Alexa Ruegsegger

4.0 Distinguished Honors

6th grade

Josephine Signer

8th grade

Josslyn Lewis

3.0-3.666 Honor Roll

9th Grade

Eli Gee

Dax Paquin

Kylie Saidat

Jaelei Scott

Evan Sigafus

Katilyn Stegall

Mitchell Wand

10th Grade

Brody Argall

Sadie Brown

Emily Curran

Cole Dunlavey

Ashlynn Eckerman

Freya Haas

Conner Herbst

Danielle Martin

Alexis Stietz

Jerzey Wiegel

11th Grade

Reese Anderson Riley Corley

Landon Foster **Iacob Woodruff**

12th Grade

James Holland Riley Mosley Alli Nall

Brycen Wilson

3.667-3.999 High Honor Roll

9th Grade

Makaylah Curran Maxwell Fox Reese Smith

11th Grade

Emily Figi Payton Stietz

12th Grade

Griffin Komprood Emily McCoy Owen Seffrood

Olivia Signer Rylee Simmons

4.0 Distinguished Honors 9th Grade

Mason Schultz

10th Grade

Jaci Kammes Madelynn Place

11th Grade

Keira Brunner Mya Milz

Alyvia Ruegsegger

Taylor Stegall

12th Grade

Beau Bredeson Alyssa Broge Molly Edler

Madyson Lange Elijah Schliem

Hailey Wellnitz

Thank you, from the Warrior Backpack Program!!!

Our school & community volunteers want to thank everyone that has thought of our program this school year, whether making food or monetary donations to get the school year started, or thinking of us over the holiday season.

What is the Warrior Backpack Program? Families can sign students up for this free program to help ease weekend food needs. Our volunteers pack food bags of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare breakfasts, lunches, & snacks and these are distributed weekly to each student's backpack or locker. The funds for the supplies come from local community & business donations, as well as grants obtained through Caring for Kids in Green/Lafayette Counties.

If you have questions about the program or would like to volunteer or donate, please feel free to contact Melissa Pickett or Tiffany Signer at school.

The Black Hawk Booster Club would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your incredible support during our winter sports fundraisers (Chuck-a-Duck, 50/50, and March Madness ticket sales). Your contributions have made a significant impact and we truly appreciate each and every one of you! We are constantly seeking new and exciting ideas for future fundraisers. If you have any fun suggestions, please reach out to a Booster Club Member or bring your ideas to our Monthly Booster Club Meeting. Together, we can continue to create amazing opportunities for our students at Black Hawk! Thank you once again for your unwavering support!







Winter Officer Retreat
On February 7th our officer team left for our Winter Officer Retreat! On Friday our officer team stopped for lunch, got groceries, and did lots of planning! At night we made a pasta meal, then we did some officer bonding in the hot tub and finished our night playing a little bit of pool! On Saturday we made breakfast and then we spent the whole morning planning! We went into town for lunch and took a quick stop at Cabelas! We went back to the house and did more planning until we made pizza for dinner! After dinner, we again did officer bonding in the hot tub and played some pool! On Sunday we packed up and headed home! Needless to say, we did a lot of planning and are extremely excited for the rest of the year





Pancake Breakfast

On February 15th the Black Hawk FFA held our FFA Pancake Breakfast! We had pancakes, eggs, sausage, and cinnamon rolls! We thank the community that came and hope you had an amazing breakfast!

LDE/CDE Practice

Our members have spent February practicing for their Leadership and Career Development Events! They have spent their free time practicing for their specific event and are ready to compete in their second round of LDE's on March 19th and their first round of CDEs on March 12th!





Monday

Monday was our first day of FFA week activities and we had so much fun! To start the morning off our officers handed out cookies to the students as they came in the door! Our classroom activities were Officer Jeopardy and Egg Toss! Our winners were Beau Bredeson and Ian Drewes! They tossed their egg 63" before it broke! Our lunch activity was Officer Showdown! Our officers attempted to answer Ag-related questions and if they got it wrong they got a pie in the face! Needless to say, everyone enjoyed Officer Showdown (except for the officers) We had a great first day!



Tuesday

Because school got canceled on Tuesday due to the cold weather we held our Tuesday
FFA activities the next Monday. We started our morning by handing out cuties! In the
classroom, we played mini golf, bags, and ping pong! Our mini-golf winner was Max Fox!
At lunch we had a bubble gum pie eating contest! Alex Broge was the winner, finding the
gum and blowing a bubble the fastest!

Wednesdau

Although it's the third day of the week, due to our school cancellation on Tuesday, it is only our second day of our FFA week activities! We started the morning by handing out cinnamon rolls! Our classroom activity was a fan favorite, Stud Styling LTo determine the winner, we had a poll on our social medias so everyone could vote on the best stud styled! James Holland and the senior class won. At lunch, we played plinko and a saran wrap game! Emily Figi was our game winner!





Thursday

Thursday was our 3rd day of FFA activities! To start off the morning we handed out cheese sticks! Our classroom activity consisted of minute-to-win it games! We had an Oreo, nut stacking, and a cup stacking game! Our winner for the Oreo game was Jayden Price! Beau Bredeson, Spencer Hay, and Ian Drewes won the cup stacking game! The nut-stacking game winners were Reese Anderson, Riley Corley, and Emily Figi! Our lunch activity was milk chug and Cooper Baumgartner was the winner!

Friday

On Friday we started our morning by handing out cinnamon roles again! Our classroom activity was Ag Olympics! This consisted of finding a penny in sawdust, kick the stick, bale throwing, and hobby horse racing! Our winners who threw the bale the farthest were Cole Duniavey and Alli Nall! Javin Stietz won kick the stick! Our lunch activity was Ice Cream social! It's always a good day when you get ice cream and especially when it's FFA week! Although it was the last day of the week we still had one day left of our FFA activities!



GET THE FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL BREAKFAST





Close the School Breakfast Gap with Innovative Solutions

It's a known fact that students who eat breakfast perform better in school, yet only half of the students who eat school lunch also start their day with a healthy school breakfast due to well-known barriers:

Transportation • Schedules • Peer Pressure • Stigma¹
 Innovative breakfast service models, otherwise known as "Breakfast After the Bell" programs, remove these barriers and are proven to increase student participation in school breakfast.¹

GET THE FACTS

Students who eat breakfast have...

Better Grades, Attendance, and Behavior and are shown to achieve

17.5%
HIGHER
SCORES

on standardized tests!1

Stronger Brain Functions



cognitive function, attention, and memory.2 Improved Reasoning Skills



for demanding mental tasks, and reaction to frustration.² Sufficient Vitamin Intake



including Vitamin C, vitamin A, calcium, phosphorous.²

SHARE THE FACTS

- Share this infographic to spread awareness of the critical importance of school breakfast and how "Breakfast After the Bell" programs are proven to increase student participation!
- Go to FuelUp.org/Funding to learn more about applying for school nutrition equipment to support innovative school meals programs in your school.

https://www.networkforphl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Issue-Brief-Summary-of-State-Laws-Addressing-the-School-Breakfast-Gap-5-23-19.pdf
FRAC Research Brief: Breakfast for learning: breakfastforlearning-1.pdf (frac.org)

WORLD OBESITY DAY

Every year on March 4th, World Obesity Day encourages people across the globe to respond to the obesity crisis. It's also a day to increase obesity awareness, encourage advocacy, improve policies, and share experiences.

According to the Worldwide Health Organization (WHO), obesity affected over 650 million adults in 2016. Today, that number is closer to 800 million. This number has tripled since 1975. Adults that have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more are considered obese. Poor health is one of the many consequences of obesity. Here are some health issues associated with obesity:

- Premature death
- High blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Coronary heart disease
- Sleep apnea
- Chronic pain
- Certain kinds of cancers

Obesity also takes a toll on one's mental health as well. It's not uncommon for those who are obese to suffer with anxiety, depression, and other mental disorders.

Some people mistakenly think that overeating is the sole cause of obesity. This may be true in some cases, but not all. There are other causes of obesity. Some of the root causes of obesity include genetics, lack of sleep, poor mental health, certain medications, and a lack of access to proper healthcare. Some people also lack an education on basic nutrition.

Those who struggle with obesity often experience weight bias. This means that people have a negative attitude about them because of their weight. When this occurs, those who are obese can be discriminated against in the workplace or education setting.

HOW TO OBSERVE #WorldObesityDay

- World Obesity Federation encourages people living with obesity to share their stories.
- People can also show their support for the youth-led <u>Act4Food Act4Change</u> campaign.
- Many health care organizations host educational seminars about the health issues associated with obesity.
- Learn more about how obesity plays a role in poorer mental health and reduced quality of life.
- Find ways to support people in your life that are struggling with obesity.
- Make it a mission to understand the roots of obesity and do your part to stop the stigma.
- Educate yourself about the obesity crisis by reading, A Big Fat Crisis by Deborah A.
 Cohen, MD, or Planet Obesity: How We're Eating Ourselves and the Planet to
 Death by Garry Egger and Boyd Swinburn.
- Spread awareness for this day on social media with #WorldObesityDay.

WORLD OBESITY DAY HISTORY

Over the past couple of decades, various obesity awareness days have been held throughout the world. One of the first was European Obesity Day, established in 2010. To increase further awareness, the World Obesity Federation launched World Obesity Day in 2015. Since then, several organizations across the globe have come together on this day to respond to the obesity crisis.



SPRING 2025

SHULLSBURG MINERS TRAP TEAM

TRAP TEAM IS OPEN TO STUDENTS IN
GRADES 6-12 WHO POSSESS A LEAGUE APPROVED FIREARM
SAFETY CERTIFICATION, WI HUNTER CERTIFICATION, OR
COMPLETES THE WI CLAY TARGET SAFE TRAINING. ALL
SHULLSBURG TRAP TEAM MEMBERS MUST MEET ALL SCHOOL
CURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

TEAM MEETING MARCH 6TH

6:30PM

SHULLSBURG SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Registration for the SPRING season ends at **NOON** on **March 24th**.

Competition days are Sundays so we can work around schedules for other sports. You can participate in trap even if you are in another sport!

Our Coaches: Brad Teutschmann, John Ray, Lauren Ray, Casey Fennell, Travis Johnson, and Ryan Thompson

SPRING 2025 Season starts on MARCH
30TH

Team philosophy: Safety, Fun & Marksmanship

Never handled a shotgun before??? THAT'S OKAY!! WE WILL TEACH YOU!

TRAP TEAM
COMPETES ON
SUNDAYS at
Blackhawk
Sportsman's Club
2273 Cty B South
Wayne, WI

minerstrapteam@gmail.com Follow us on Facebook:

Shullsburg Miners Trap Team



We are excited to introduce the **School To Work (STW) and Youth Apprenticeship (YA) programs** for the 2025-26 academic year. These programs are designed to provide high school juniors and seniors with valuable hands-on employment experience in a career pathway of their choice. The programs serves as a bridge between classroom learning and real-world application, helping students make informed decisions about their future careers.

Program Overview

- Students gain work experience in local businesses or within family-owned businesses.
- Students may work up to **four class periods** per school day
- Students working **four or more hours after school** may apply for a waiver to start their school day later.
- Participation requires meeting specific requirements and regulations outlined below.

STW/YA Program Requirements

- 1. Signed consent from a parent/guardian, School To Work Coordinator, principal, and school counselor.
- 2. Submission of required paperwork (Student Registration and Training Agreement).
- 3. Weekly submission of work hours, signed by the employer.
- 4. Completion of a quarterly Employment Core Values document with reflections.
- 5. Quarterly employer evaluation on employability skills.
- 6. Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).
- 7. Three consecutive weeks of academic ineligibility will result in removal from the program.
- 8. YA students may work up to 4 class periods
- 9. STW students may only work up to 2 class periods per day.
- 10. Students may not remain unemployed for more than two weeks.
- 11. A minimum of **10 work hours per week** is required.
- 12. Students must maintain **passing grades** in both STW coursework and employment evaluations.
- 13. Only one in-school or out-of-school suspension per semester is allowed.
- 14. Good hygiene must be practiced, especially for students working in physically demanding environments.
- 15. Submission of all required paperwork before the first day of school is recommended.
- 16. Students cannot be terminated from employment to remain in the program.

Youth Apprenticeship Additional Requirements

- Students must complete 450 hours of work between September 1 and the following school year.
- Students must complete 180 hours of related instruction in their career area.
- Related instruction should align with the student's career pathway (e.g., an agriculture student taking AG classes).

After School Work Hours & Attendance Waivers

Students who work three or more hours in the evening may apply for a Waiver of Attendance to adjust their school schedule. Upon school board approval, students may miss up to four class periods to accommodate their work schedules.

Class/Work Experience & Job Shadowing

- Class/Work Experience: Students obtain off-campus employment in a career-related field. These hours count toward the STW/YA program requirements.
- Job Shadowing: Students gain exposure to their career interests by volunteering and observing
 professionals in their chosen field. This experience helps develop essential work skills, responsibility,
 and communication.

Curriculum Overview

First Semester

- 1. **Career Exploration & Preparation:** Resume building, job applications, interview preparation, and professional communication skills.
- 2. Business Placement: Students work in local businesses relevant to their career interests.
- 3. **Business Development:** Guidance for students interested in starting a business or contributing to a family business.
- 4. Continuous Evaluation: Regular assessments, reflections, and goal setting.

Second Semester

- 1. **New Student Integration:** Late-joining students follow the first-semester curriculum for seamless transition.
- 2. Career Exploration Continuation: Students may switch jobs to explore different career interests.
- 3. **Soft Skills Workshop:** In collaboration with CESA 3 and Lafayette County Advisory Council, students develop essential workplace skills such as communication and interview techniques.

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Overview

YA is a **one or two-year** apprenticeship program for high school juniors and seniors. Students gain **real-world job experience** while continuing their high school education and receiving industry-related instruction.

YA Program Structure

- Level One: Junior or Senior Year
 - 450 work hours minimum
 - 2 semesters of related coursework
- Level Two: Junior & Senior Year
 - o 900 work hours minimum
 - 4 semesters of related coursework

YA Career Pathways

The YA program offers opportunities in **11 career clusters**, including:

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communication
- Finance
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality, Lodging & Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Required Forms & Deadlines

To streamline the process, the following forms must be submitted:

- 1. Youth Apprenticeship Registration Form Captures initial student interest.
- 2. Youth Apprenticeship Employment Training Agreement Confirms the student's commitment to the program.

All training agreements must be submitted by February 2, 2024 to CESA 3.

Related Instruction

Students must take **two semesters of related coursework** each year. Courses may be taken at **local high schools or two/four-year institutions**, with **CESA 3 covering up to 6 credits per year** (pre-approval required).

Fall 2025 Dual Credit course enrollment through Colleged Up or Smart College Now will be due on March 7. Ms. Crotty has application forms. There will be a meeting on February 27 for sophomores and

juniors highlighting the programs and application process. Students who wish to be in Youth Apprenticeship next year, will also need to look at the course lists and go through the process of looking for course(s) related to their career pathway to submit to Mr. Cooley.

We are thrilled to offer these incredible learning opportunities and look forward to supporting our students as they take steps toward their future careers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Gary Cooley
STW/YA Coordinator
coogar@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

WI State Legislature Proposes Electronic Device Ban in Public Schools Law

The Wisconsin state legislature has considered legislation to ban cell phones in schools during instructional time. The goal is to improve student focus and performance. The bill, AB 2, would require school districts to adopt a policy banning cell phones and other devices during instructional time.

The policy would apply to cell phones, tablet computers, laptop computers, and gaming devices. The policy may include consequences, including the possibility of taking away the device for the rest of the day.

Notably, this has been the policy of the Black Hawk School District since the 2019-2020 school year. Black Hawk Schools does not allow students to have possession of their personal electronic devices during the instructional day. High school students may check them during passing time and have them during lunch, or if juniors/seniors qualify for Independence Pass privileges. Middle school students and elementary students are to have no contact with their devices during the school day.

Recycling and Other Dumpsters

(Dumpsters are located next to Riechers Meats)



As always, the staff and Board thank everyone who has donated to the metal/aluminum can drive. The funds have proven to be beneficial to the staff and students of the school district. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of Powers Auction Service in providing this opportunity.

A couple of notes that we would like to make:

- Please do not place items with Freon/coolant in the recycling dumpster
- Please do not place TV's or Computer/Related technology in the dumpster
- Please do not place trash in the recycling dumpster
- The other dumpsters (serviced by Faherty) are for school uses only

We do appreciate the donations. Improper use of the dumpsters costs the district and may result in a net loss.

Sincerely, Willy Chambers

STUDENT of the MONTH

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 16-YEAR-OLD



Jerzey Wiegel



DAUGHTER OF JESSICA & JASON WIEGEL

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Volleyball, Softball & Musical

FUTURE PLANS

Cosmetology

VOLUNTEERING

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

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The Short-Term and Long-Term Effects of Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism has profound and far-reaching consequences for students, extending well beyond missed school days. It can hinder the development of critical skills, reduce academic success, and create lasting challenges throughout a student's life.

Here's how this issue often impacts students:

Academic Consequences: A range of studies show school absences negatively impact academic outcomes. Frequent kindergarten absences correlate with <u>lower cognitive skills in early childhood</u> and <u>poorer academic performance at age 15</u>. Consistent absences from kindergarten through 8th grade decrease the chances of pursuing higher education, for example, missing 10 classes in 9th grade reduces college attendance likelihood by 2%.

This discovery prompted an examination of how attendance impacts overall academic performance. The evidence consistently shows that chronically absent students are more likely to: <u>score lower</u> on standardized tests, perform poorly in overall academic achievement, and face suspension in middle school.

 Social and Behavioral Effect: Chronic absenteeism and truancy often lead to disengagement from studies and disconnection from peers and the school community. This isolation can negatively impact a student's well-being and hinder the <u>development of essential social skills</u> and friendships.

Moreover, classroom dynamics are disrupted when teachers must dedicate extra time to helping chronically absent students catch up, potentially affecting the learning experience for all students.

- Increased Dropout Risk: Research indicates that chronic absenteeism may be a stronger predictor of
 dropout rates than test scores. Students with just one year of chronic absenteeism are <u>seven times</u>
 more likely to drop out of school. This pattern often starts early, with students unable to read
 proficiently by third grade being four times more likely to drop out of high school.
- Long-Term Life Outcomes: The effects of chronic absenteeism extend far beyond the classroom.
 Long-term consequences include: lower lifetime earnings and poorer health outcomes.

These outcomes underscore the critical importance of addressing chronic absenteeism to ensure better futures for all students. It is so important that parents and guardians focus on their students attending school on a consistent and regular basis.

Citation: Panorama Education. (n.d.). The effects of chronic absenteeism in schools. https://www.panoramaed.com/blog/the-effects-of-chronic-absenteeism-in-schools

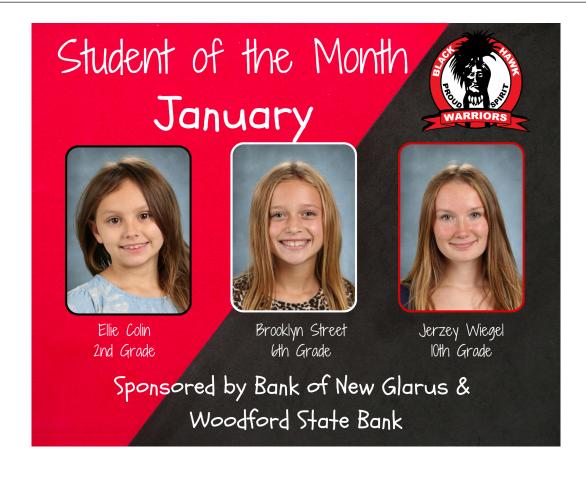


January Employee of the Month

Kerri CrottySchool Counselor

Congratulations Ms. Kerri Crotty as the January Employee of the Month. Ms. Crotty was nominated for all her work as our one school counselor, serving grades 4k-l2th. She's done so much this year to help with several students in various classrooms who have behavioral needs. Ms. Crotty has implemented new curriculum ideas shared with students during guidance time. Her organization and planning of bringing Brian Kenney to Black Hawk has been a very positive experience for staff and students. Thank you to all who participated this month. There were a large number of people nominated. Keep spreading the good vibes.





State Testing Dates

It is that time again for Black Hawk to participate in the yearly State Assessment Program. The following are the testing windows set by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Black Hawk School



Tuesday March 11, 2025

All report to 1st-hour class for attendance. You will be dismissed by announcement.

No electronics are allowed in the testing room

Black Hawk School



Freshmen Sophomores

Tuesday April 1, 2025

All report to 1st-hour class for attendance. You will be dismissed by announcement.

No electronics are allowed in the testing room

Pre-Act is for Freshmen & Sophomores—April 1st. (Please do not schedule appointments on this day unless necessary. It is important that all students are present on testing day).

Wisconsin Forward Exam is for 3rd-8th grade and 10th grade Social Studies.

It will be given during the weeks of **March 31st-April 17th.** Classroom teachers will give students specific dates and times as all students will be testing within their normal classroom setting.

Please check Schoology or Class DoJo for any updates or changes in the schedule.

Mrs. McCauley-DAC 608-439-5444

mcccat@blackhawk.k12.wi.us



Pay fees online!

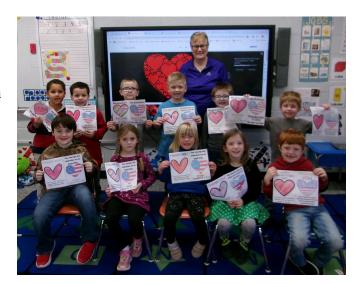
Visit Rev Track https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/ to pay lunch money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals, and more. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.



Kindergarten

The 5-year-old kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school on February 7th this year. Some of the students dressed up like they were 100 years old. They spent the day counting, sorting, and having some extra fun. Mrs. Pickett also had her students see how many licks it takes to get to the tootsie roll in a Tootsie Roll Pop. It was very close to 300. (It was hard keeping track but the children did one lick, one tally mark.)

Mrs. Pickett's Class decorated valentines and sent them to some veterans in our area. We would like to let our Veterans know that we appreciate what you have done to keep our country safe. If you are a veteran, Thank You.



Hartzell's

*Please have all receipts turned in by the end of the month.



Dear Family and Friends:

We are excited to inform you that we are participating in an incredible program that allows us to earn **FREE** classroom equipment and supplies!

Here's How You Can Help!

- Shop at Hartzell's IGA from September 2024 -April 2025
- Shave your receipts and send them to school with your child
- Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment donated by the store!

Please submit your receipts to school by March 31st, 2025 in an envelope marked Attention Mrs. Pickett. Thank you!

2025-26 Open Enrollment



The 2025-26 Open Enrollment Brochures in English, Spanish, and Hmong for the upcoming open enrollment regular application period are now available on our open enrollment website.

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2025-26 school year runs from midnight on February 3, 2025 and ends at 4:00pm on April 30, 2025.

The English version is available on our <u>open enrollment homepage</u> or at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/open-enrollment/pdf/oe-brochure-2025-26.pdf.

The Spanish and Hmong versions are available on our <u>Forms webpage</u> or at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/open-enrollment/pdf/oe-brochure-2025-26-spanish.pdf for the https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/open-enrollment/pdf/oe-brochure-2025-26-bmong.pdf for the

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/open-enrollment/pdf/oe-brochure-2025-26-hmong.pdf for the Hmong version.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 888-245-2732, option 2 or at openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

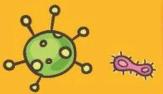


Public School Open Enrollment
Parental Education Options
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COVER YOUR COUGH AND SNEEZE &

Stop the spread of germs that make people sick



When you cough or sneeze cover your nose and mouth with a tissue



Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.



Throw away your tissue!

Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing.













Parents Club News

Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do NOT meet every month), our 2024-2025 meeting schedule is as follows:

April 3 April 30

(This end of year meeting has been changed due to Spring concerts on May 1)

subject to change

A few things you can do to support the Parent's Club throughout the year:

- Scan your box tops.. if you haven't downloaded the APP, please do so, it's a super easy way to help!
- The scrip program, grab some gift cards for birthdays, weddings, showers, or just for yourself, it's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club (keep a lookout, these sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack)!
- Keep an eye out for future fundraisers and activities! A great way to do this is to follow our Facebook page (Black Hawk Parent's Club)

Keep a look out for fun upcoming events from the Parent's Club and join our Facebook group to make sure you don't miss anything!!

As always, thank you for your support! We cannot do our part in providing the things we do for our faculty and students if not for your support!

Haley Larse, President Courtney Grossen, Vice-President Nicole Lewis, Treasurer Chris Ruegsegger, Secretary





Get **PAID** to learn all summer long!

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SCHOLARSHIP!

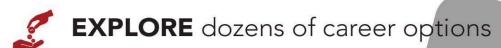


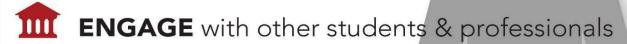
Hurry - only 16 students selected!

June-August 2025

Application Deadline: April 14, 2025





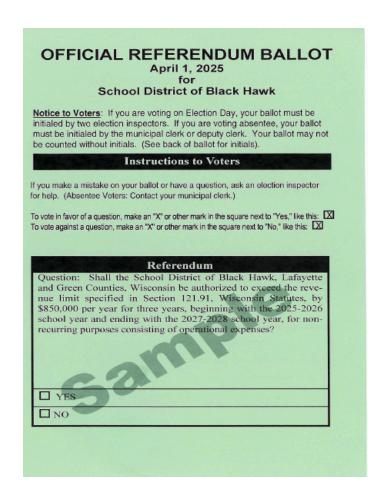


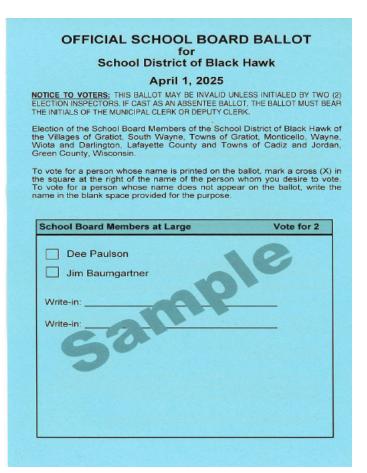






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School Board of Education



The Board holds regular School Board Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5400 for information.

Agendas are posted on the Black Hawk School District's Website and Facebook page.

President-Dee Paulson
Vice President-Jim Baumgartner
Treasurer-Val Dunlavey
Clerk-Jason Fig
Member-Clayton Ruegsegger
Member-Mindy Stauffacher
Member-Cali Schliem

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2025



The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the District Conference Room by President Dee Paulson. The following Board members were present Jim Baumgartner, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem, and Jason Figi. Absent Val Dunlavey, Also present was the Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz and Tammy Zimmerman with 4 Guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the consent to agenda which includes meeting notice, December 11, 2024 board minutes, agenda, and financial report as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Reports -Chambers: I will be off on January 10 and 13th for a 4-day vacation weekend.

I have been looking into a mental health option to provide connections to providers for students and staff. The cost would be about \$1400 and can be funded through fund 80. I will potentially bring more information to you in the future.

We are in the process of reviewing a curriculum developed by Dr. Jan Harrrell to supplement the Health Curriculum. "Most obstacles faced by students in the classroom result from a lack of experience of healthy personal relationships, difficulty in resolving emotions and setting boundaries. This curriculum provides tools and strategies for self-understanding and meta-cognition, leading to a heightened ability to engage in successful interpersonal interactions." If it is something we move forward with it is FREE.

Scott Everson has suggested a reading intervention for our special education students from Really Great Reading. We are in the process of ordering it for both elementary and middle school. The cost will come out of IDEA funds.

Thank you to Mr. Amweg and Ms. Setterstrom for working with our students and leading excellent concerts for our community. The students did an excellent Job.

Work on the gym entry has continued and looks great. The shrouds in the office to cover the heating piping have been installed.

Koreen Pelot an account manager from Shaw came and Met with Tim Ruppert, Cory Zimmerly, and I to look at the flooring issue. She is providing some cleaner and some other strategies to deal with the appearance of the flooring. If it does not resolve our problem the next step would be have an independent evaluator come in to assess the flooring. She was very complimentary of the custodial staff and noted that cleanliness of the building.

I picked up the snow pusher from Powers on December 30. Dan was nice enough to let me use one of their trucks to bring from the yard to the school. As always I appreciate all of the support that Powers provide to the school and community.

Warren's Board rejected Mr. Behlke last month as a football coach. Shawn is going to take it back to the Board for further consideration. Brandon did write a letter addressing his perspective on this issue.

February 8th, 2025 area Fire Departments and Sheriff Department will be doing a walk through to get familiarized with building.

Cory and I have completed and certified the Civil Rights Data Collection for the district.

Milz: 1. Wish to say thank you to Maggie Setterstrom and Eric Amweg for their work in producing the holiday concerts. Congratulations to our student performers on a job well done.

High School Final Exams are taking place on Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16.

First semester grading period wraps up on Friday, January 17. All high school students are required to take final exams. High school final exams count as 15% of a student's semester grade.

Black Hawk HS will be presenting a musical production on April 4th - 6th. The musical will be Freaky Friday. The directors are Mr. Duff-Bowers and Mr. Amweg.

Scripps Spelling Bee competition will be held on January 29 @ 9 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing to represent Black Hawk at the regional spelling bee competition.

The top two spellers from Black Hawk will travel to Fennimore on February 5, 2025 for the Regional Spelling Bee competition held at Southwest Technical College.

January 14, prior to girls' basketball game, holding Soup for Kupe fundraiser in support of girls basketball scholarships and cancer research donations. At will donation for soup dinner and dessert. There will be a silent auction as well. See Ashley Wills and Linda Figi for ways to participate or support.

January 14 - Middle School Student Council is attending a leadership conference at Fiserve Forum and then invited to watch the Milwaukee Bucks after the conference.

January 14 - BH Booster Club has arranged for sound system upgrade/install. Big thanks to Booster Club for their initiatives and support.

January 14 Professional collaboration time will focus on grade level student learning objectives, ACT 20 student reading plans and parent communication, grading committee, and MS/HS ELA improvement committee agendas.

January 27 is the Six Rivers East Honors Band rehearsal and performance in Argyle.

Forensics season is getting underway. There are 9, possibly 10 students who will compete in speaking competitions this season.

Feb. 3 is School Counselor Appreciation Day.

February 7, cheer squad will host elementary students in a halftime performance of the boys' basketball game.

February 7, Middle School Student Council sponsored ski trip for middle school students.

Erickson: The Winter seasons are all well underway with MS Wrestling having started on Monday. Jim Seffrood is coaching an driving the boys and girls

Schedules are now complete for 2025-2026 as well as the hiring of officials. We will plan to create the poster calendars again for next school year. Talk has also centered around a pocket calendar.

Warren was added to our wrestling coop proposal. They have one individual. Wrestling Coop was approved by the Six Rivers ADs today. Schools will be getting approval and SR administrators will approve for submission. We will then need to petition a conference for admission. Also, discuss the agreement with Warren and Shullsburg.

We are planning to host similar community meetings to discuss baseball and softball. I'll meet with our administration to determine a timetable for that. Interested parties can chime in on an appropriate time for those meetings. The deadline for spring coops is May 1.

The clock has created some issues. We have three panels. One for football, one school panel for basketball, and one that the girls' basketball program purchased several years ago. I am not sure how old the control boards are. One no longer turns on and the one that is giving us issues requires diagnosing. I may need to set up the football clock for basketball mode. I am contacting All-American Co, the maker of our control panels.

Outdoor scoreboard - I got a quote last year for a new digital board and movement to the other side of the field. The price was very high and I'm not sure in the grand scheme, it would be prudent on our part to pursue that road. If we do not, I would like to see us replace the top of the outside board to have more aesthetic quality. As always, I appreciate volunteer workers at games and contests. We will open the west stairwell when that is completed.

Board of Education Report: Reminder that the Convention will be January 21-24 in Milwaukee. Also question about having Heating and Cooling Maintenance Bids Chambers stated that he has not received all bids yet. Question about the vent cleaning and Chambers stated that he has not got bids yet. Thanks to the Board Members for serving as it is January is school Board Appreciation month. Also Dee will be meeting with Kelly Thompson from WASB to enter information for Chambers evaluation.

Public Comment was called for: Comment was made that additional people are sitting at scorer table which needs to stop it was stated that only people actively doing the clock and bookkeeping should be at table not others. It was noted that at other schools they do not allow others so it should not be allowed here as well. It creates a distraction for people at the scorer table. Administration will be working at making sure to try and get it under control.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve a 3 year bus lease/purchase from Wells Fargo Equipment Finance at a rate of 5.86% annual payment of \$44,321. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the 2025-26 Course handbook it was not attached to Board information but approved as it was noted that no changes were made. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the administration recommendations of limiting spaces for Special Education Open Enrollment Space Availability except for Early Childhood 3-year-old and 4K special education programs for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the criteria outlined in Policy 5113. The board grants guaranteed preference and approval to current open-enrolled special students and their siblings who meet the decisional criteria for non-resident applications. The motion carried on a voice vote. There are no seat limits in the regular education open enrollment program. The motion carried on a voice vote. The Board of Education approved no seat limits in regular education open enrollment, Early Childhood 3-year-old, and 4K special education programs. The Board of Education approved and granted guaranteed preference and approval to current open-enrolled students and their siblings who meet the decisional criteria for non-resident applications. Due to the caseload numbers, there are no other seats available in any other special education programs at any grade level.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve a tri-op for high school Wrestling which will include Black Hawk, Shullsburg and Warren 2025-26, 2026-27 Black Hawk will be host school. The parent and student were in attendance from Warren and Thanked the Board for being able to support this. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve going to Referendum in Spring Election April 1, 2025 \$850,000 for a 3 year non recurring operational referendum. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Paulson to approve adding language to the Staff Handbook for signing out early and sick payout language as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Date for the meeting to approve the referendum resolution will be January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Draw for Spring Election Ballot Order. 1st Dee Paulson 2nd Jim Baumgartner

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 7:25 pm. President Announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f, Wisconsin State Statutes Personnel. Motion carried on a roll call vote. YES- Baumgartner, Schliem, Paulson, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Figi. NO- None ABSENT- Dunlavey

The Board returned to open session at 8:22 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session: None

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:23pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by, Jason Figi, Clerk

March 2025

*The Entrance for Extracurricular Events is the Main Door by the Office.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	8				1 Esports State 7p GBB Regionals WR State (Individual)
3	4 7p BBB Regionals @ Barneveld	5	6 7p GBB Sectionals	7 7p BBB Regionals WR State (Team)	8 7p BBB Regionals 7p GBB Sectionals WR State (Team)
10	11 ACT (Juniors) 430p Forensics @ Barneveld	12 JA Titan Business Challenge 6p School Board Meeting	13 GBB State	14 130p Early Release GBB State 7p BBB Sectionals	15 GBB State 7p BBB Sectionals
17 Andry St. Patrick.	18 430p Forensics @ Barneveld Track @ Dubuque	19	20 BBB State Track @ Platteville End of 3rd Quarter	No School (Staff Inservice) BBB State	22 BBB State
No School (Spring Break)	25 No School (Spring Break) SB Scrimmage @ Iowa Grant	26 No School (Spring Break) 6-8p Fab Lab Open	27	28	29 10a SB @ Argyle w/Belleville
31 FBLA State					

Breakfast Menu

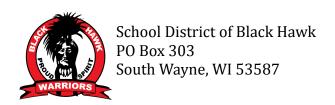
Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain "This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Pears Milk	4 Berry French Toast Applesauce Milk	5 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Milk	6 Pancake Wrap Fruit Cocktail Milk	7 Sausage Patty Egg English Muffin Apple Milk
10 Muffin Granola Bites Mixed Fruit Milk	11 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Milk	12 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	13 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Milk	14 Mini Maple Pancakes Applesauce Milk
17 Cereal Yogurt Juice Mlk	18 Strudel Stick Yogurt Apple Milk	19 French Toast Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Pancakes Granola Bar Peaches Milk	No School
No School	No School	No School	27 Pop Tart Granola Bar Apple Milk	28 Donut Juice Milk
31 Cereal Bar Cheezits Apple Milk				

Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain "This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Strips Granola Bites Green Beans Juice Milk	4 Pulled Pork/Bun Cheetos Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	5 Cod Square/Bun Cheezits Corn Orange Milk	6 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice French Fries Applesauce Milk	7 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
10 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Juice Milk	11 Pizza Dippers Cheezits Broccoli Pears Milk	12 Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	13 Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheese Stick Cauliflower Peaches Milk	14 Mac & Cheese Cheese Stick Carrots Apple Milk
17 Breaded Pork Patty/Bun Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	18 Tacos Baked Scoops Broccoli Apple Milk	19 Ravioli Cheetos Carrots Apple Milk	20 Corn Dog Doritos Cauliflower Orange Milk	No School
No School	No School	No School	27 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	28 Quesadilla Granola Bites Broccoli Slushie Milk
31 Chicken Patty/Bun Cheetos Cauliflower Pears Milk				



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO qualified electors of the School District of Black Hawk of the Villages of Gratiot and South Wayne, Towns of Gratiot, Monticello, Wayne, Wiota and Darlington, Lafayette County and the Towns of Cadiz and Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, that on April 1, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

- 1. Gratiot Community Center (Old Middle School Building) for the Village of Gratiot.
- 2. Gratiot Community Center (Old Middle School Building) in the Village of Gratiot for the Township of Gratiot.
- 3. South Wayne Fire House in the Village of South Wayne for the Village of South Wayne.
- 4. South Wayne Fire House in the Village of South Wayne for the Township of Wayne.
- 5. Old Rock Church, 16787 County Trunk W, Shullsburg for the Township of Monticello.
- 6. Town Hall of Wiota for the Township of Wiota.
- 7. Town Hall of Darlington for the Township of Darlington.
- 8. Cadiz Town Hall, W8445 County Rd B, Browntown for the Town of Cadiz.
- 9. Town Hall of Jordan, W8495 State Highway 81, Argyle, WI for the Township of Jordan.

Jason Figi, Clerk School District of Black Hawk Gratiot – South Wayne, Wisconsin

NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK APRIL 1, 2025

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Black Hawk on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$850,000 per year for three years, beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and ending with the 2027-2028 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 202 East Center Street, South Wayne, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact William Chambers, District Administrator.