



Black Hawk School District

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February 2025

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4K SCREENINGS!

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

WHEN: 4K SCREENINGS WILL BE HELD MARCH 30TH AND 31ST FOR ALL CHILDREN TURNING 4 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026.

WHEN: EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENINGS WILL BE APRIL 1ST FOR CHILDREN TURNING 3 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AND WHO MAY REQUIRE SPECIALIZED EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE DETERMINATION OF A DISABILITY OR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY.

READY, SET, LEARN!

 JEN SCHIFERL (608)-439-5400 EXT. 101
TO SIGN UP TODAY!

ENROLL NOW

During 5th grade guidance class, we have been discussing self-control. We talked about things we can control and things we can't control. We focused on not letting those situations we cannot control affect us. We can only control ourselves and to focus on what can be controlled. Sometimes we get bothered by our peers and want to control things we cannot. During the school day, we need to only worry about ourselves and our own choices. The students made self control elves. They have to write things they can control and things they cannot control.



DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CALLUM BREADON
3RD GRADE



GRACIE SHAFFER
6TH GRADE



LUCAS PETERSON
12TH GRADE

SPONSORED BY THE BANK OF NEW GLARUS & WOODFORD STATE BANK

Black Hawk "Running Club"

2026 Heart Hustle

When: Wednesday, February 11th

Time: After School-4:15 P.M.

All students who need rides must be picked up by 4:20 pm.

Distance will be ~1.3 miles and be held OUTSIDE.

****Please consider that when signing up younger students****

If there is inclement weather, the event may need to be canceled depending on the number of participants and other things going on that day at school.

A small snack will be provided after the completion of the event.

Please Return the completed form by .

NO COST

I give my child _____ permission to stay after school for the "Heart Hustle" and will pick them up no later than 4:20pm or have them walk home. I understand that my child should dress appropriately for the weather, as it will be held outside unless it is unsafe. **If it is unsafe, the event may need to be canceled.**

Parent Signature

Date

Grade of Student: _____ Children below 5th grade must be accompanied by an older sibling, classroom teacher, or another adult. We will meet in Mrs. Petitjean's Classroom at 3:30 pm for a short warm-up and stretch. Then, we will head out for our run.

Any food related allergies (please list):

INTRODUCING FOREVER WARRIORS NIGHT

For the past ten years, our school community has come together for Soup4Kupe—an event rooted in love, remembrance, and generosity. What began as a way to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Kelly Kupersmith has grown into a powerful tradition of supporting Black Hawk students as they continue their education beyond high school.

As we move forward, we are proud to introduce Forever Warriors Night. This new name reflects an expanded purpose: to honor those Black Hawk School employees who have passed away—educators, mentors, coaches, bus drivers, and staff members who devoted their lives to our students and to the strength of our school community. While the name and format are evolving, the heart of the evening remains the same.

The scholarship originally established in Kelly Kupersmith's memory will continue to be a central focus of this night. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, staff, and community, more than \$30,000 has been raised and awarded to Black Hawk graduates over the years. These scholarships are only possible because of continued community support, and your involvement remains essential to ensuring this legacy lives on.

On Monday, February 2nd, we will officially transition to Forever Warriors Night. While we will no longer host a soup supper, the evening will include silent auction baskets and baked goods, with all proceeds going directly toward scholarships for Black Hawk seniors. This night will continue to honor Kupe's memory while also recognizing other cherished staff members we have lost, most recently, Roger Jackson and Carol Schliem, both Forever Warriors in our hearts. Though the format has changed, the purpose has not—community, remembrance, gratitude, and continued support for our students' futures.

Together, we honor those who gave so much to Black Hawk and ensure their legacy lives on through the next generation of Warriors.

❤️❤️ Kelly Kupersmith Scholarship Recipients: ❤️❤️

2017-18: Michael Flanagan, Jr, Teearia Sweeney, Rachel Hagen

2018-19: Savanna Burmeister, Jayden Stietz, Sydney Delzer

2019-20: Maddy Huschitt, Kristen Knapp, Jaylen Rufenacht, Kiezer Curtis

2020-21: Bailey Hagen, Kaylee Marty, Erika Schultz, Bailey Butler

2021-22: McKenzie Quinn, Nathan Figi, Allysa Woodley, Elijah Shelton

2022-23: Tara Wellnitz, Jenna Meier, Jaliyah Collins, Lucas Milz

2023-24: Makayla Kammes, Andrew Figi, Savannah Freitag, Lane Marty

24-25: Olivia Signer, Owen Seffrood, Hailey Wellnitz, Maddy Lange

Forever Warriors

BLACK HAWK SCHOOL

1st Semester Honor Roll 2025-2026

Honor Roll 3.0-3.666

6th Grade

Riley Bald
Aria Gabel
Lue Lehman
Gracie Shaffer
Hunter Stauffacher
Elliot Wisnefski

7th Grade

Cryus Akins
Charlie Babler
Rainah Broge
Josie Brooker
Easton Larse
Leah Mosley
Russell Ruegsegger
Kanyon Seffrood
Layla Sigafus
Carsyn Smith
Adelayne Williams
Eli Wisnefski
Ethan Wisnefski

8th Grade

Mia Breadon
Lane Foster
Ellie Gee
Adalie Grossen
Elliott Hagen
Mason Lehman
Camden Long
Makena McCauley
Johnathan Raisbeck
Rubi Lopez Ramirez
Mahlee Scott
Trytin Wild

9th Grade

Zoey Brooker
Ryan Curran
Bryce Edler
Andria Lancaster
Charli Long
Alexa Ruegsegger
Wade Werren
Dalia Williams

10th Grade

Maxwell Fox
Evan Sigafus
Katilyn Stegall
Mitchell Wand
11th Grade
Brody Argall
Alex Broge
Sadie Brown
Emily Curran
Holdyn Hull
Joseph Ketchpaw
Brandon McCoy
Payton Paige
Cade Pickett
Carson Plath
Kevin Rhoades
Brigitte Stauffacher
Javin Stietz

12th Grade

Issac Cheatham
Cooper Hagen
Kirsten Ladow
Miguel Navarro Ramirez
Lucas Peterson
Shane Wand
Jacob Woodruff

High Honor Roll 3.667-3.999

6th Grade

Jaxton Lewis
Jakobie Liphart

7th Grade

Madilyn Berget
Bradley Figi
Carson Lehman
Josephine Signer
Brooklyn Street

8th Grade

Jakobi Lewis
Cooper Paquin

9th Grade

Josslyn Lewis
Charles Pickett
Tucker Seffrood

10th Grade

Makaylah Curran
Mason Schultz
Jaelei Scott

11th Grade

Cole Dunlavey
Ashlynn Eckerman
Danielle Martin
Alexis Stietz
Jerzey Wiegel

12th Grade

Reese Anderson
Landon Foster
Gabin Salad

Honor Roll Distinguished Honors 4.0 and higher

6th Grade

Kathryn Pickett

7th Grade

Jake Fox
Kaylyn Lumley

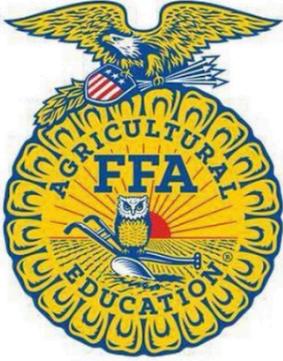
11th Grade

Conner Herbst
Jaci Kammes
Madelynn Place
Sammantha Prescher

12th Grade

Keira Brunner
Riley Corley
Emily Figi
Mya Milz
Alyvia Ruegsegger
Taylor Stegall
Payton Stietz





FFA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026



HALFTIME CONFERENCE

THE FRIDAY THE 16TH AND SATURDAY THE 17TH TWO OF OUR OFFICERS AND OUR ADVISOR WENT TO THE HALFTIME CONFERENCE IN STEVEN'S POINT. MS.NEHS HAD SOME MEETINGS FOR THE WAAE BOARD FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER THAT THEY HAD OPENING SESSION AND SUPPER WHERE THE STATE OFFICERS PUT ON A SKIT, THEN ALYVIA AND PAYTON WENT TO THEIR FIRST TWO WORKSHOPS, THEN HEADED TO REFLECTIONS THAT NIGHT. AFTERWARDS, THEY WENT TO A DANCE WHERE THEY PLAYED BAGS AND LINE DANCED. THIS SATURDAY MORNING, THEY GOT TO LISTEN TO A KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THE ALICE IN DAIRYLAND, AND THEN THEY HAD SOME DISCUSSION TIME WHERE THEY GOT TO PICK TABLES WITH TOPICS, THEY WERE INTERESTED IN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OR SHARE SOME IDEAS. AFTER THAT, THEY HEADED TO THEIR LAST TWO WORKSHOPS AND THEN THEY LEFT AFTER TO HEAD HOME.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 4TH – DISTRICT LDES CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 5TH – FFA MEETING

FEBRUARY 13TH FFA POTLUCK

**SINCERELY,
YOUR 2025-2026
FFA REPORTER
EMILY FIGI**

SCRIPPS

SPELLING BEE

1ST Place
CLARA RUEGSEGGER

2ND Place
EMERY BIRD

NICE
JOB!



EVERYONE DID WONDERFUL!!



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.

PreACT®

**Freshmen
Sophomores**

**Tuesday/Wednesday
March 24th and 25th**

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

Black Hawk School

ACT® Juniors

**Tuesday/Wednesday
March 24th and 25th**

**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—March 24th and March 25th. (Please do not schedule appointments on this day unless necessary. It is important that all students are present on testing day).

Act Plus writing— is for all Juniors.

It will be given on **March 24th and March 25th.**

*******Any student missing on day two will need to redo all portions of the assessment. This means both Day 1 and Day 2.**

Mrs. McCauley-DAC

608-439-5444

meccat@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

***Retakes are now online**

BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232725

BLACK HAWK MIDDLE SCHOOL

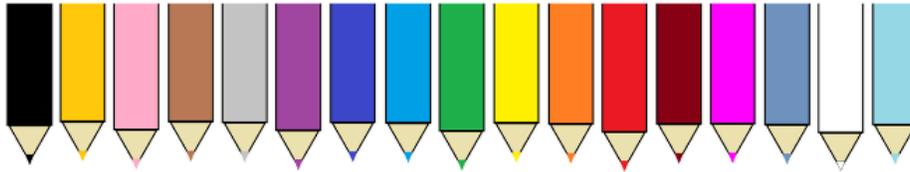
Event Code: FE232625

BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232525



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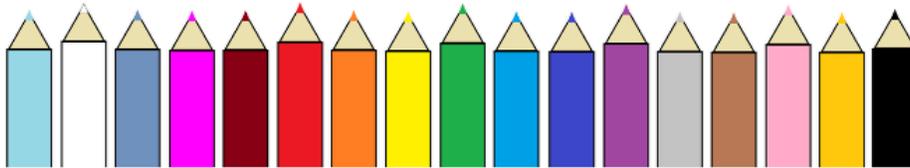


Mr. Petitjean is asking

for donations of...

-Old Pens and Pencils

-Metal Snapple Caps



On January 8th, SWTC staff were at Black Hawk to talk with the 10th and 11th grade classes. They presented information on dual enrollment classes/programs that SWTC has to offer. After the group presentation, SWTC staff met individually with 30 students to discuss academic career pathways. During the individual meetings the SWTC and each BH student created an individual student success plan.



Black Hawk Drama Department Presents:

With permission from Music Theater International

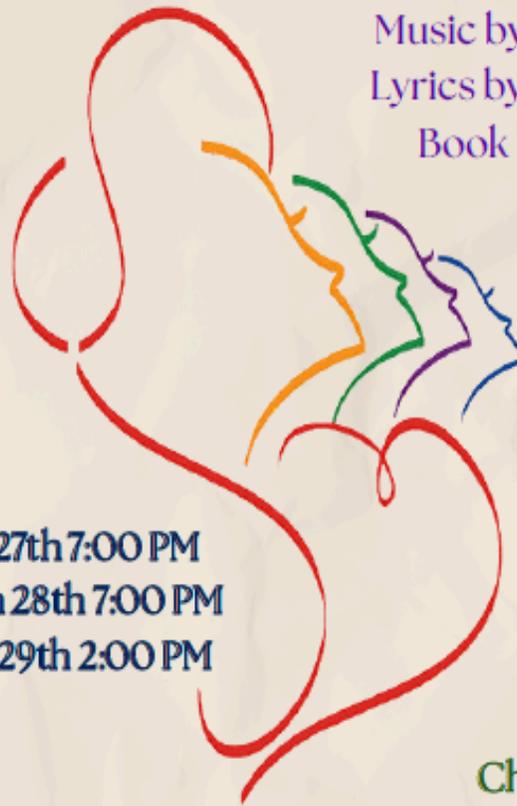
LITTLE WOMEN

the
musical

Music by Jason Howland

Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein

Book by Allan Knee



Friday, March 27th 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 28th 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM

Adults: \$10
Students: \$5
Children Ages 5 and
Under 5: Free

Poster by Jerzey Wiegel

Black Hawk School Gymnasium
202 E Center St, South Wayne, WI

Parent's Club

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), please follow the Parent's Club Facebook page for updates on meetings and other events happening!

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

- Scan your boxtops.. 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, like our Facebook page 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



When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.



SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a **runny nose** or just a **little cough**, but no other symptoms.
- I have **NOT had a fever overnight** and **have NOT taken fever reducing medicine** during that time.
- I have a **mild stomach ache**.
- I have **not thrown up** overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a **mild rash** and no other symptoms.
- I have **eye drainage WITHOUT fever**, eye pain or eyelid redness.



KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4**
- I have **thrown up two or more times** in the past 24 hours.
- My **stool is watery** and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4 AND any of the following:** ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have **stomach pain and fever**, I have **bloody or black stool**, or I am **dehydrated** (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have **not urinated** in the last 8 hours.
- I have a **persistent cough** or **trouble breathing**, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have **eye swelling, eye pain** or an **eye injury**.
- I have a **rash that has blisters**, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.



Health Guidance for Going to School

Showing up to school every day is critical for children's well-being, engagement and learning.

Make sure to send children to school if they are:

- Generally healthy and well.
- Participating in usual day-to-day activities.
- Children can even go to school if they:
 - Have a mild cold, which may include a runny nose and/or cough.
 - Have eye drainage without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.
 - Have a mild stomachache.
 - Have a mild rash with no other symptoms.
 - Have head lice. Though they are annoying and should be treated, lice are not a reason to exclude a child from school.
 - Haven't had a fever overnight and they have not taken fever-reducing medicine during that time.

Avoid keeping children at home unless they are too sick to participate. Please see the back of this handout for details. Note that in most situations, a health-care provider's note is not needed to return.

Children may also avoid school due to anxiety (symptoms may include decreased appetite, feeling tired, stomachache, headache etc). If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your teacher, the school nurse, social worker or other school staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child stay in school.

If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your school (school nurse if available) about developing a plan with you and your child's health-care provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.

Please note: This document is not meant to take the place of local health department/school district guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.

Reasons to keep me home from school and what needs to happen before I can return

What is my symptom?	When should I stay home and when to seek medical care?	When can I return to school?
Fever	I have a fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher. Seek medical care if I have fever and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.	If I have not had a fever overnight without the use of fever-reducing medication and I am feeling better.
Vomiting and/or diarrhea	If I have vomited 2 or more times in the last 24 hours. If my stool is watery and I may not make it to the toilet in time. Seek medical care if I have stomach cramping and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am showing signs of dehydration (tired and sleepy, dry mouth and not urinating at least once in the last 8 hours).	If I did not vomit overnight and I am able to drink liquids without throwing up. If my diarrhea has improved.
Persistent cough or trouble breathing	Seek medical care if I have a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching my breath or if I develop a fever with the cough. These symptoms may be signs of Covid-19 or flu and should be evaluated by a health-care provider.	Once I am feeling better and I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider. If my symptoms were due to asthma, please make sure that I have permission to use breathing medication at school.
Rash	Seek medical care if the rash has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises and/or if I develop a fever.	Rash has healed or I have been cleared for return by my health-care provider.
Eye irritation	Seek medical care if I have eye swelling, eye pain, trouble seeing or an eye injury.	Once I am feeling better.
Sore throat	Seek medical care if I have drooling, trouble swallowing or a fever and/or rash.	Once I am feeling better. If I was prescribed an antibiotic by my health-care provider, then I can return 12 hours after the first dose, if I am without fever and I am feeling better.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school or have specific concerns regarding your child's health, contact your child's health-care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse.

Keep Your Child Healthy and in School!

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being, learning and long-term success. Below are tips to keep your child healthy and avoid unnecessary absences from school.

Nutrition, Sleep and Exercise

- Ensure your child eats a good breakfast every morning or check if your school serves breakfast.
- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Keep screens out of the bedroom and limit use prior to bedtime.
- Encourage your child to stay active for at least 60 minutes a day.



Hygiene

- Stress hand washing, particularly before eating, and after using the restroom.
- Remind your child to brush their teeth twice a day.
- Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick. Don't share cups, utensils, hair brushes or combs.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or cough/sneeze into an elbow.



Safety

- Make sure your child wears a seatbelt and/or appropriate car seats during car rides, and a helmet when using a bike, skateboard or scooter.
- If your child walks to school, help them find a safe route to school and to travel with at least one friend. Have a backup plan in case of bad weather.



Keep Your Child Healthy and in School!

Wellness

- Ensure your child visits their health care provider for:
 - A physical once a year.
 - All recommended Immunizations, including Flu and COVID-19.
 - Chronic health issues such as asthma or diabetes.
- Visit the dentist twice a year.
- Try to schedule non-urgent medical appointments outside of school hours.
- If your child doesn't have health or dental insurance, reach out to your school's nurse or social worker or other staff member to help connect you with resources.
- Complete your school's annual health form.
- Agree to allow your child to participate in health and vision screenings offered at school.
- If your child has a chronic health issue such as asthma, make sure that your child's health care provider completes appropriate school forms that allow your child to keep/carry any necessary medications at school.
- If your child has a disability, work closely with the school and your child's health care provider to ensure appropriate supports and services.
- If your child has a compromised immune system or is at high risk for complications from common illnesses, please talk to your school (school nurse if available) about developing a plan with you and your child's health-care provider to keep your child healthy and safe while attending school.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness (including COVID-19), call your child's health care provider or school nurse for advice.
- If your child needs to stay home for a prolonged period due to illness, talk to your child's teacher to find out about resources they can use at home to keep learning once they feel well enough.



Engagement

- Make sure your child feels safe and connected at school. Involve them in afterschool activities.
- If you are worried that your child may be suffering from anxiety, talk with your teacher, the school nurse, social worker or other school staff to discuss the challenge and identify what can help your child. If your child is missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues, contact the school and/or your child's health care provider for support and resources.
- Ask the school about health-related policies including about COVID-19.
- Monitor your child's attendance and academic progress and seek support when needed.



What Happens to Taxes if the Referendum Passes?

To provide the most accurate tax estimates possible, the District worked with Baird, a professional financial services firm that specializes in school district budgeting. Because future years always involve unknowns, some assumptions must be made. Both Baird and the District take a careful, conservative approach when making these estimates.

One reason the school tax rate increased this year—and is expected to increase again next year—has nothing to do with the referendum. State law allows school districts to increase spending by \$325 per student each year, whether a referendum passes or not. In the past, the state typically increased state aid to help offset this cost for taxpayers. That did not happen this year, which shifted more of the cost to local property taxes.

According to the Baird financial model (included in this newsletter), if the referendum passes, the school tax rate is estimated to increase from 6.07 mills to 8.71 mills. This is an increase of 2.64 mills.

The table below shows what that increase would mean for homeowners at different property values:

Assessed Home Value	Estimated Annual Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$264
\$150,000	\$396
\$200,000	\$528
\$250,000	\$660
\$300,000	\$792

A simple way to estimate the impact on your own home is to multiply your assessed value by 0.00264.

It is also important to note that some municipalities have recently completed property reassessments. These reassessments can change how the total school tax levy is shared among municipalities in the District. The District is monitoring reassessment timelines, as these changes can affect the tax share over time.

For additional details and updated information, please visit the District's referendum webpage: <https://www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us/referendum/>

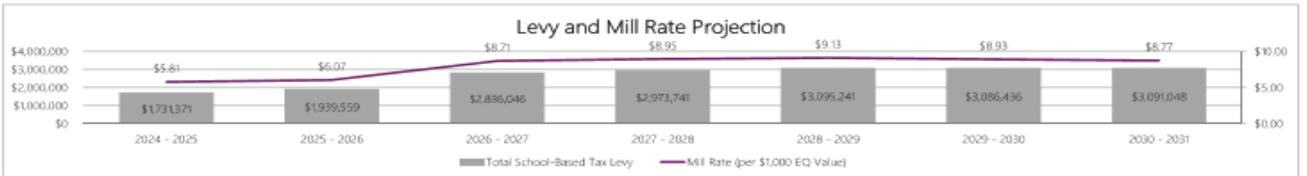
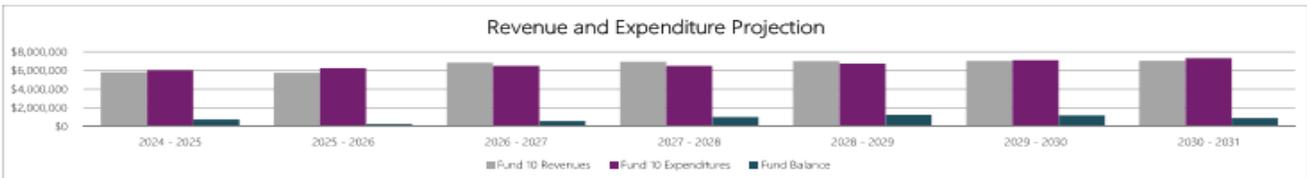
Sincerely,
Willy Chambers

2240 - Black Hawk

800K recurring with 150K reductions

Current Model Scenario

	Historical	Current Year	Budget Year	Forecast			
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027	2027 - 2028	2028 - 2029	2029 - 2030	2030 - 2031
Sept Membership (FTE)	359	366	354	348	342	336	330
Per Pupil Increase	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325
Per-Pupil Categorical Aid \$	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742	\$742
TIF Out Equalized Valuation Growth	14.64%	7.13%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Fund 10 Revenues	\$5,801,150	\$5,742,483	\$6,832,696	\$6,927,598	\$7,000,356	\$7,006,005	\$7,039,225
Fund 10 Expenditures	\$6,048,441	\$6,244,379	\$6,497,859	\$6,506,132	\$6,736,959	\$7,093,801	\$7,317,391
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$247,291)	(\$501,896)	\$334,836	\$421,466	\$263,396	(\$87,796)	(\$278,166)
Fund Balance	\$760,911	\$259,015	\$593,851	\$1,015,317	\$1,278,713	\$1,190,917	\$912,751
Fund Balance as % of Expenditures	12.58%	4.15%	9.14%	15.61%	18.98%	16.79%	12.47%
Total School-Based Tax Levy	\$1,731,371	\$1,939,559	\$2,836,046	\$2,973,741	\$3,095,241	\$3,086,436	\$3,091,048
% change		12.02%	46.22%	4.86%	4.09%	-0.28%	0.15%
Mill Rate (per \$1,000 EQ Value)	\$5.81	\$6.07	\$8.71	\$8.95	\$9.13	\$8.93	\$8.77
% change		4.57%	43.35%	2.80%	2.04%	-2.24%	-1.81%
Non-Recurring Referendum \$	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recurring Referendum \$	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Referendum Debt Levy	\$575,950	\$584,534	\$619,950	\$629,825	\$638,450	\$645,825	\$651,950
Energy Efficiency Exemption	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average tax impact: \$100,000 home	\$581	\$607	\$871	\$895	\$913	\$893	\$877



NOTES:

- The mill rate for 2025-2026 is final.
- Estimated mill rates for the current and subsequent fiscal years may fluctuate due to factors beyond the District's control, including but not limited to:
 - Variations in state aid
 - Changes in student enrollment
 - Biennium budget adjustments
 - Fluctuations in equalized property values
 - Changes in salary and benefits
 - Unforeseen expenditures (e.g., repairs, maintenance, curriculum needs)

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

Southwest Wisconsin
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Explore

MANUFACTURING!

TUES., FEB. 10, 2026, 9 AM-2 PM

Hands-on Sessions: Welding, CNC,
Automation Systems Technology,
and Electro-Mechanical Technology
Lunch is included.



*Sign up
today!*



GET Southwest Wisconsin TECHNICAL COLLEGE HANDS-ON *With* MANUFACTURING

Try hands-on activities, meet with instructors and industry professionals, and check out employer booths. Programs highlighted include Automation Systems Technology, Electromechanical Technology, CNC, and Welding.

WED., FEB. 11, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

Sign up today!



Revtrak



Pay fees online!

Visit Rev Track <https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/> to pay lunch money, milk money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals, and more.

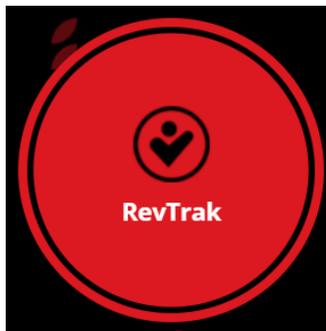
If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.

Contribute to helping BH Students as you desire.

As times get tougher all around for school districts, Black Hawk finds itself struggling to continue to offer the "extras" for our students to ensure that their educational and school experience at Black Hawk is a meaningful one. As our budgets get slashed and our costs go up, we are looking for different ways to raise funds to offer these tools and sponsor events. If you are in a position to help support some of our projects, classrooms, organizations, and events.....check out our new "Support Our School" link on Revtrak. Helping our students in a way that is meaningful to you has never been easier. Go to:

1. www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us

2. Click on Revtrak.



3. Click on Support Our Schools



4. Choose the area to which you wish to give a supportive gift, indicating as much specific information as you wish.

Support Our School

- STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
- STUDENT READING RESOURCES
- STEM - (SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING, MATH)
- CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT FUND
- GENERAL ATHLETICS FUND
- ATHLETIC TEAMS
- HOMECOMING & FIREWORKS FUND
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- MUSIC PROGRAMMING
- SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND
- OTHER

Thanks for your support

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING**



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:02 pm in the upper commons, The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegeseegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 8 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda which includes financial report as presented, which includes checks written, ACH payments, journal entries, cash receipts and the cash reconciliation for the prior month, posting of the agenda and minutes from November 12, 2025, and December 1, 2025 meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Reports:

Chambers: Dan Rossmiller wrote a note on the WASB Certificate of Membership letter, if the Board or I had any thoughts on how the Wisconsin Association of School Boards could better serve the district please let him know. I have sent him an email letting him know that I would share this with the Board. I also shared that I thought the association does work in supporting districts.

I have attached the Referendum - Campaign Practices letter from Quarles and Brady for your review. I have shared it with staff as well.

I received a notice on Monday morning from the Department of Transportation System Development. Hwy 11 from Wolf Creek Bridge to County KK and a section of Hwy 78 going south from 11 will be resurfaced in the spring of 2029. There will be a meeting on December 17, 2025, from 5:45 PM to 6 PM at the Gratiot Village Hall. An open house Public Involvement Meeting will follow.

The electronic door hardware for the three doors from the vestibule into the lower commons was supposed to arrive today. Sjostrom is scheduling an immediate installation as well as replacing the lockset on door #33.

I plan on giving permission to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for our 7-12 grade students to participate in a survey on reporting safety concerns if the student so chooses. Please see the attached email, if you oppose my intent, please let me know.

A couple of hours ago, I received a response from Representative Novak's office on a request for either he or Senator Marklien or both to provide a statement about if a district dissolves if a person will pay property taxes in another district. It appears they will be presenting a memo on this point. Please see the attached email string.

I spent December 3 at Lambeau Field as a part of a committee working on the Team Up for Sports Safety, spearheaded by Kelci Stringer and the Korey Stringer Foundation. This effort did not cost anything for the school district.

I am looking at two options to apply for a Department of Administration grant for Violence Prevention/Mental Health.

I met with Natalie Sessoms about Possip, a platform to communicate with and gather input from the community. Here is a short video on the platform: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIL94GbEg-8>. I also attached two documents about the platform.

Milz: On November 17, Ms. Kammes, our middle school student council advisor, took some of the middle school student council members to a Leadership Tour conference, where they learned about public speaking and how to make a difference in their local school community. Nov. 13 - Mr. O'Brien took the juniors to Lafayette County Courthouse for County Government Day. Nov. 14 - Mr. Duff Bowers, gifted and talented coordinator, took 7 middle school students to Southwest Technical College in Fennimore for the local Quiz Bowl competition.

Thank you to community members who helped our student organizations with fundraising efforts over the past month: FFA - Fruit Sales MS - Butter Braids (supports annual ski trip), was added in addition to Cookie dough because costs were not

being covered with a single fundraising effort. Music - Kringles/Wreath sales. We've discussed the timing of these fundraisers and the stress it may place on families and individuals, but no resolution has yet come to fruition.

Parent's Club also holds a fundraiser in November. November 20, our 8th grader band members participated in the Six Rivers East conference band performance. On December 3, members of our middle school and high school student councils participated in the Milwaukee Bucks Leadership Day. After an afternoon of activities on leadership, they were able to watch the Bucks play the Detroit Pistons. December 11th - Mr. Duff Bowers is taking qualifying 5th graders to a Math 24 competition in Fennimore as part of the gifted and talented program. Winter Holiday concert performances are coming up on Monday, December 15 with the 4K-5th grade concert at 1:00 p.m. and the MS/HS concert at 7:00 p.m. 6th grade will perform in the evening. Brian Kenney, as part of our guidance program, will be here on Wed., December 17, to work on teamwork and leadership with our elementary students.

December 23. Parent's Club sponsored class holiday parties. Also, the middle school student council sponsored movie trip to Freeport on that day.

Erickson:

- I will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Dodgeville to orient myself with all the input necessary for the conversion to the Arbiter Software we will use for scheduling and assigning officials. This is necessary for the conversion from School to Arbiter. In preparation for this, I have had to input all of the Black Hawk school information, as well as all of our opponents.
- I was going to attend a WIAA sponsored Leadership Summit today, however, that was cancelled due to the weather. It is yet to be determined if it will be re-scheduled. Cole Dunlavey, Jaci Kammes, Emily Curran and Mason Schultz were going to attend as student-athletes.
- Congratulations to Coach Desie Breadon and Coach Doug O'Brien for being named the Six Rivers Head Coach and Assistant Coach of the year.
- Congratulations to our varsity FB players who were named to all conference team (this was not made public until Potosi/Cassville was eliminated from the playoffs)
- Winter games have started with the boys and girls' basketball teams getting competitions in, but the wrestling teams kick-off was thwarted by mother nature last night. The girls' wrestlers head to Waunakee on Friday and the boys head to Bellville on Saturday. We have rescheduled Tuesday's basketball game to December 30.
- We've had to adjust the girls JV schedule because of numbers. I reached out to the WIAA to get input and permission to alter the schedule. We are not alone. Several teams we play do not have JV teams. Because of the alteration, some teams have chosen not to play a JV half (this allows them to schedule full games with other opponents.)
- I'm currently working on 2026-27 schedules for winter sports. I'm always looking for opponents that are near our level of competition as non-conference opponents.
- I have also continued to attempt conversations with other schools about the formation of coops. The most glaring is girls' basketball but I want to commend our head coach, Kaylee Flanagan, for continuing to press on and developing the younger levels to support her program.
- Earlier this week, the upper classmen from Argyle that are part of the softball team came for lunch and met with prospects in my room during lunch. There was some interest from the freshman class, and I spoke directly with a few juniors and seniors as well.
- Kevin Dulavey helped in getting the new scoreboard console set up in the gym. I appreciate his time and efforts. It ended up we were sent the wrong instructions.
- Teacher appreciation will occur at the Girls Basketball game tomorrow night.
- We will honor Coach Mike Flanagan for his induction into the WBCA Hall of Fame when the Darlington Girls basketball team plays here January 5. We're inviting any former players that are able to return to come and

recognize their achievements made mostly here at Black Hawk.

Board of Education Report: When groups are posting on social media platforms they should do one posting versus doing numerous postings for the same event. The following people/organizations donated services and/or money – Community Bank, Football Program, Carmen Dahl, Willy Chambers, Black Hawk Booster Club (entrance mat into gym). Sarah Kaster.

Public comment was called for: None.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Schliem to approve the overnight trip for the FFA Leadership Programs which are January 16-17, 2026, at Stevens Point and February 6-8, 2026 at Wisconsin Dells all expenses will be paid by FFA or FFA Alumni. The motion carried on a voice vote. Also noted that the agenda item for the January meeting will be the number of trips for programs that are allowed before they will be required to pay for sub teachers.

Draw for order on Ballot on January 12 at 3:00 pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve a resolution be it resolved by the School Board of the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses. The motion carried on a roll call vote, YES-Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegeseegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. NO_NONE, ABSENT-NONE

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of a resolution authorizing the school District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$800,000 for recurring purposes . The School Board of the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$800,000 for Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); and the motion carried on a roll call vote. YES-Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegeseegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. NO-None, ABSENT-NONE

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to deny lane movement for 4 teachers lane movements as presented due to budget issues, The motion carried on a voice vote. Figi-Abstained. Baumgartner mentioned that compensation should be handled at negotiations and not being handled separately. With the financial situation that we are in it is hard to give raises at this time.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the safety plan as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Paulson that the board will continue to be focusing on reallocating tasks, redeploying employees to different roles and additional options to help reduce administration and/or personnel expenses the goal of the board is to find \$150,000 in expense reductions without affecting the educational needs of the students. The motion carried on a voice vote. Also noting that some programs and staffing needs are required by law even though we do not receive the full funding for the program(s).

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to convey to executive session at 7:12 pm president's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f, Wisconsin State Statues - personnel - 19.85(1)(C) Motion carried on a roll call vote Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegeseegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi.

The Board returned to open session at 8:31 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session: Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to issue non-renewal notice to Cory Milz his contract will end on June 30, 2027. YES- Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegeseegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. NO-NONE, ABSENT-NONE

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegeseegger to adjourn at 8:35pm. The motion carried on a voice vote. The next Regular meeting will be January 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the upper commons. Referendum meeting will be at 5:00 pm Submitted by, Jason Figi, Clerk

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 MS WR @ Lancaster WR WR @ Parkview 6p GBB (H) Stockton (Varsity)	3 6p BBB (H) Juda 6GBB @ Barneveld	4 	5 Seals on Wheels 6p GBB @ Albany/Monticello 6p BBB @ Juda 6p Parents Club Meeting	6 Seals on Wheels 6p BBB (H) Belmont	7 WR @ North Crawford MSWR @ Mineral Point
9 6p BBB (H) River Ridge, IL	10 6p GBB (H) Juda (Parents Night) 	11 5p Referendum Committee Meeting 6p School Board Meeting	12 130p MS Dance MSWR @ Darlington 6p BBB (H) Juda (Parents Night)	13 MS Ski Trip 6p GBB (H) Potosi/Cassville (Senior Night) WR @ Evansville WIAA Girls Sectionals	14 WR WIAA Sectionals Forensics @ Madison West
16 Forensics @ Shullsburg	17 BBB @ Albany MSWR @ Galena w/Cuba City	18 130p Early Release	19 No School	20 No School	21 
23 	24 GBB Regionals	25 HS Ski Trip	26 6p BBB @ Pec State Wrestling	27 GBB Regionals State Wrestling	28 State Wrestling

Happy Valentine's Day



Breakfast Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Assorted Cereal Bars Cheezits Apple Milk 	3 Breakfast Pizza Goldfish Crackers Applesauce Pears Milk	4 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Applesauce Milk	5 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	6 Assorted Cereals Yogurt Apple Juice Peaches Milk 
9 Berry French Toast Applesauce Mixed Fruit Milk	10 Pancakes Granola Bar Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	11 Assorted Muffins Granola Bites Apple Milk 	12 Egg Round Sausage Patty English Muffin Apple Milk	13 French Toast Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk
16 Pop Tart Granola Bites Apple Milk 	17 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Applesauce Milk	18 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Pears Milk	19 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	20 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>
23 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Pears Milk	24 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Bagel Granola Bar Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	25 Cinnamon Waffles Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	26 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Apple Milk 	27 Long John Applesauce Apple Juice Milk



Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Ham/Bun Goldfish Crackers Carrot Sticks Pears Milk	3 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	4 Chicken Fajita Meat WG Tortilla Shell Yogurt Peas Applesauce Milk	5 Quesadilla Broccoli Blue Raspberry Slushie Milk 	6 Fish Sticks Granola Bites Cauliflower Orange Milk
9 Corn Dog Baked Scoops Green Beans Pears Milk 	10 French Bread Pizza Cheese Stick Broccoli Applesauce Milk	11 Beef Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Apple Milk	12 Chicken Patty/Bun Goldfish Crackers Cauliflower Pears Milk	13 Cod Square/Bun Cheese Stick Corn Orange Milk
16 Brat/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk	17 French Toast Sausage Patty Cheese Stick Hashbrown Juice Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Broccoli Peaches Milk 	19 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	20 <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>
23 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Apple Juice Milk	24 Pizza Dippers/Sauce Cheezits Broccoli Grapes Milk	25 Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheese Stick Cauliflower Peaches Milk	26 Warrior Bowl Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Milk	27 Mac & Cheese Cheese Stick Carrots Apple Milk 

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) 439-5371 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 Figi
Member-Clayton Ruegsegger
Member-Mindy Stauffacher
Member-Cali Schliem

Official School Board Ballot Nonpartisan Office School District of Black Hawk April 7, 2026

OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT for School District of Black Hawk April 7, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

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Instructions to Voters
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).
To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."
School Board Members
Vote for not more than 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Dustin Williams
<input type="checkbox"/> Brenda K. Peterson
<input type="checkbox"/> Clayton Ruegsegger
Write-in:
Write-in:

Instructions to Voters
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).
To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School District
Question: 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 \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No



School District of Black Hawk
PO Box 303
South Wayne, WI 53587

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 7, 2026 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 7, 2026

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Black Hawk on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 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 \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for 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.

Done in the School District of Black Hawk
on December 10, 2025
Jason Figi, District Clerk