



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dr. Keith W. Hiltz, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Wausau School District Parent/Guardian,

During the 2021-2022 school year, itsLearning announced it was ending service to all of North America, including our school district. As a result, a wide-ranging team of Wausau School District staff evaluated replacement learning management systems. I am excited to let you know that the team selected Canvas. The benefits of Canvas included enhanced parent access, an efficient instructional flow, greater opportunities for collaboration, and increased accessibility tools.

It is important to note that this is truly a year of transition away from itsLearning and Google Classroom at the secondary level. A transition year means staff will be deepening their learning and skill sets around Canvas, while wrapping up their use of itsLearning. As this takes place, you and your students will likely be using both itsLearning and Canvas this upcoming school year as staff build up their knowledge of the new system. Then, during the 2023-2024 school year, Canvas will be the only system in use for our secondary schools.

At the elementary level, we will continue to evaluate Canvas, alongside Seesaw, to see which platform best meets the needs of you, your students, and our staff. As a result, some elementary teachers will be fully implementing Canvas and others will remain on SeeSaw. It's our goal to make a decision about the best path forward for our elementary schools by the end of this December.

Please look for specific communication from individual schools about the use of Canvas. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this transition to better meet the needs of your students.

Sincerely,

Jon Euting

Director of Technology & Media Services

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