



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Longfellow Administration Center

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Dr. Keith W. Hilts, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Wausau School District Families:

Here at the Wausau School District, we're working hard every single day to ensure that your students are college, career, and life ready by the time they graduate. At the same time, we're also looking ahead at our own future; ensuring that it's a staple in this community for generations and generations to come.

That said, right now, the Wausau School District is facing a number of long-term challenges that are starting to impact your students and our staff. Some of the challenges include declining enrollment, unequal staff working conditions across our schools, unequal student access to programming and long-term financial challenges. Did you know there's an automotive program at Wausau East that's not offered at Wausau West? That's just one example of the differences in student programming.

What we are doing now is trying to figure out how we best address the challenges we face. To do that, we need your help. We've already started a conversation with our 1,200 staff members and now we'd like to begin a conversation with you.

So, over the course of the next couple of months, we're going to be reaching out to you with a series of videos that explain the challenges we face and some of the potential solutions. In addition to the videos, there will also be opportunities for you to provide us with your feedback, comments, questions, and concerns, both online and in-person.

So, here's our ask of you now:

- Please take a few minutes and **watch this video**. It goes over the challenges we face and the potential solutions.
- Once you watch the video, please complete this survey. You can access it by clicking **here**. You can also scan the QR code that you'll see near the end of the video with your smartphone. The survey will only take a few minutes of your time. We just ask that you complete it by November 1st, if you can.
 - If you need a paper copy of the survey – please call the Longfellow Administration Center at 715-261-0500 and we will gladly get you one.

Once the survey closes on November 1, we will review your feedback; reading through each and every one of your responses. Following that, we'll share with you another video and another opportunity for your feedback.

Please know we will have two in-person options where you can learn even more and get your comments, questions, and concerns addressed. Those meetings are scheduled for November 16th at 5 p.m. at Wausau West and December 7th at 5 p.m. at Wausau East. We will also live stream those meetings. We'll share more details about that in the coming weeks.

As always, thank you for taking the time to get informed on the challenges we face and for sharing your feedback; we truly value your partnership. We also are ever so grateful that you chose us to educate your child(ren). It is truly a privilege.

Thank you,

Dr. Keith Hilts
Superintendent
Wausau School District

It is the mission of the Wausau School District to advance student learning, achievement, and success.