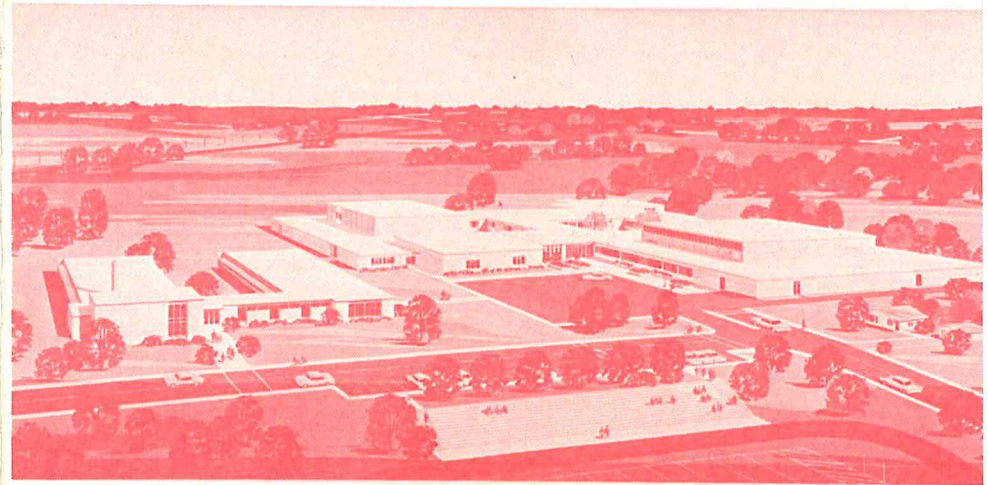


# SUN PRAIRIE

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1970 - 1971



*Wisconsin's fastest growing suburban community*

- Enjoy modern facilities at reasonable cost.
- Minutes away from major metropolitan areas.
- In the heart of a rich environment.
- Small enough for your active participation and leadership.
- Modern schools and a progressive system, desirous of high caliber teachers.

For information on questions you may have as a prospective teacher, check further into this brochure.

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years and a Master's degree teacher, the same minimum every six years.

Approved travel may be used in place of the college training, providing the teacher retains his or her teaching certificate requirements. This pertains only to the requirement that the teacher must earn six credits every five years.

The school district pays for extra-curricular duties and assignments which include such activities as class advisor, school newspaper, school annual, department heads, directing and coaching such activities as dramatics, debate, forensics, and the various athletic organizations.

## IF YOU ARE INTERESTED? WRITE OR CALL

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## WHAT WILL BE YOUR FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER REWARDS?

The starting salary for the beginning teacher holding a Bachelor's degree is \$7,150.00. (1970-1971).

The starting salary for the beginning teacher holding a Master's degree is \$7,750.00.

Increments per year based upon 4% factor cumulative.

Beginning teachers holding a Bachelor's degree plus 12 credits receive \$7,300.00.

Beginning teachers holding a Bachelor's degree plus 18 credits receive \$7,450.00.

Beginning teachers holding a Bachelor's degree plus 24 credits receive \$7,600.00.

Beginning teachers holding a Master's degree plus 12 credits receive \$7,900.00.

Beginning teachers holding a Master's degree plus 18 credits receive \$8,050.00.

Beginning teachers holding a Master's degree plus 24 credits receive \$8,200.00.

In addition, the Sun Prairie school district pays 100% of the single and family plans of the Health and Accident Insurance premium which includes major medical coverage and loss of time coverage.

The school district accepts credits up to nine years for outside experience, but the nine years must directly precede employment in our system.

A teacher with a Bachelor's degree must take a minimum of six credits of college training every five

## WHAT IS SUN PRAIRIE?

Sun Prairie is a mushrooming suburban community which has grown from 4,500 to about 10,000 people within the last 5 years. It is primarily a residential community, extremely neat and clean. New housing developments and modern apartment complexes dominate the community setting.

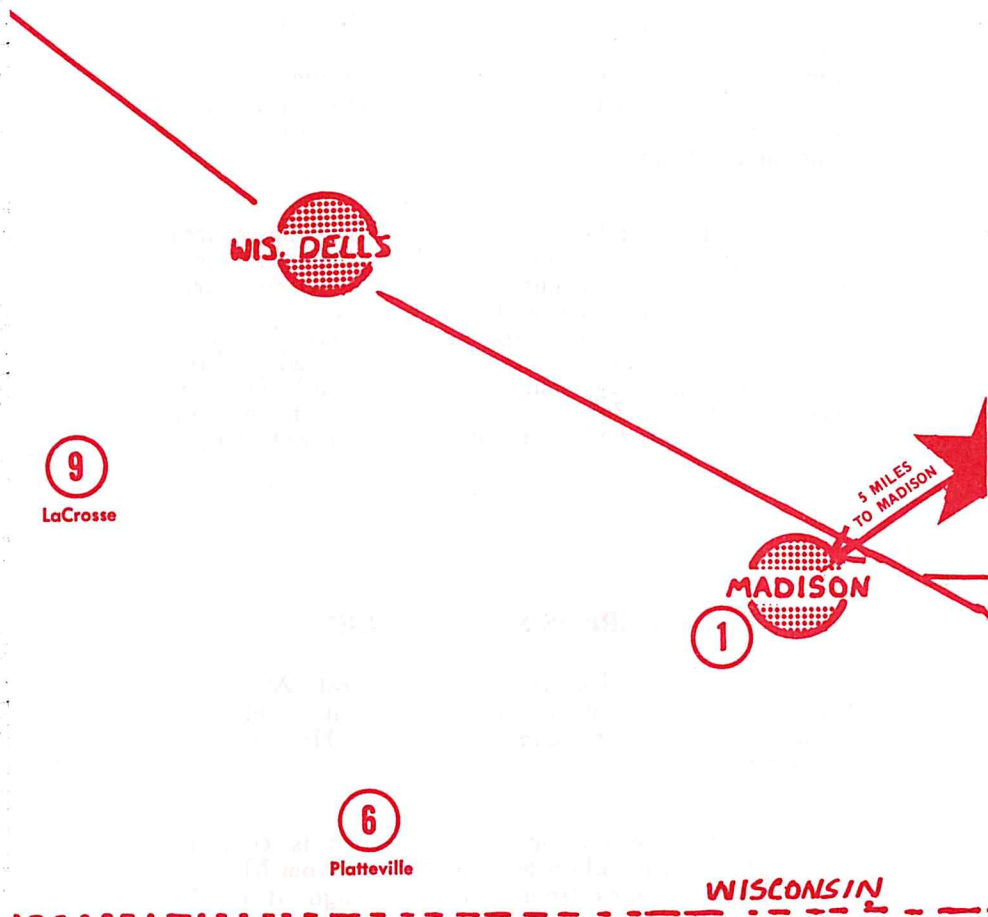
Within its boundaries are a mid-town shopping area with modern municipal facilities. Although this is the oldest part of the community, many of the structures have been re-developed and streets here, as well as throughout the city, are broad and modern. There is also a large new shopping center at the west edge of the community. The city contains six fine park facilities consisting of over 75 acres. Many aspects of what the city offers is described in detail on the following pages.

## WHERE IS SUN PRAIRIE?

Sun Prairie is located in southcentral Wisconsin. Ten miles northeast of the state's capital, it is only a 15 minute drive from the campuses of the University of Wisconsin.

In respect to metropolitan areas, it is centrally located in that it is only a 60 minute drive from Milwaukee and 120 minutes from greater Chicago. It is also only a five minute drive from a major airport, having daily flights scheduled all over the United States.

It is less than an hour's drive from famous Wisconsin Dells, Lower Kettle Moraine and Horicon Marsh areas. It is just north of the famous four-Lakes area of southern Wisconsin.



1. University of Wisconsin
2. University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
3. Marquette University
4. Carroll College
5. Whitewater University
6. Platteville University
7. De Kalb University of Northern Illinois
8. Stevens Point University
9. LaCrosse University
10. Beloit College
11. Lawrence College
12. Oshkosh University
13. Ripon College
14. Green Bay Packers

## WHAT IS IT LIKE TEACHING IN OUR SCHOOLS?

Fine physical plants.

Bright, well-equipped rooms.

A wide variety of books, materials, and supplies.

School population of clean, well-behaved children with an I.Q. well over the national mean.

Opportunity to work on varied committees and projects.

Excellent supervision and consultation available in all buildings.

Fine and frequent in-service training for professional growth.

Encouragement and reimbursement for additional study at the nearby University of Wisconsin and colleges.

## IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSROOMS TEACHERS, THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED IN THE SUN PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

- 1 school administrator
- 1 business manager
- 1 elementary coordinator
- 1 senior high school principal
- 1 assistant senior high school principal
- 1 junior high school principal
- 3 elementary principals
- 3 senior high school guidance counselors
- 2 junior high school guidance counselors
- 2 school psychologists
- 3 school speech therapists
- 2 school nurses
- 5 school librarians
- 1 school social worker



## WHAT PHILOSOPHY DO WE HOLD CONCERNING TEACHING IN OUR SYSTEM?

**Initiative and Variety:** a good teacher cannot rely on textbooks alone. We encourage use of many helpful audio-visual aids, science equipment, reference books, etc.

**Cooperativeness:** We encourage cooperative and team approaches to operation and instruction. Teachers, both new and experienced, have things to share.

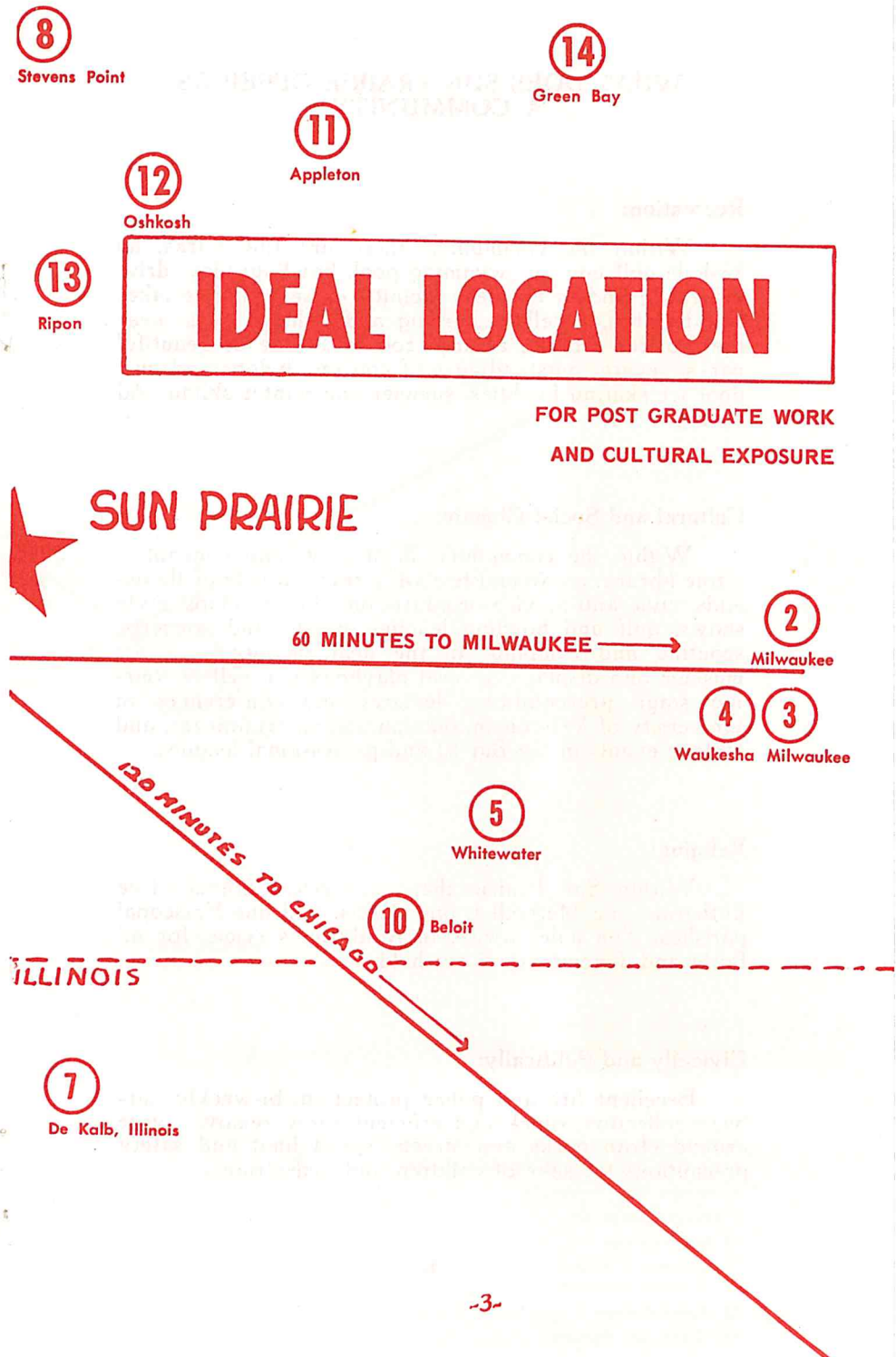
**Experimentation:** We encourage research and pilot-type study in latest advances such as programmed learning, controlled reading and difference approaches to individualization.

**Constructive Criticism:** We feel teachers should be continually looking at areas of the program and curriculum which can be improved and suggesting how they can be improved.

**Growth:** We have committees, a summer school and varied projects in which a teacher may find room to grow professionally and exert leadership.

## TWO NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BUILT IN 1966

The EAST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and the WEST SIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are the most recently completed school construction projects. Students moved into the East Side Elementary School in November 1966 and another group into the West Side Elementary School in December of 1966. An addition to the West Side Elementary School was completed in May of 1969. An addition to the East Side Elementary School is now under construction. It is scheduled for completion in May of 1971. Both East Side & West Side Elementary Schools will then have a 500 student capacity.





## WHAT DOES SUN PRAIRIE OFFER AS A COMMUNITY?

### Recreation:

Within the community, there are fine parks, an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, bowling alley, driving range and in the near vicinity — several fine lakes and beaches, excellent hunting and fishing areas, near the Horicon Marsh, a large zoo, multitude of beautiful parks, several outstanding golf courses, indoor and outdoor ice skating facilities, summer and winter skiing and sailing.

### Cultural and Social Climate:

Within the community, local plays and pageantry, a fine library, an annual festival attracting tens of thousands, civic and service organizations, bridge clubs, style shows, golf and bowling leagues, bands, and concerts, scouting and camping. In the near vicinity . . . art museum and displays, several playhouses, excellent touring stage presentations, lectures and conferences at University of Wisconsin, outstanding entertainment, and athletic events in the Big 10 and professional leagues.

### Religion:

Within Sun Prairie there are two Catholic, five Lutheran, one Methodist, one Baptist and one Episcopal parishes. Ten miles away, in Madison, services for all faiths and denominations are held.

### Civically and Politically:

Excellent fire and police protection, bi-weekly garbage collection, quick and efficient snow removal, year around clean parks and streets, speed limit and safety precautions for sake of children and pedestrians.

playground area, provide excellent facilities in all types of weather.

The school has an instructional library and central inter-com system, excellent supplementary and audio-visual materials and facilities for the special area teachers.

### SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Sun Prairie Senior high school building was constructed in 1961. Since that time, there has been need to add two additions to the building. In 1964-65 an addition provided a third physical education station; two industrial art shops and a drafting room; additional natural science, mathematics, English, and Special Education classrooms; two foreign language laboratories; double art rooms; vocal music and band classrooms and practice rooms; and a Y-shaped auditorium equipped with soundproof sliding doors which can be used for three teaching stations or one large unit with a seating capacity of 600. We also have five other classrooms divided with operable sliding doors that lends them to large group and team teaching instruction. In 1967 a third addition was completed consisting of a large library resource center and seven classrooms. The modern one-story building now has facilities to accomodate 1,200 students in grades 9 through 12.

The curriculum covers, agriculture, art, business education, drivers education, English, speech, foreign language, home economics, industrial arts, engineering drafting, mathematics, music, physical education, special education, developmental reading, science, and social studies. All departments have excellent equipment, and all necessary additional teaching aids are available.

The school day consists of seven, 55-minute periods. All students are required to carry five subjects, in addition to physical education. Classes are geared to challenge the gifted, as well as encourage slower students. Over 60% of our graduates seek higher education.

Sun Prairie High School has a well rounded co-curricular activity program which includes forensics, dramatics, and debate programs, plus competitive participation in such athletic events as football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, cross country, volleyball, tennis, golf and track.

Sun Prairie school system is a member of Badger Conference.



and equipment, a film strip library, and an up-to-date instructional materials center for research and study.

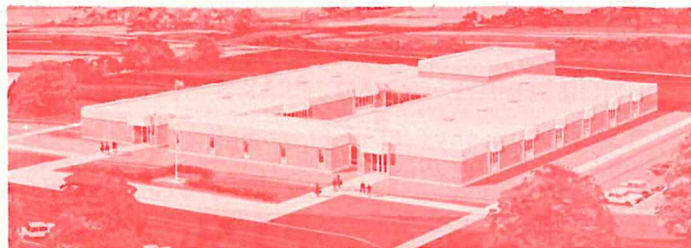
There is a centrally located office and supply area, which includes an instructional secretary to assist the teachers, and a large cafeteria with fine kitchen facilities.

The campus area includes four playgrounds with more than adequate recreational equipment and parking facilities.

#### CHARLES W. BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This school was completed in the fall of 1965. It contains the latest in facilities and school design and is comparable in size to the Southside School.

This school, as all schools, has stations provided for a nurse, guidance counselor, speech therapist, school psychologist and band and stringed instrument instruction. This school also has four specially designed classrooms for the mentally retarded.



#### SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Southside School is a modern building, constructed within the past fifteen years. It is attractively styled with an open inner court. Its features include a modern lunchroom and kitchen facilities, 14 classrooms, an all-purpose room, library, health-room, conference-room, and offices. A bus parking lot, plus a black-topped

#### WHAT ARE THE DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOLS LIKE?

Legal Title: JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 City of Sun Prairie, Towns of Blooming Grove, Bristol, Burke, Cottage Grove, Sun Prairie, and York, Dane Co., and Town of Hampden, Columbia Co.

#### A. Number of Board of Education:

Seven

Board of Education members serve three year terms and are elected by the residents of the school district on the day of the Annual School Meeting which is held on the fourth Monday in July of each year.

#### B. School Facilities:

	No. of Class rooms	No. of Teachers	Enroll- ment
Southside Elementary School .....	16	17	250
Charles W. Bird Elementary School ..	20	19	400
Northside Elementary School .....	34	38	970
Junior High School .....	19	34	600
Senior High School .....	52	80	1200
East Side Elementary .....	7	8	230
West Side Elementary .....	16	14	400
Total .....	164	210	4050

Auxiliary Employees: Eighteen school secretaries  
Twenty custodians  
Seventeen cooks  
Seven Teacher Aides  
Ten Para-Professionals

Area of School District: 86 square miles

Equalized Valuation: \$95,061,200

Tax Rate: 1961 mills equalized valuation

Accreditation: The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and State Department of Public Instruction.



The Sun Prairie School System is organized on K-6, 7-8, 9-12 plan. Because of the rapid enrollment expansion, we have separated the seventh and eighth grades and thus refer to them as the Junior High School.

In the Elementary department, full time special teachers are employed in Art, Music, and Physical education. The Guidance Counselors, Speech Therapists, School Psychologist and Social Worker are employed on a full time basis.

The administrative staff includes a superintendent of schools, a business manager, a high school principal, an assistant high school principal, an elementary school coordinator, a junior high school building principal and three elementary school principals.

The curriculum is continuously examined, evaluated and updated, to keep pace with modern trends in education.

The textbooks committees evaluate new books continuously in order that new materials which will best serve the curriculum may be purchased.

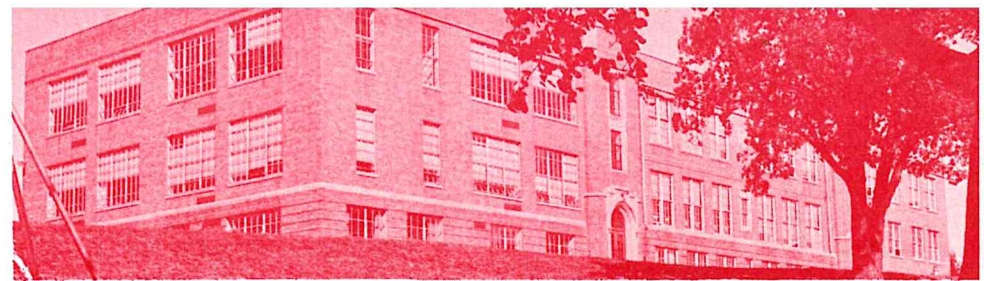
An active Parent-Teachers Association, ready and willing to assist teachers when needed, supports our schools.

The system has an active Teachers Association which has studied and proposed adequate salary schedules, surveyed working conditions, and assists new teachers in locating housing.

A six-week summer school program which employs about 25 teachers is included in our program. Such courses as developmental reading, remedial arithmetic, creative writing, dramatics, art and enriched reading are offered.

At Sun Prairie teachers are encouraged to initiate innovations in teaching, such as team teaching, small and large group instruction, research in curriculum areas, working with visual aids and teaching machines, and any new ideas or theories which might be an outgrowth of their college training.

A brief description of the schools follows:



## **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The original junior high school consists of a three story building erected in 1934. A \$2,400,000 addition was constructed in 1970. The junior high school consists of the seventh and eighth grades and has an enrollment of some 600 students. The building capacity now approaches 1,000 students. The building contains sixteen academic rooms, five science laboratory rooms, two art rooms, a library-instructional materials center, two home economics rooms, two industrial arts rooms, two foreign language laboratories, two special education rooms, a gymnasium, a large group instructional area, a cafeteria and other related facilities.

The outside area includes a spacious ten acre playground and large adjacent parking lot.

## **NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The modern physical plant, completed in 1963, has a school population of over 900 students. It has a spacious library and all-purpose room, as well as stations for the special area teachers in art and music.

Also located within the complex is an extensive supply of reference and supplementary books in a book-room, an Audio-Visual room including all the latest aids

