



Black Hawk School District

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February 2023

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Rethinking the Construction Project

Unfortunately, December 28, 2022 was not a day where Black Hawk School District received good news relative to the capital improvement project. Tim Rupert, the architect from HSR, I and representatives from four construction companies opened the four bids we received. The bad news is that the bids came in at least 2.5 million over the funds available for the work these companies needed to do.

So we needed to reset and discuss options on how to proceed with the project. Mr. Ruppert and I immediately started to discuss what options may be available. All options that we could think of at the time were put on the table. A list of ideas that we came up with in that discussions or shortly after are included here. I do not pretend to believe that all of these would be palatable to the Board, the community or the staff.

- Refuse all bids and rebid
- Change the scope of the project
- Within the scope, rearrange rooms and change finishes
- Borrow the amount that the statutes allow us to borrow without a referendum (up to \$1,000,000)
- Go back to another referendum to cover a portion or all of the difference - available opportunities are in April of 2023 or 2024.
- Use a portion of the fund balance
- Win the lottery.
- Do not proceed with a project
- A combination of two or more of the above ideas

I secured the cost of borrowing money or running an additional referendum from Kevin Mullen of Baird Public Finance. Tim started working on options to change the scope of the project. I reached out to the Board and placed this on the January 11, 2023 board meeting agenda.

At the January 11 board meeting I presented the options that were listed above and Tim presented a potential change in scope. It is believed the change in scope suggested by Tim will bring the bids in at a level that the district can afford for this project. The Board decided to move forward with the scope changes as presented by Mr. Ruppert.

When Tim was reviewing and revising the scope he kept the following items in mind to guide his work. These items

were discussed as part of an attempt to honor the work and interests expressed by the Board, the focus groups and community as we worked on this project over the last three years. The key items he kept in the forefront of his mind were as follows.

- Replacing the oldest portion of the building, which is the three story, 1921 portion
- Creating a safe loading/unloading zone for the busses
- Effectively managing the storm water
- Creating a safe and positive learning environment for the students, staff and community
- Connecting the buildings to keep children safe in one building
- A safe entry

After presenting the initial option to the Board and getting a nod from the Board to proceed. HSR had their engineers review the plan. An issue was identified with potential snow load on a section of the old building due to the difference of heights of surrounding roofs. A potential solution was devised and was presented for review to the Buildings and Grounds Committee on January 25, 2023. After a healthy discussion and some adjustments, it was decided to move forward with the plan.

I am aware that some people have questioned how a bid could come in so much over the predicted amount. Inflation is certainly a major portion of the issue. Building costs are reported to have gone up in the 20 to 25% range just in the last year. The district honed in on the 8.5 million for the referendum in August of 2021. There were 16 months of unprecedented inflation in the time from setting the dollar amount until the bids were opened. Other costs contributing to the difference between predicted price and actual bids were due to the complexity of the building structure and asbestos removal.

The revised plan includes reducing the square footage of the new building while retaining a portion of the 1938 building. The duration of the project will be shortened from roughly 21 months to roughly 14 months. The project will now be completed in a single phase as opposed to a two phase approach previously.

The project will meet the main objectives outlined in the referendum process while staying within the budget available. Ultimately the community will have a new section and a remodeled portion of the facilities that will serve the students, staff and community well.

Sincerely,
Willy Chambers

Hartzell's



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 1st, 2022-April 28th, 2023
- 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 **April 28th, 2023** in an envelope marked **Attention Mrs. Pickett**. Thank you!

December Employee of the Month

Lori Wick

Mrs. Lori Wick is the December Employee of The Month. Lori has done an outstanding job for us with the elementary music position. She has gone above and beyond in her role here this past semester. The students enjoy going to music class, and she (along with Mr. Amweg) put on a fine winter holiday concert. In addition, Lori has been helping the district with substitute bus driving. Lori will be missed.



Scripps Spelling Bee



4th Grade: Charlie Babler, Russell Ruegsegger
5th Grade: Ryker Larse and Mia Breadon
6th grade: Ryan Curran, Josslyn Lewis
7th grade: Braylon Bidlingmaier, Mitchell Wand
8th grade: Dani Martin, *Sadie Brown*



1st Place Champion - Sadie Brown
2nd Place - Russell Ruegsegger, Jr.
3rd Place - Josslyn Lewis



Soup for Hoops/Kupe Has Another Successful Night

On January 19, we welcomed in the Pecatonica Vikings for our annual Soup for Hoops/Kupe event. The Black Hawk girls basketball team with assistance from Black Hawk staff collaborated to execute the evening's events together, which consisted of the soup supper and silent auction.

Those efforts--together with donations from multiple individuals--resulted in a total of over \$4500. We are so thankful to all who contributed and continue to contribute!

Soup for Kupe began in November 2016 to honor a long-time Black Hawk educator Kelly Kupersmith, who had passed away just prior to our first Soup Night event in November after a long battle with cancer. In an effort to keep Kelly's legacy alive and the belief that anyone can make a difference, especially in the lives of our youth. Soup for Hoops/Kupe has given over \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors going into the education or nursing fields. We would love to think Kelly is smiling down on us knowing the donations coming in for this soup supper and silent auction baskets are going to our very own Black Hawk Students; something she would surely be proud of!

In addition to the scholarships, there have been times local neighboring schools have been going through their own challenges as well. In 2018 it was Coach Pustina from Cuba City. This year, we learned the Juda Community was rallying to support one of their own; Erik Makos, long time JV and youth basketball coach and a prominent community member. It was noted that he was facing some difficult health challenges and the Juda community and area schools were choosing to show this family and the Juda community we were thinking of them. Coach Liernan and the Girls Basketball team donated a portion of the funds from the recent Soup for Hoops/Kupe event to Eric's family the following evening when the boys basketball team played Juda.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped with Soup for Hoops/Kupe...a huge shout out to the Varsity Girls Basketball players for each putting a basket in the Silent Auction, to Marlene Hartwig for donating her time and energy in making the soup, the basketball parents and Black Hawk staff for helping serve, make desserts, and cleaning up. Thank you to, everyone who donated water, soda, gatorade, bowls, spoons, baked goods, and anyone we have missed; without all of you we could not have made this evening happen! Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening and who contributed to Soup for Hoops/Kupe Scholarship Fund. Once again, we appreciate the Black Hawk community for their willingness to support these kinds of activities. It shows what a special place Black Hawk truly is!



As captured in the photograph on the left...the Black Hawk girls basketball team recently presented a check to The Family of Erik Makos to help with medical bills as he is going through some health challenges at this time. Presenting the check was Coach Liernan and members of the Girls Basketball Team on behalf of the Soup for Hoops/Kupe Committee.

Revtrak



Pay fees online!

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



The library is trying something new this year. For two weeks beginning at the end of February, the library will be hosting a Read-a-Thon fundraiser. Elementary students will be designing their own Read-a-Thon page to ask for donations from family and friends. Reading can be done at home and in the classroom. Hopefully, we can facilitate some classroom reading competitions during this time.

Some of our existing shelving was built in 1978-1979, so monies raised will be used to purchase new shelving for the library. More information about the Read-a-Thon will be coming.

As always, Happy Reading
Mrs. McCauley

Dear Black Hawk Community,

My name is Devan Schulte, a senior at UW- Platteville. The next step in my progression as a future educator is student teaching. I have been placed with

Burke (Middle School Social Studies) and will be learning from him for the remainder of the school year. My job is to practice and learn as much as possible during this time. I will be transitioning into taking over classroom instruction as we continue the school year. I am looking forward to this opportunity and so far have enjoyed my time here. The school has been very inviting and welcomed me in.

Mr. Schulte

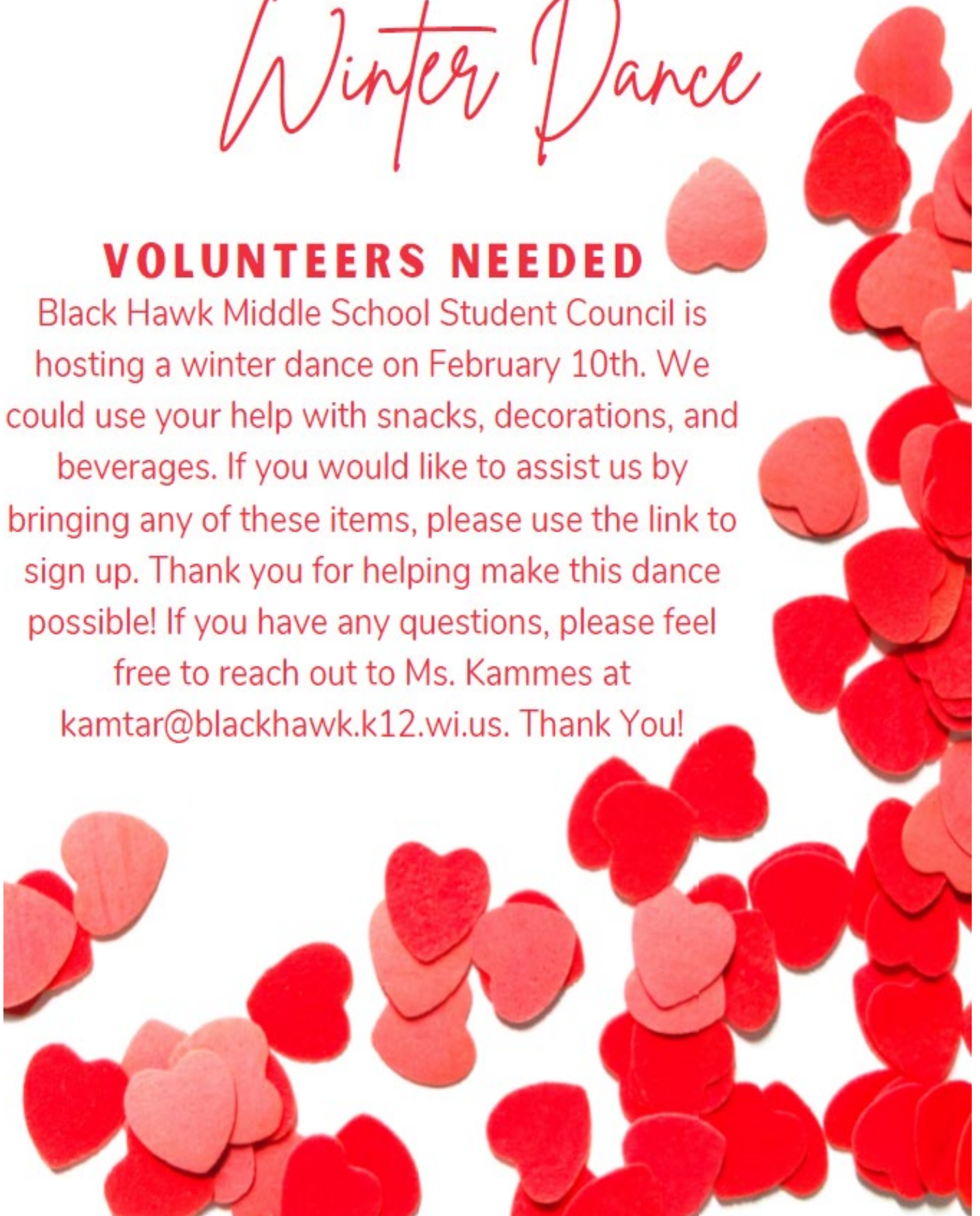


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Middle School Winter Dance

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Black Hawk Middle School Student Council is hosting a winter dance on February 10th. We could use your help with snacks, decorations, and beverages. If you would like to assist us by bringing any of these items, please use the link to sign up. Thank you for helping make this dance possible! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Kammes at kamtar@blackhawk.k12.wi.us. Thank You!



Warrior Pack Program News

The Warrior Pack Program delivered 199 food bags in the month of December.

A special thank you to: All the volunteers who helped pack and distribute food bags this month.
Jeannie Blumer (Green Cares Food Pantry) for all of her hard work for the Warrior Pack Program.
Dan and Deb Powers for the use of their building to keep the Warrior Pack Program running.
Tara Kammes and the Middle School Student Council for organizing a food drive.
The Strunz family for their donation of food and money.
The Swiss Colony for their generous donation.
Tim Wolff for choosing the Warrior Pack Program as the recipient of Woodford State Bank Cash Mob.

If you would like to contribute to the Warrior Pack Program, please mail donations to:
Black Hawk School
Attn: Summer Stietz
202 East Center Street
South Wayne, WI 53587

The Black Hawk Area Food Pantry serves families of the Blackhawk school district.

*Just a reminder that the Food Pantry is open every **third Thursday** of the month during the hours of **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.**

We are located at:
102 West Center St.
South Wayne, WI

School Board of Education

The Board holds a regular business meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm
Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open public meetings unless otherwise noted.
Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5400 for information.

President-Kerry Holland
Vice President-Dee Paulson
Treasurer-Alicia Sigafus
Secretary-Jason Figi
Member-Jessica Seffrood
Member-Jim Baumgartner
Member-Val Dunlavey

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Black Hawk Board of Education that no person, on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, or parenthood, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning status, disability or handicap be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity or in employment. Any questions from students about Title VI, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin; Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; or Section 504, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, should be addressed to: William Chambers, Ed D, Superintendent, 202 E. Center Street, South Wayne, WI 53587 or call 608-439-5371

Administration Contact Information

Throughout the year, members of the community have ideas they would like to share with administration.

We welcome both positive feedback and concerns. Preferably, we'd like to hear from you during business hours, but we'll get back to you at other times if necessary. Our contact information is:

Cory Milz

milcor@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

Work: 608 439-5400 x103

Cell: 608 426-0415

Willy Chambers

chawil@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

Work: 608 439-5400 x108

Cell: 608 426-2090

Parents Club News



www.boxtops4education.com

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Please keep an eye out for upcoming Parents Club Events. A reminder that the Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do not meet every month), below are the meeting dates for the remainder of the year: **February 2, April 6, May 4.**

A few things you can keep on doing to support the Parent's Club:

- 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, the holidays coming up, or just for yourself, it's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club!
- 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)

Again we want to thank you for your continuous support! As always, please feel free to reach out to any one of our officer team with any questions or concerns.

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



STATE TESTING

ACT Plus Writing---All Juniors

Black Hawk students in grade 11 will take the ACT with writing® which includes Reading, Math, English, Science, and Writing. The ACT is an in-person assessment that will be administered at school.

Save the date for March 7th, 2023

Make up Date: March 21st, 2023

PreACT—All Freshman and Sophomores

The PreACT is a summative assessment that measures what students have learned in the areas of: English, Reading, Math, and Science. The PreACT is an online assessment that may help to predict how a student will perform on the ACT when they reach 11th grade and their readiness for college-level coursework.

March 20th-April 28th-Dates will be finalized by February

Forward Exam Testing Window

The Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year at:

- grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in Science and,
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies.

Grades 3-5---March 20th-April 6th

Grades 6-8—April 4th-April 21st

For further information visit the accountability section of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment>

Mrs. McCauley,
District Assessment Coordinator

The BLACK HAWK BOOSTER CLUB WANTS YOU!!!



We are currently looking for people who are fun, creative, innovative, motivated to join our club! (Oh heck, even if you are none of the above, we still want you!! We can help train the rest! ;)

Meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of every month and are typically located at the Vault.

What do we do? Raise \$\$\$, for what? Keep reading...

This is what we have been able to contribute toward so far this school year:



***Hudl to augment girls basketball**

***Student Council support for HOCO DJ**

***Girdles, pads, balls (For Football that is..ha!)**

***Cheerleading uniforms - they look great!**



***A beautiful personalized TRACK tent! (last one blew away and fell apart, plus it was blue-boo!)**

***Scholarships!!!, 3 were given this past year, more to come!**

***The new speaker system in the gym!! I see you**

jamming in the stands now! And how wonderful for our Music Dept and special events!



So far this year we have been able to contribute \$5,787.45 worth of great stuff! And we have more to plan for! (Last year the Booster Club was able to contribute \$7,396.63 worth toward sport programs, student council, post prom, Homecoming float, club wagon, scholarships, etc.)

A couple of examples of what's next on the list: pop it spirit fence design for elementary and middle/high school, outdoor sound system, exercise bike for the weight room.

*****Any questions can be directed to our officer team: Mindy Stauffacher (President), Joni Marty (Treasurer), Val Dunlavey (Secretary)**

*****Shout out to the active members you see selling 50/50, working half time shoot out, working special events, ticket sales! You've seen them! They are awesome!**

******Lastly and most importantly, even if you do not want to join our club, we really appreciate your continued support!! Without you buying our tickets, shooting the basketball, attending our special events, we couldn't do what we do!! Thank You! Keep it up! :)**

Our March Madness is coming up!! Only a limited number of tickets sold! More info coming soon!



Black Hawk FFA

Ugly Sweater Potluck

Last month I briefly mentioned the Ugly Sweater potluck and how we had rescheduled it because of the cancellation of school. We rescheduled it for the 5th of January. We ended up having a good turnout and a considerable amount of food. We had three winners for the ugly sweater contest and those winners got a bunch of different fun prizes!



Half-Time Conference

On Friday, January 13 we had Stevie Cobb and Makayla Kammes travel to Stevens Point for the Half-Time Conference. Here they had two sessions on Friday night followed by a dance where they got to meet a bunch of new people and socialize. Then on Saturday, they had breakfast at the hotel then there were two speakers who were past national FFA officers followed by two more sessions to end the day. Both Makayla and Stevie said that this was an enjoyable and worthwhile event that will allow them to bring back new and fun activities for our chapter!



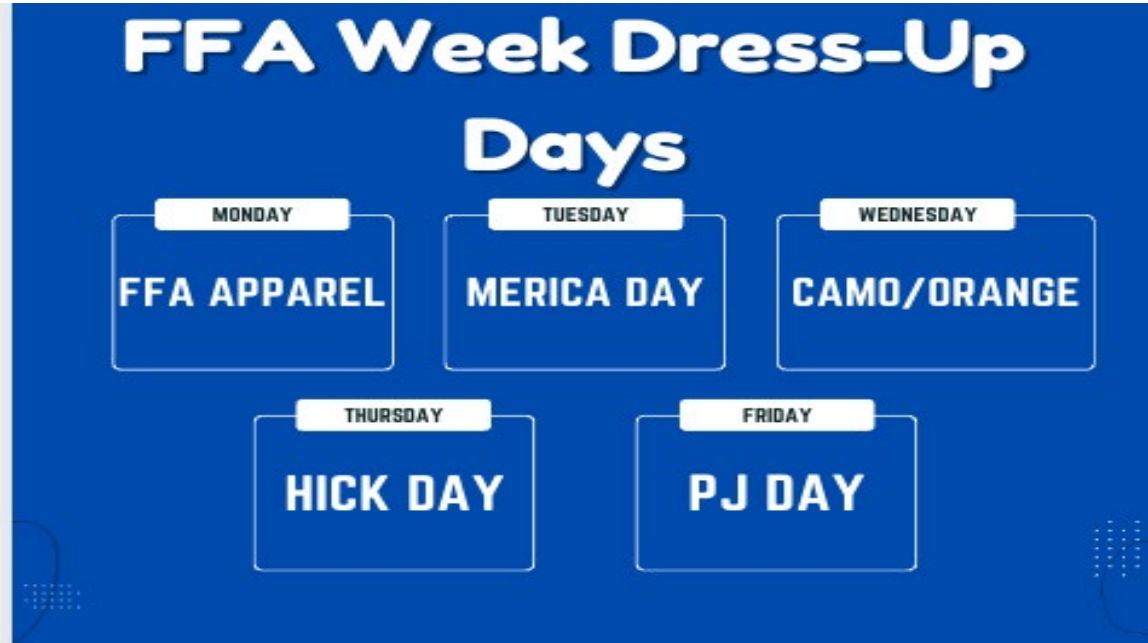
Upcoming Events

February 1st: Meeting in Ms. Nehs Room
February 4th-5th: Mid-Year Officer Retreat
February 20th-24th: National FFA WEEK!



FFA Week

FFA week is approaching quickly. It will be in the third week of February and will be a week full of fun activities, dress-up days, and many other things. That week is something we are all super excited about and we know that it's going to be a week full of fun for all members! The dress-up days are listed below!



SAE Spotlight



We decided this month that we would like to recognize a member with an SAE that stood out. We chose to recognize Beau Bredeson. His SAE consists of a Wildlife Research SAE where he tests different factors while ice fishing. In his SAE he tests different fishing lures and strategies to determine different types of feeding patterns for multiple fish species at Yellowstone Lake. He said that he's had many struggles within this SAE although the main one for him was money. Beau said, "In order to ice fish you need a lot of expensive equipment and it can be difficult to find quality equipment that is also affordable." Beau also went on to say that he's learned many things although he's found the best way to catch walleye is using live minnows and tip-ups. Beau is continuing to work hard with his SAE to determine if there are any better ways for him to catch even more fish.

Sincerely your 2022-2023 FFA Reporter,
Allyse Troemel

I believe in the future of agriculture

TEEN *of the* WEEK

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 17-YEAR-OLD



Raylin Peterson

DAUGHTER OF MARK & LORIE PETERSON



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, Yearbook, FBLA & Student Council

HONORS

Honor Roll, 2nd Team All Conference (Basketball), Honorable Mention & 2nd Team all Conference (Volleyball)

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Work, Babysit, Time with Friends and Shopping

HOBBIES

Ride Trails, Swimming, Fishing, Muscle Cars, Sports, Being with Friends & Family

VOLUNTEERING

Reffing youth Softball, Baseball, Basketball, Help with MS Track & Student Volunteer

FUTURE PLANS

Attend a Tech College & Hope to get a Business Internship

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2023-2024 Full-Time Open Enrollment Regular Application Period for Wisconsin Public Schools

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

YOU MAY APPLY FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT FROM FEBRUARY 6 – APRIL 28, 2023.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts if the pupil wishes to attend a brick and mortar school. There are no limitations to the number of open enrollment applications that can be submitted to a virtual charter school.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment regular application period for the 2023-24 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2023. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Can I apply to a virtual charter school under open enrollment?

A pupil may only open enroll to an online/virtual school if: (1) the school has been created as a virtual charter school that meets the requirements of the charter school law [Wis. Stats. 118.40 (8)] or (2) the pupil is required to physically attend school on a regular basis in a school located in the nonresident school district on the days that school is in session. Other important things to know about applying to virtual charter schools:

- A virtual charter school is not homeschooling. Pupils attending virtual charter schools are public school pupils.
- You must know the nonresident school district in which the virtual charter school is located.
- You must know your resident school district to apply.
- A list of virtual charter schools may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/charter-schools/virtual-charter-schools>.

Can parents appeal if an application is denied?

Parents whose applications are denied may appeal to the DPI within 30 days of the denial. State law requires the DPI to uphold the school district's decision unless DPI finds that the decision was arbitrary or unreasonable. The DPI's decision may be appealed to circuit court.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

Can an application be rejected?

Nonresident school districts may deny an application if regular or special education space is not available for the pupil; special education or related services are not available; or if the pupil has been referred for a special education evaluation but has not yet been evaluated. Nonresident school districts may also deny an application if the pupil has been expelled during the current or preceding two years for certain violent conduct or if the pupil was habitually truant from the nonresident school district during any semester in the current or previous school year.

If there are more applications than spaces, pupils must be selected randomly, after giving preference to pupils already attending school in the nonresident school district and siblings of currently-attending pupils.

Some school districts establish waiting lists to fill unused spaces, but others do not.

Can a resident district prevent a pupil from leaving?

A resident district can deny a pupil's application for an invalid application (early or late application or missing information), ineligibility due to age (too young or too old), or if the resident district does not offer the same type of prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten, or early childhood program as the nonresident district or the pupil is not eligible for the program in the resident district. These are also reasons that a nonresident district can deny an application.

Must pupils reapply every year?

Once a pupil is accepted into a nonresident school district, the pupil may continue to attend that district without reapplication except that:

- The nonresident district may require a pupil to reapply one time—at the beginning of middle school, junior high or high school.
- A pupil may be returned to the resident school district if the special education required in a new or revised IEP is not available in the nonresident district or there is no space.
- A pupil who has become habitually truant in the nonresident district may be returned to the resident district.

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Is there a cost for parents to participate in the open enrollment program?

There is no tuition cost to parents for participation in open enrollment. Parents of open enrolled pupils may be charged the same fees as resident pupils.

Who is responsible for transportation?

Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

If transportation is required in the IEP for a child with a disability, it must be provided by the nonresident district.

School districts may provide transportation to open enrollment pupils if they wish. Usually, if transportation is provided, parents must transport the pupil to a location in the nonresident district.

Low-income parents may apply to the DPI at the end of the school year for partial reimbursement of their transportation costs.



Can a parent select a specific school in the pupil's nonresident school district?

Yes. A parent may request a specific school or program in the nonresident district. However, assignment to the requested school or program is not guaranteed and your pupil may be assigned to a different school other than the one requested. It is up to each nonresident district to determine a pupil's school assignment.

Can an open enrolled pupil participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?

Open enrolled pupils have the same rights and responsibilities as resident pupils.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has rules concerning transfer pupils. Parents should check with the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

February 6 - April 28, 2023

Parents must submit applications online or directly to the nonresident school district.

June 9, 2023

Nonresident school districts must send notices of approval or denial via US mail or email. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the pupil is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 16, 2023

Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.

June 30, 2023

Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the pupil will attend the nonresident district in the 2023-24 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the pupil to attend the district.



For more information contact:

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732, option 2
openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov
<https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

2023-24

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

February is National Dental Health Month!



Lifelong habits begin at home. Make dental health part of your daily routine and share these reminders with your whole family:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially after breakfast and before bedtime. Drinking water after eating also helps to clear your teeth of food particles.
- Floss every day. An adult should help children under the age of eight to floss. Older children should be ready to floss on their own.
- Limit the number of times you eat snacks, especially the sticky ones and long lasting ones.
- Visit a dentist regularly for a routine check-up and a cleaning.
- Protect your teeth by wearing a mouthguard when playing sports.
- Don't forget to change your toothbrush regularly, and after an illness.

Sweet snack facts:

Eating a lot of snacks with sugar may cause cavities.

Every time you eat sugar, plaque in your mouth mixes with the sugar to make acid. The acid hurts the teeth and causes decay over time. This can be painful!

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

Under AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the AHERA Act is the requirement to annually notify all workers and building occupants (or their guardians) of asbestos-related activities.

Beginning in 1988, all buildings owned, leased, or “under the control of” the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the

inspection, the School District prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for

managing the asbestos. Where the asbestos-containing materials are found, the District has in place an Operations and Maintenance program. The District has accomplished the following compliance mandates regarding the

administration of asbestos in school buildings:

Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. (EMC) was contracted to be the school’s consultant for asbestos for the school year. The District is continuing with the Operations and Maintenance Program as designed for the School District. This ensures that all asbestos materials are kept in good condition in good condition. Periodic “surveillance” in each area containing asbestos has been completed every six months by our consultant.

Also, the buildings are re-inspected by an accredited inspector every three years. In the past year the District

conducted the following asbestos removal activities: No asbestos removal projects have been conducted in the past year.

All outside contractors shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work. Our goal at the

District is to be in full compliance with asbestos regulations.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review by contacting the District Office. Questions

related to this plan or any other asbestos concerns should be directed to the District’s Designated Person: RJ Paulson.

Recycling and Other Dumpsters

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

Bus Drivers Needed



The Black Hawk School District is looking for qualified people to work as regular route or substitute bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have interest or questions call Cory Milz, Transportation Director (608)439-5400 ext 103 or Beth Zimmerman at (608)439-5400 ext 100 ***Black Hawk School District will cover the cost of training for anyone who commits to drive for the district.**





December Student of the Month



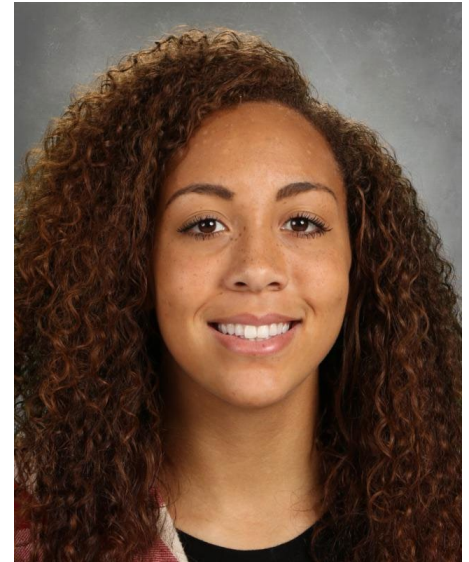
Jayden Wiegel
Kindergarten

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Katilyn Stegall
7th Grade

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Raylin Peterson
12th Grade

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Black Hawk Family Meal Accounts - Helpful Reminders:

Automated calls go out every Thursday, one call to families that have \$5 or less remaining in their account, and another call for family accounts that are negative.

Applications for Free or Reduced pricing can be completed anytime throughout the school year. If your financial situation has changed & you are looking for assistance, forms & instructions can be found on the school website, or by asking the school office.

If your account is negative, and you are unable to send in lunch money at this time, please send your children with a cold lunch from home. Families are supposed to stay in a positive balance & staff do not want to turn away any children in the cafeteria line.

If you are a community member and would like to help families in need, you can make donations to Black Hawk Schools, to be applied to negative family accounts.

If you are in need of financial assistance, or if you have any questions on Family Meal Accounts, please feel free to contact Melissa Pickett in the Black Hawk School office at 608-439-5400 ext 105, or email picmel@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Black Hawk School District offers healthy meals every school day. For ECH-5th grade, Breakfast costs \$1.25 and Lunch costs \$2.75; for 6th-12th grade, Breakfast costs \$1.50 and Lunch costs \$3.10. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.20 for Breakfast and \$.40 for Lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

- All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPRI), or W-2 cash benefits are eligible for free meals, when listed on the application.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
- Children may qualify to receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023			
Household size	Yearly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Weekly (\$)
1	25,142	2,096	484
2	33,874	2,823	652
3	42,606	3,551	820
4	51,338	4,279	988
5	60,070	5,006	1,156
6	68,802	5,734	1,324
7	77,534	6,462	1,492
8	86,266	7,189	1,659
Each additional person:	8,732	728	168

2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and have not been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Kerri Crotty, 608-439-5400 ext 102, croker@blackhawk.k12.wi.us.
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Black Hawk School District/Food Service, PO Box 303, South Wayne, WI 53587. 608-439-5400 ext 105 or picmel@blackhawk.k12.wi.us.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. If your letter indicated you qualify for free meals, then no application is needed. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Melissa Pickett, 608-439-5400 ext 105, picmel@blackhawk.k12.wi.us immediately. If your household was notified it qualified for reduced price meals, we encourage you to complete an application to potentially qualify for free meals based on household size and income.
5. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF MY CHILD ATTENDS A COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION SCHOOL (CEP)? If your child attends a school that participates in CEP, receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this

application. However, this information is necessary for other programs and may be used to determine if your household is eligible for additional benefits.

6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **October 11, 2022**, or when a new eligibility is determined. You must submit a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not submit a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on income. Please submit an application.
8. MY CHILD(REN) QUALIFIES FOR BADGERCARE PLUS OR MEDICAID. CAN MY CHILD GET FREE MEALS? Children with BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, or subsidized insurance may be eligible for free or reduced price meals, but it is based on household income and household size. Please submit an application to determine if your household qualifies.
9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.
10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed or experience a financial hardship may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **William Chambers, 202 E Center St, PO Box 303, South Wayne, WI 53587.**
12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
13. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
14. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Do not include any combat pay resulting from deployment as income.
16. WHAT IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application.
17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-362-3002.

If you have other questions or need help, call 608-439-5400 ext 105.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pickett
Black Hawk School District
Food Service Administrative Assistant

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Please use these instructions to help you fill out the application for free or reduced price school meals. You only need to submit one application per household, even if your children attend more than one school in Black Hawk School District. The application must be filled out completely to certify your children for free or reduced price school meals. Please follow these instructions in order. If at any time you are not sure what to do next, please contact Melissa Pickett, 608-439-5400 ext 105 or picmel@blackhawk.k12.wi.us. *If your child attends a Community Eligibility Provision School (CEP), receipt of free breakfast and lunch meals does not depend on returning this application; however, this information is necessary for other programs.*

PLEASE USE A PEN (NOT A PENCIL) WHEN FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRINT CLEARLY.

STEP 1: LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHO ARE INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND STUDENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING GRADE 12

Tell us how many infants, children, and school students live in your household. They do NOT have to be related to you to be a part of your household.

Who should I list here? When filling out this section, please include ALL members in your household who are:

- Children grades 12 or under AND are supported with the household's income; and
- In your care under a foster arrangement, or qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway youth, or enrolled in a Head Start program.

A) List each child's name. Print each child's name. Use one line of the application for each child. When printing names, write one letter in each box. Stop if you run out of space. If there are more children in household than lines on the application, attach a second piece of paper with all required information for the additional children.	B) Enter the grade and the name of the school the child attends or mark n/a if not in school.	C) Do you have any foster children? If any children listed are foster children, mark the "Foster Child" box next to the children's names. If you are ONLY applying for foster children, after finishing STEP 1, go to STEP 4. Foster children who live with you may count as members of your household and should be listed on your application. If you are applying for both foster and non-foster children, go to step 3.	D) Are any children homeless, migrant, runaway or enrolled in a Head Start program? If you believe any child listed in this section meets this description, mark the "Homeless, Migrant, Runaway or Head Start" box next to the child's name and <u>complete all steps of the application.</u>
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STEP 2: DO ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATE IN FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits OR FDPiR?

If anyone in your household (including you) currently participates in one or more of the assistance programs listed below, your children are eligible for free school meals:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or FoodShare.
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or W-2 Cash Benefits.
- The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPiR).

A) If no one in your household participates in any of the above listed programs: • Leave STEP 2 blank or check "No" and go to STEP 3.	B) If anyone in your household participates in any of the above assistance programs: • Write a case number and name of the assistance program you or any member of the household participates in for FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, or FDPiR. You only need to provide one case number. If you participate in one of these programs and do not know your case number, contact your case worker. Medicaid and BadgerCare case numbers do NOT qualify for free or reduced price meals. • Go to STEP 4.
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STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

How do I report my income?

- Use the charts titled "Sources of Income for Children" and "Sources of Income for Adults," printed on the back side of the application form, to determine if your household has income to report.
- Report all amounts in GROSS INCOME ONLY. Report all income in whole dollars. Do not include cents. Gross income is the total income received before taxes. Many people think of income as the amount they "take home" (listed as "net pay" on paycheck stub) and not the total, "gross" amount. Make sure that the income you report on this application has NOT been reduced to pay for taxes, insurance premiums, or any other amounts taken from your pay.

STEP 3: REPORT INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

- Write a "0" in any fields where there is no income to report. Any income fields left empty or blank will also be counted as a zero. If you write "0" or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report. If local officials suspect that your household income was reported incorrectly, your application will be investigated.
- Mark how often each type of income is received using the boxes to the right of each field.

3.A. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY CHILDREN

A) Report all income earned or received by children. Report the combined gross income for ALL children listed in STEP 1 in your household in the box marked "Child Income." Only count foster children's personal income if you are applying for them together with the rest of your household.

What is Child Income? Child income is money received from outside your household that is paid DIRECTLY to your children. Many households do not have any child income.

3.B. REPORT INCOME EARNED BY ADULTS

List adult household members' names.

- Print the name of each household member in the boxes marked "Name of Adult Household Members (First and Last)." When filling out this section, please include ALL adult members in your household who are living with you and share income and expenses, even if they are not related and even if they do not receive income of their own.
- *Do NOT include:*
 - People who live with you but are not supported by your household's income AND do not contribute income to your household.
 - Infants, children and students already listed in STEP 1.

C) Report earnings from work. Report all total gross income (before taxes) from work in the "Earnings from Work" field on the application. This is usually the money received from working at jobs. If you are a self-employed business or farm owner, you will report your net income.

What if I am self-employed? Report income from that work as a net amount. This is calculated by subtracting the total operating expenses of your business from its gross receipts or revenue.

F) Fluctuating Income. For seasonal workers and others whose income fluctuates and usually earn more money in some months than others. In these situations, project the annual rate of income and report that. This includes workers with annual employment contracts but may choose to have salaries paid over a shorter period of time; for example, school employees.

D) Report income from public assistance/child support/alimony/SSI/VA benefits. Report all income that applies in the "Public Assistance/Child Support/Alimony" field on the application. Do not report the cash value of any public assistance benefits NOT listed on the chart. If income is received from child support or alimony, only report court-ordered payments. Informal but regular payments should be reported as "other" income in the next part.

E) Report income from pensions/retirement/all other income. Report all income that applies in the "Pensions/Retirement/Social Security/All Other Income" field on the application.

G) Report total household size. Enter the total number of household members in the field "Total Household Members (Children and Adults)." This number MUST be equal to the number of household members listed in STEP 1 and STEP 3. If there are any members of your household that you have not listed on the application, go back and add them. It is very important to list all household members, as the size of your household affects your eligibility for free and reduced price meals.

H) Provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). An adult household member must enter the last four digits of their SSN in the space provided. You are eligible to apply for benefits even if you do not have a SSN. If no adult household members have a SSN, leave this space blank and mark the box to the right labeled "Check box if no SSN."

STEP 4: CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADULT SIGNATURE

An adult member of the household must sign the application. By signing the application, that household member is promising that all information has been truthfully and completely reported. Before completing this section, please also make sure you have read the privacy and civil rights statements on the back of the application.

A) Provide your contact information. Write your current address in the fields provided if this information is available. If you have no permanent address, this does not make your children ineligible for free or reduced price school meals. Sharing a phone number, email address, or both is optional, but helps us reach you quickly if we need to contact you.

B) Print or sign your name. The adult filling out the application must print or sign their name in the signature box.

C) Return completed form to: Black Hawk School District, PO Box 303, South Wayne, WI 53587.

D) Share children's racial and ethnic identities (optional). On the back of the application, we ask you to share information about your children's race and ethnicity. This field is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price school meals.

INSTRUCTIONS

Source of Income

Sources of Child Income	Example(s)
- Gross earnings from work	- A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages
- Social Security	- A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security benefits
- Disability payments	- A parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits
- Survivor's benefits	- A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money
- Income from person outside the household	- A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust
- Income from any other source	

Sources of Income for Adults	Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	Pensions / Retirement / All Other Income
- Gross salary, wages, cash bonuses	- Net income from self-employment (farm or business); FARM —refer to line 3 and 8 of Schedule 1 or line 34 from Schedule F; BUSINESS —line 31 from Schedule C or 1040-Line 8, Wage and Statement, Line 3.	- Unemployment benefits	- Social Security (including railroad retirement and black lung benefits)
- Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances)	- If you are in the U.S. Military:	- Worker's compensation	- Private pensions or disability benefits
- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing	- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	- Regular income from trusts or estates
		- Cash assistance from State or local government	- Annuities
		- Alimony payments	- Investment income
		- Child support payments	- Earned interest
		- Veteran's benefits	- Rental income
		- Strike benefits	- Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL

Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity Check one ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race Check one or more ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2800 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The above address is for discrimination complaint purposes only.

Return this complete application to your school, not to USDA.

Do not fill out

For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Bi-weekly (Every 2 Weeks) x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income	How often?				Household Size	Categorical Eligibility	Eligibility		Date Denied Mo./Day/Yr.	Reason for Denial or Withdrawal
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly			Yearly	Free		
Determining Official's Signature										
Date Mo./Day/Yr.										
Confirming Official's Signature										
Date Mo./Day/Yr.										
Verifying Official's Signature										
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Unpaid Student Meal Charges

It is the goal of the School District of Black Hawk to ensure all children receive proper nourishment in order for them to fully concentrate on learning. The District believes this is a shared responsibility that can only be accomplished through strong partnerships with families and clear communication regarding food service policies. Those families who participate in the School District of Black Hawk Food Service Program are subject to the following policies and procedures established by the Board of Education:

PAYMENT POLICY

The Food Service Program is a pre-payment program. Families are expected to have a positive balance in their food service account throughout the school year. Account balances and information about purchases made on accounts can be obtained through the district website Skyward Family Access tab or by calling the District Office.

Deposits for the food service account can be made by sending the payment to the school office. Excess funds or unpaid meal charges at the end of the school year will be carried over into the following school year.

NEGATIVE BALANCES

1. As a courtesy, families will be notified when their food service account reaches a **positive** \$5.00. This notice will be sent through an automated email or phone/text message generated by the Skyward administrative software program once per week.
2. Families with negative balances in their food service account will be notified by an automated email or phone/text message sent through Skyward once per week. This will continue until there is a positive balance in the account. Attempts will be made by the Food Service Director or his/her authorized designee to contact parents/ guardians by phone, mail or by other means of communication in an attempt to make arrangements for payment.
3. Students whose family food service accounts show a negative balance up to -\$20.00 will only be served a reimbursable meal and will not be allowed to purchase a la carte items.
4. If the food service account is restored to zero, students may continue to purchase reimbursable meals up to -\$20.00.
5. *When a family food service negative account balance falls below -\$20.00, all purchases will be denied.* A courtesy meal of alternative offerings will be provided for three days at no charge. After the three days, if the account balance has not been paid or a payment plan agreed upon, the family food service account will be disabled and no further purchases (breakfast, lunch, milk or a la carte) will be allowed. Parents/guardians will need to send a cold lunch with their children until the outstanding balance has been paid.
6. In accordance with United States Department of Agriculture regulations, students who have had their food service account deactivated may continue to purchase meals or milk by presenting cash for the meal or milk purchase in line at the time of service.

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Free and reduced price meals are available to those who qualify. An application can be obtained from the school office or online on the Parents tab on the school website (www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us). To carry over eligibility from the previous school year, an updated application must be returned to the Food Service Department by September 30th of each school year or the status of the account will revert to Paid Prices. *It is the family's responsibility to submit a timely application. Eligibility is not retroactive. Charges made prior to eligibility are at full price and are the family's responsibility to pay.*

Students shall not be denied access to a federally-funded meal at any meal period if either of the following is true:

1. The student is eligible to receive free meals, even if the student's household owes an unpaid food service debt that was accrued prior to the date of the student's eligibility; or
2. The student has sufficient funds to pay for the meal on the day of service, even if earlier charges remain unpaid.

PAYMENT PLANS

From time to time families may enter into a payment plan agreement with the District. A payment plan is a mutual agreement between the District and the family to bring the Food Service account up to date. The agreement is in writing and signed by the responsible parent/guardian (payor of the account) and a District official. It is the family's responsibility to comply with the agreement and make payments as stated or the food service account will be disabled. Once the account is disabled, no charges of any kind may be made unless the family is eligible for the Free and Reduced Meals program.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS

In the event a food service account has an insufficient funds check returned by the bank, the payment amount plus any fees will be subtracted from the account. Three insufficient funds checks per family in a school year will cause the family to be placed on a "cash only" basis for the rest of the school year.

RESTRICTIONS TO LIMIT STUDENT PURCHASES Parents may restrict students from making additional purchases by calling the Food Service Department. There are two types of restrictions that can be set up in our computer system:

1. **Complete Block** – No charges to be made on the account.
2. **Complete a la Carte Block** – Only purchase of a reimbursable lunch and additional milk allowed.

If a student manages to get through the line with additional items and a cashier is unable to stop the student, the charges will be added manually to the account. Any of the restrictions described above will show up from one school year to the next unless the Food Service Department is contacted by the parent/guardian with other instructions.

DEFINITIONS

Reimbursable Meals

1. A five component LUNCH is defined as follows:
 - a. Vegetable
 - b. Fruit

- c. Grain
- d. Protein
- e. Milk

Three out of five must be taken to qualify for a reimbursable lunch. One component out of the three must be a ½ cup of fruit, vegetable or a combination of both.

2. A five component BREAKFAST is defined as follows:

- a. Grain
- b. Additional Grain or Protein
- c. Fruit
- d. Vegetable
- e. Milk

Three out of five components must be taken to qualify as a reimbursable breakfast. One component out of the three must be a ½ cup of fruit, vegetable or a combination of both.

Breakfast and lunch meals that don't meet the standards of a reimbursable meal as defined above will be charged a la carte prices.

Second Meals/Double Entrées

1. A second meal that has three of the five food groups may be purchased at a price set higher than the reimbursable lunch price. This will be considered an a la carte item.

2. A double entrée that consists only of the entrée may be purchased at a price set lower than reimbursable lunch price. This is considered an a la carte item.

NOTIFICATIONS

This policy shall be distributed to all District families at the beginning of the school year and to those families transferring into the District during the year. This policy shall also be distributed to those staff members responsible for enforcing the policy.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Legal References: Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA 42 USC 1751 (and subsequent amendments)

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Sections 115.34 WI State Statutes
118.25
120.10(16)
12.13(6)(10)

Cross References: 8531.00, Free and Reduced Price Meals

Approved: April 8, 2019

DECEMBER 21, 2022

REGULAR MEETING



The school District of Black Hawk meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the Collaboration Room. The following members were present- Jim Baumgartner, Kerry Holland, Val Dunlavey and Jason Figi, ABSENT - Dee Paulson, Alicia Sigafus, and Jessica Seffrood. Also present were Administration of Willy Chambers and Cory Milz.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Jim Baumgartner to consent to agenda. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Thursday of last week, there were 4 contractors indicating that they will be submitting bids for our project. Tim scheduled a second walkthrough for contractors on Tuesday, December 13. We also extended the deadline for bids by two days to allow the contractor's time to submit bids. The extension was requested by 2 of the 4 contractors.

The bid opening will occur in the district office on December 22, 2022 at 2 PM. You are welcome to attend.

Also noted in an email to the Board we have been working with staff hired by Quartz to develop a plan to increase staff well-being and mental health.

I thank Ms. Tammy Zimmerman and Mr. Cory Milz for organizing the recognition program for Dick Schliem's retirement. I thank the Board for supporting the recognition of staff retirements who have served the district so well. As you all know, Dick has been an amazing supporter of the district for its entire existence of the district.

Congratulations to the Esports team for qualifying for state in Smite. The team members were: Kyler Seffrood, Nikoli La Dow, River Melland, Hayden Brunner, and Haydyn Hull. We will be getting a plaque to place on the wall.

I thank Representative Todd Novak for speaking to Mr. O'Brien's class and taking the time to meet with me after speaking to the class.

Cory and I have begun a very superficial level discussion on the transition plans for classrooms as we change from phase to phase. We will continue these conversations and include staff in the conversations as well.

I have attached an update of funds that teachers have received through the Donors Choose program. I know some if not all of you are aware that some teachers use this opportunity to secure resources for their classrooms. Kudos to the 12 different teachers that have funded 97 different projects since 2009 for the Black Hawk students. The 97 projects cost \$45,058 to fund.

Josh Figgins, Tara Kammes, Jess Nehs, Gary Cooley, Cathy McCauley, and I have been working on a Fab Lab grant sponsored by the WEDC. If we are awarded the grant we will need to match the \$25,000 with \$12,500. \$10,000 of that is money from Larry Lelle and Delta Airlines. The grant is due in January. I thank Josh Figgins for taking lead on the grant and doing the vast majority of the work.

Breanna Hellenbrand from M3 is planning on being present at the February 8, 2023 board meeting to discuss our health and dental plans with you. She is not sure if the renewal rate will be finalized by that time, but we do know that we have a 5% cap for health care. Breanna will be able to discuss with you the differences between being part of the co-op versus being on our own. She has a plethora of knowledge and can hopefully help you feel more at ease as you make decisions regarding health, dental, and possibly vision care for the Black Hawk employees

Milz Report:

- We held our Veteran's Day Program on Thursday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. I am continued to be impressed by the quality of our students' performances at this program. The prose readings, and music performances are all very good. I am equally impressed by the behavior of our students, and the respect they show during this program. Thanks to Mr. Amweg, and Mrs. Wick for preparing our students for such a nice program.
- On December 1, Mr. Doug O'Brien, social studies teacher, hosted Todd Novak, WI state representative for the 51st assembly district in his senior Civics class.
- Would like to thank Mr. Brad Eckerman for taking the time to come speak to our students about the trade industries and vocational opportunities within the trades. Presented on December 5th.
- On December 13, I administered the Pre-ACT to our current junior class. This is the 2nd time this cohort has taken the Pre-ACT and we are hoping to use that data to further their academic growth.
- The elementary concert took place Monday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. The high school and middle school concerts took place the evening of December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Would like to congratulate the students on their performances and efforts. Big thank you to Lori Wick for helping us out this semester with elementary music. Thank you to Mr. Amweg as well for all his efforts in preparing for these performances.
- Would like to thank Parent's Club for sponsoring and the room parent representatives for our Winter Holiday elementary classroom parties.
- In addition -
 - Milz wanted to shout out to the Girls Basketball Team as the juniors have been very flexible in playing down to the JV which allows Black Hawk to have a JV Team.
 - On Saturday 12/17 our Bus taking Girls Basketball to Prairie Du Chien broke down by Mineral Point. Two gentlemen Doug Stanton and Ted Terill took care of getting a Mineral Point bus and taking the Girls to Prairie and then Thanks to Brad Kaster for bringing his bus up to take the Girls home.

Board of Education Report: The following questions were asked: What are we earnings for percentage on our accounts at the banks? Are the banks securing when we go over the limit set by FDIC? What percentage do we have for free and reduced lunches? 51%. Calendar is still not in line with everything one calendar states one thing the other has something different or nothing. The AD Director is not keeping the sporting events calendar up to date. Weight room is not open before and or after school it was noted that Desi Breadon keeps it open till 4:30 pm daily Mon-Thurs. Other coaches need to step up and help we should not rely on just one person to do it. No Softball Coach Applicants yet. Question was raised about the NFS and what income is and how many subscribers.

Public comment was called for – None

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve updated policy as presented and reviewed at the policy committee meeting Vol 31, No. 2. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve paying for expenses incurred for drivers securing bus licenses and being employed by Black Hawk School District. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Mark Lierman as volunteer girls basketball coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to table skid loader purchase. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve a purchase of a storage container at a cost of up to \$7000. Figi noted that Powers has one at a cost of \$5900 with a single entrance at back not as the one pictured with entrances. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve the following football coaches for 2023-24 school year - Desmond Breadon Chip Flanagan, Jacob Brunner, Chris Pickett, Payton Calow, Brandon Behlke, Mark Reittinger, and Lucas Flanagan. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to accept the Hawkins Ash CPA's Audit Report as presented. Additional notes and findings were attached to the Report. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve the resignation of Cory Milz as Assistant Football Coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Jim Seffrood as Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve the contract with TC Networks to Wi-Fi Access Points at a cost of \$26,848.80. E Rate will cover the cost of \$26859.04 and District will pay \$6714.76. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve new cabling cost of \$42,197.34 from TC Networks. ERate will cover \$33,757.87 the District will pay \$8,439.47 which can be used out of the Referendum funds. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve sick leave payout to Dick Schliem as outlined in the employee handbook. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to convene to executive session at 7:20pm under 19.85(1) items b, c and f Wisconsin State Statutes Personnel. YES- Baumgartner, Dunlavey, Holland, Figi. NO-None, ABSENT-Paulson, Seffrood, Sigafus.

The Board returned to open session at 7:55pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6p Parent's Club Meeting 6p GBB @ Albany	3 6p BBB (H) Highland	4 9a WR @ Richland Center
6 430p MS WR @ Iowa Grant 6p GBB @ Pec	7 9a Ski Trip Assembly	8 Seal a Smile 6p School Board Meeting	9 6p BBB @ Monticello 6p GBB (H) River Ridge	10 1p MS Winter Dance 6p GBB @ Barneveld (Pink Night)	11 330p BBB @ Madison Country Day
13 Forensics Sub-District @ Cuba City 430p MS WR @ Lancaster 7p GBB (H) Lancaster-Varsity Only	14 6p BBB (H) Argyle-Senior Night	15 Butter Braid Kick Off	16 MS Ski Trip 7p GBB (H) Juda-Senior Night(Varsity Only)	17 No School 6p BBB @ Albany	18 Solo Ensemble @ Monticello WR TBD
20	21	22	23 Bridging Brighter Smiles 6p BBB @ Barneveld (Pink Night)	24	25
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Breakfast Menu

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Waffles Granola Bites Fruit Cocktail Milk	2 Breakfast Pizza Apple Sauce Milk	3 Apple Churro Granola Bites Pears Milk
6 Cereal Bar Cheezits Apple Milk	7 Berry French Toast Peaches Milk	8 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Milk	9 English Muffin Egg Round Sausage Patty Granola Bar Pears Milk	10 Pancakes Applesauce Milk
13 Cereal Cheesestick Apple Milk	14 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Peaches Milk	15 French Toast Fruit Cocktail Milk	16 Donut Juice Milk	17 No School
20 Muffin Granola Bites Apple Milk	21 Strawberry Bagel Mixed Fruit Milk	22 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Milk	23 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Milk	24 Banana Bread Cheesestick Orange Milk
27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Cheesestick Juice Milk	28 Strudel Stick Yogurt Mixed Fruit Milk			

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"**

Lunch Menu

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Green Beans Peaches Milk	2 Pulled Pork Baked Cheetos Sweet Potatoes Strawberries Milk	3 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice French Fries Applesauce Milk
6 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Apple Juice Milk	7 Mac & Cheese Cheese Stick Carrots Apple Milk	8 Sloppy Joe Cheese Stick Cauliflower Peaches Milk	9 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit Milk	10 Pizza Dippers/Sauce Cheezits Broccoli Apple Milk
13 Corn Dog Baked Scoops Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Broccoli Peaches Milk	15 Pork Patty/Bun Goldfish Cauliflower Applesauce Milk	16 Lasagna Breadstick Carrots Juice Milk	17 No School
20 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Mixed Fruit Milk	21 Chicken Fajitas WG Shell Cheetos Yogurt Peas Peaches/Milk	22 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Applesauce Milk	23 Ham Sandwich WG Doritos Carrot Sticks Pears Milk	24 Quesadilla Broccoli Slushie Milk
27 Brat/Bun Green Beans Applesauce Milk	28 Beef Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Mixed Fruit/Milk			

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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 4, 2023 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 for the Township of Jordan.

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

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT
for
School District of Black Hawk
April 4, 2023

NOTICE TO VOTERS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

Election of the School Board Members of the School District of Black Hawk of the Villages of Gratiot, South Wayne, Towns of Gratiot, Monticello, Wayne, Wiota and Darlington, Lafayette County and Towns of Cadiz and Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of the name of the person whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for the purpose.

School Board Members at Large	Vote for 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Clayton Ruegsegger	
<input type="checkbox"/> Val Dunlavy	
Write-in: _____	
Write-in: _____	

Sample

OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT
for
School District of Black Hawk
April 4, 2023

FOR

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk
(if issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.)

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under the law to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

I certify that the within absentee ballot was marked by me at the request of an absentee voter incapable under the law of marking the ballot and as directed by the elector.

Signature of Person Authorized to Administrate Oaths

Title _____