



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Longfellow Administration Center

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Dr. Keith W. Hiltz, Superintendent of Schools

Good afternoon, Wausau School District Families:

We are reaching out to let you know that the first Citizen Elementary Facility Task Force meeting was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. As a reminder from earlier this year, this is part of a Wausau School District/Board's process to create a long-range elementary school facilities plan. That plan will focus, in particular, on whether the number of elementary schools in the Wausau School District should be reduced and if so, then how, where, and when.

To lead this work, the Wausau School Board hired Mark Roffers of MDRoffers Consulting, LLC. Roffers is an urban, rural, and regional planner and project manager. He specializes in growth management and economic development services.

To create the Citizen Elementary Facility Task Force, we sent a postcard to every address within the Wausau School District to get volunteers. We had nearly 80 people volunteer! (Thank you to everyone who volunteered!) In working with MDRoffers Consulting, LLC, they suggested a task force size of 45 people to ensure everyone could participate in a meaningful way. To narrow the list, we broke the volunteers down into 3 categories:

1. Wausau School District Staff (x15)
2. Wausau School District Families (x15)
3. Wausau School District Community Members without Children in School (x15)

Then, we used a random number generator to select numbers and those numbers indicated which volunteers were selected to join the task force. Three alternates in each group were also chosen through the use of the random number generator.

To ensure transparency throughout this entire process, we want you to know what's happening in those Task Force meetings. To help, we've created a webpage dedicated to the work of the Task Force. [Click here to access it.](#) At the bottom of the page, you'll find agendas, meeting summaries, and materials from each meeting. This page will be updated following each meeting – including after the next one on July 10.

At the conclusion of their work, the Task Force will prepare and present a report summarizing their findings and advisory recommendations to the School Board. Any final decisions will come from the School Board as the Task Force is advisory only.

We will send you a similar email after the next meeting of the Task Force -- so be sure to watch for that.

In the meantime, we sure hope you and your students are having a wonderful summer! Thank you for your partnership!

Cale Bushman, Incoming Interim Superintendent (July 1, 2024)

Diana White, Coordinator of Communications and Marketing

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