



# WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Cale Bushman, Interim Superintendent of Schools*

Dear Wausau School District Community:

To ensure transparency throughout this entire process, we are just taking a moment to follow-up with you about the recommendation of the Elementary Facility Plan Citizen Task Force. The task force has met 9 times over the past 7 months to help the Wausau School Board 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.

Last evening (December 9, 2024), Mark Roffers of MDRoffers Consulting, LLC., a school planning and projections firm, presented the task force's recommendation to the Wausau School Board. To view the recommendation and Mark's presentation click the link below:

[Task Force Report \(Presentation\) to Board\\_12.9.2024.pptx](#)

If you'd like to watch last evening's Regular School Board Meeting, [click here](#). Discussions start around 22 minutes into the meeting. No decisions were made as the recommendation was for informational purposes only.

With that said, some new information has come to light specifically around AGR (Achievement Gap Reduction) funding. Additionally, we have updated information regarding capacities at our elementary schools and we would like to ensure that there is sufficient space for special education classrooms, encore classes, bridge rooms, etc. by conducting a real time mapping of each of the buildings. We'd like the task force to have that information as well, so that together they can determine if the new information influences their recommendations.

So, what's next? It's looking like the task force will convene on Wednesday, December 18. Details are still being solidified – but we'll send you a confirmation once we know for certain. That means the Special School Board meeting, scheduled for December 18, will not happen as planned and will be replaced with a task force meeting. We hope to reschedule the Special Board meeting as soon as possible following Winter Break, as we know this weighs heavy on the minds of our families and staff. We will communicate the new date as soon as possible.

As Interim Superintendent Mr. Bushman said last night, we are committed to being transparent with you throughout this process and ensuring everything is done right. As a reminder, our website is packed full of information and we encourage you to look through it. [Click here](#) to access the page. We're also in the process of updating it with this newest information.

Much like we've done to date since the task force began meeting, we will continue to keep you updated along the way to make sure you are aware of what's happening.

Thank you,

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