



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Cale Bushman, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Dear, Wausau School District Community

We are reaching out to let you know that our Elementary Facility Plan Citizen Task Force met on December 18, 2024. Facilitating that meeting was Mark Roffers and Nick Johnson from MDRoffers Consulting, LLC – a school facility planning and projections firm.

As a reminder, this meeting was added because some new/refined information became available related to school capacities and AGR, or Achievement Gap Reduction, Funding. We wanted the task force to have that information as well, so that together, they could determine whether or not that new/refined information influenced their recommendations. As a reminder, their recommendations as of December 4, 2024 were:

- Hewitt-Texas Elementary closes and shifts to Riverview Elementary
- Hawthorn Hills Elementary closes and shifts to John Marshall and Franklin Elementaries (Hawthorn Hills' 4K Academy shifts to Riverview Elementary)
- Grant Elementary closes and shifts to Thomas Jefferson Elementary (Thomas Jefferson's 4K Academy shifts to Lincoln Elementary)
- Lincoln Elementary closes and is repurposed into a 4K Academy. Grades K-5 at Lincoln will shift to G.D. Jones Elementary. (Jones' 4K Academy shifts to Lincoln)

Aside from receiving the most support of task force members, here are the other reasons they chose this bundle:

1. A comprehensive solution to fill most of the 1,300 empty elementary seats
2. Closes or repurposes 2 east side and 2 west side schools
3. Remaining schools are regularly spaced out in the community
4. Receiver schools have large populations of walking zone students
5. All schools that would be closed do not have separate gym and cafeterias; all receiver schools do have such separate spaces
6. All receiver schools have at least the "more suitable" learning spaces

After reviewing and discussing the new/refined information, the task force determined that it did not influence their recommendations. We encourage you to review the presentation shared, along with meeting notes/outcomes available below for more context:

[MDRoffers Elementary Task Force Presentation_12.18.2024_v2.pdf](#)

[Outcomes_Task Force Meeting #10_12.18.2024.pdf](#)

In addition, we have an entire webpage dedicated to the work of the task force. By [clicking here](#), you can review all of the meeting notes and information shared since they first convened back in June.

Looking ahead, we have rescheduled the Special School Board Meeting (originally scheduled for December 18) to after Winter Break. It will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Wausau East High School. You are more than welcome to attend in-person. If you are not able to, a livestream will be available [here](#).

Remember, there is much to be decided and figured out yet. We encourage you to follow along and if you have any questions/comments/concerns, please let any of us know. We are all here to help and support you in any way we can.

Thank you for your partnership!

[Cale Bushman](#), Superintendent

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