



# WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Longfellow Administration Center

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*Cale Bushman, Interim Superintendent of Schools*

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Wausau School District Parents/Guardians:

We want to take a moment to provide you with an update about consolidation within the Wausau School District. Over the course of the last couple of weeks, there's been a great deal of work on a timeline to give us all a clearer picture of what we can expect in the coming weeks and months.

Monday evening (January 27), Ralph Williams, our Director of Technology and Media Services, who is also serving as project manager for consolidation, had an opportunity to provide an update to the Wausau School Board on the work that's underway and on the horizon - to ensure the consolidation process is done well and collaboratively. Below, you'll find a list of what's been done so far ('accomplishments'), what's next ('next turns'), and a list of items on the horizon.

### Accomplishments

- Start of planning
- Staff listening sessions at closing and receiving schools
- Retirement window re-opened for staff
- Active and ongoing communication with staff and families
- Consolidation website built and posted
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document started - more to come
- Staff and principal surveys sent to gather input
- Summer Learning locations determined: Hawthorn Hills, South Mountain, and Stettin

### Next Turns

- Boundaries identified and approval - Feb. 10
- Principal Assignments - Feb. 11 and 12
- Continued communication - including FAQ updates
- Continued planning (timeline)

### On the Horizon

- Finalize building maps
- Staff assignments
- Transportation plans
- Moving details
- Honoring closing schools
- Collaboration with merging schools
- Finding a new home for Red Granite Charter School

If you'd like to watch Monday evening's board meeting, [click here](#) to access the recording. Conversations about consolidation begin at 58:30.

As mentioned above, our consolidation webpage is available and will be updated throughout the consolidation process. In addition, we have a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section available there as well. [Click here](#) to access it. If you have questions that are not on there, there is a spot to share those questions with us. Once you do that, just watch the FAQ section of the webpage for your question and the answer!

There's still a lot to be figured out, but we will be sure to keep you updated throughout the process. Do not hesitate to reach out to myself, your building principal, or any member of the administrative team with any questions you may have.

Lastly, we know this is hard - especially if your school is closing at the end of the current school year. Please know that we will do everything we can to support you and your students through this upcoming transition. We will do this and get through this change together.

Sincerely,

Cale Bushman, Superintendent

Diana White, Coordinator of Communications and Marketing

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