



WEST BEND
— SCHOOL DISTRICT —
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE



July 30, 2025

Another Reminder: Complete Back-to-School Registration

Friday, August 8 is the deadline for completing back-to-school registration for each student for the 2025-2026 school year.

Instructions and details are available [on the website](#).

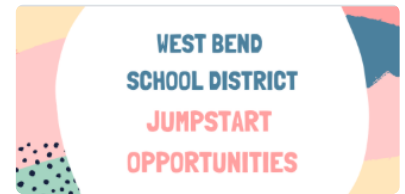


- We are targeting the release of bus route information on Thursday, August 21. Families shared feedback that having bus route information earlier than in past years would be helpful to make childcare and family arrangements.
- To meet this goal, requests for busing should be made by families in Skyward by August 8 (as part of the back-to-school registration).
- Submitting by that date will ensure routing information can be included for your child for the first day of school.

PLEASE NOTE: The WBSD and GoRiteway will try to accommodate requests made after August 8, but it is possible that late requests might not result in changes to routes until mid-September. If you make a request after August 8 that cannot be immediately accommodated, GoRiteway will try to offer a short term solution, allowing your child to use the nearest existing bus stop until mid-September when your child's permanent stop can be added to the bus route.)

Jumpstart to the New School Year

Help with those new school jitters by having students attend Jumpstart. Jumpstart offers students in kindergarten, 5th, and 7th grades, or those new to the school district, to get more familiar with their new school before the first day of the school year. Dates and times:



- Badger: Tuesday, August 12, 7:45-9:45 a.m.
- Silverbrook: Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13: 8-9:15 a.m. or 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Decorah, Jackson, and Fair Park: Tuesday, August 12: 8:15-10:30 a.m. or 5:15-7:30 p.m.
- Due to ongoing construction at Green Tree and McLane, the school district and the schools are continuing to review options.

Register for Jumpstart here: <http://bit.ly/4575jEf>

Back-to-School Details

Go to the [district website](#) for supply lists, school picture details, meet and greets, and more. Schools will also send families back-to-school information.



Join Our Team: Make a Difference in Our Schools!

The West Bend Schools has immediate openings for classroom aides, special education aides, supervisory aides, and instructional techs for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Join us to contribute to a thriving educational environment and be an integral part of providing students with the support they need to perform at their greatest potential. Learn more and apply today on WECAN at wbsdhr.org.



DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Update: New Features Starting to Take Shape

The construction at Green Tree and McLane is moving forward. With demolition complete, the "build-back" phase of the projects is in motion and both schools are starting to take shape.

McLane Elementary

- Major demolition is complete, aside from the windows, which will be removed closer to their installation.
- Concrete floor cutting and plumbing removal are finished to make way for new plumbing systems.
- Electrical conduits for the building's upgraded power, fire protection, and security systems are now being installed.
- Prep work for the window replacement is underway, including staging and planning.
- Interior framing is progressing, including the new secure entry area, updated office, and health room spaces.
- Secure entrance, main office space, and health room begin drywall installation this week
- Floor areas are being prepped for floor coverings
- Interior soffit framing is beginning on the inside of windows to prepare for new windows
- HVAC work continues throughout the building
- Prep work for fire alarm installs being finalized

Green Tree Elementary

- Interior demolition is complete, except for exterior doors and windows.
- 95 percent of wall/floor plumbing is complete and has passed inspection.
- Most of the internal framing is finished, with only a few restroom areas left to complete and 80 percent of walls are built back
- Electrical conduit work is wrapping up, and drywall installation is scheduled to begin next week.
- All affected flooring has been removed and prepped for installation.
- Security wiring is nearly finished, and construction teams are opening up the former vestibule wall to accommodate the new secure entrance and office layout.
- HVAC work continues throughout the building.
- Prep work for fire alarm installs is being finalized.
- Prep work for the generator install has started with excavation planned for this week.
- Interior security door work has begun and frame installed.



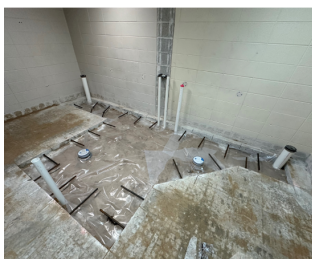
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West Bend West Volleyball Earns National Academic Honor

The 2024-2025 West High School Volleyball team has been recognized with the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic Team Award. The team exceeded the minimum requirement of at least a 3.3 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the entire academic year—they earned a collective 3.74 GPA.



Kelly Downs Named Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The West Bend School District is pleased to share that the West Bend School Board has approved the appointment of Kelly Downs as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Since joining the district in August 2023 as a Curriculum Coordinator, Kelly has led important efforts to improve student learning and raise academic achievement. Her leadership in developing a districtwide plan for strengthening math instruction has helped equip teachers with the tools and support they need to deliver high-quality, effective instruction in every classroom. Kelly has worked with teachers at every grade level to strengthen instruction and support student learning. Her leadership has already helped improve outcomes for students, making her a strong fit for this role.



Prior to her time in West Bend, Kelly served as a Math Specialist and Coordinator and began her career as an elementary and middle school teacher. She brings deep expertise and a student-centered approach to her new leadership role.

Board Meeting Recap

During its regular meeting on Monday, July 28, the West Bend School Board recognized members of the West Boys and Girls Track and Field team and the East Boys Track and Field team who qualified for the state championships.

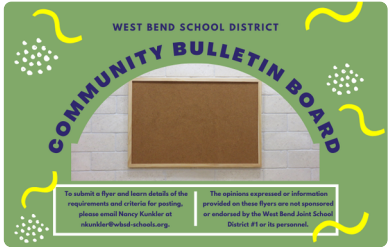
The board approved the Consent Agenda with Minutes of the July 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; Contracts; Resignations; Retirements; Grade 6-8 Math Imagine Learning Contract; Mark G. Sellers Foundation Grant Acceptance; and Annual At Risk Plan.

Reports given include the Construction Report and Superintendent's Report. The board held a discussion of Book Club Consideration for The Glass Castle and The Color Purple and took action on a 2024-2025 Budget Amendment. If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, [see this tutorial](#) on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. A [video of the meeting](#) is available.

Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!



- Menomonee Falls Children's Choir
- The Hub School Supplies Drive
- Blue Lotus Days for Children with Special Needs
- Cub Scouts Pack 3787 Summer Meet Ups
- MOWA Art and Chalk Fest (And Volunteers Needed)
- MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
- MOWA Summer Family Fun
- Youth and Family Project Parent Education Support Groups

Athletics:

- East Jr. Suns Volleyball Team
- West Bend Nitro Softball Tryouts
- Free Swim Lessons
- FC Wisconsin Fall Minis Program (Soccer)



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