



Franklin Elementary

2212 N. Jarchow St. Appleton

Family Newsletter

March* 2026

Dear Families,

Great news — Franklin is now accepting open enrollment applications for the 2026–2027 school year. Open enrollment allows students to attend public schools outside of their resident school district. This can include both in-district enrollment, also known as school of choice within district, where students attend a non-charter school within their home district that is not their assigned school and inter-district enrollment, where students enroll in schools outside their home district. [Click here to get started.](#)

Important note about the School of Choice (SOC) Sibling Rule

- The SOC Sibling Rule (automatic approval for siblings of currently enrolled students) applies only to students in grades 5K–5.
- If an early childhood classroom (ECSE, Title I) is housed in an elementary building, the SOC Sibling Rule does NOT apply to siblings of those early childhood students who are in grades 5K–5.
- Parents who wish a 5K–5 sibling to attend the same school as an early childhood student must submit an SOC application and follow the normal approval process.

Classroom placements for 2026–2027

- Franklin staff will soon begin placing students in classrooms. Placement decisions consider many factors to meet individual student needs while balancing each classroom.
- Enrollment and staffing change yearly as families move in and out of the Franklin attendance area; final staffing and class lists are set after summer registration is complete.

If you'd like to share information about your child to help inform placement (academic, social-emotional, or behavioral needs), *please submit a signed letter to Mrs. Tetzlaff by Thursday, March 26, 2026. Letters should focus on your child's specific needs.*

Sincerely,

Denise Tetzlaff, Principal

How to Contact Franklin

FranklinElementarySchool: (920)852.5475

Denise Tetzlaff, Principal / Matt Schauer, Dean of Students / Misty Dorton, Secretary

February 26 - March 6 Seroogy's Fundraiser

March 2- Choir 11:40-12:05

March 2- STEM Club Gr 2/3, 3:30-4:30

March 4- Gr 5 Field Trip 12:30-2:30

March 4- Gr 2 field Trip 12:30-2:30

March 5- Musical Practice 3:30-4:30

March 5- Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30

March 6- Choir 11:45-12:05

March 9 Choir 11:40-12:05

March 9- STEM Club Gr 2/3, 3:30-4:30

March 10- Seroogy's Orders are DUE!

March 12- Gr 2/3 Music Concert/Art Show 2:00-3:00

March 12- Musical Practice 3:30-4:30

March 12- PTO Meeting 4:00-5:00

March 12-Gr 2/3 Music Concert/Art Show 6:00-7:00

March 12- AASD Referendum Information Session 6:30-7:30 at Wilson Middle School MPR

March 13- Choir 11:40-12:05

March 15- AASD Referendum Information Session 6:30-7:30

March 16- April 24 Forward Exams

March 16- Choir 11:40-12:05

March 16- STEM Club Gr 2/3, 3:30-4:30

March 18- Math Family Night 5:30-7:00

March 19- End of 3rd Quarter

March 19- KG/Gr 1 Field Trip 9:00-11:00

March 19- Musical Practice 3:30-5:30

March 19- Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30

March 19- AASD Virtual Referendum Information Seeson CLONE 6:30-7:30

March 20- Choir 11:40-12:05

March 23- Choir 11:40-12:05

March 23- STEM Club Gr 2/3 3:30-4:30

March 24- PTO Dining Fundraiser at Dairy Queen 1813 N Richmond St. 4:00-8:00

March 25- Gr 2 Field Trip 8:45-11:30

March 25- KG/Gr 2 Musical Dress Rehearsal Performance 9:30-10:00

March 25- Gr 3/5 Musical Dress Rehearsal Performance 2:30-3:00

March 25- AASD Referendum Information Session 6:30-7:30

March 26- KG2Gr 2 Assembly 9:30-10:00

March 26- Gr 3/5 Assembly 1:30-2:00

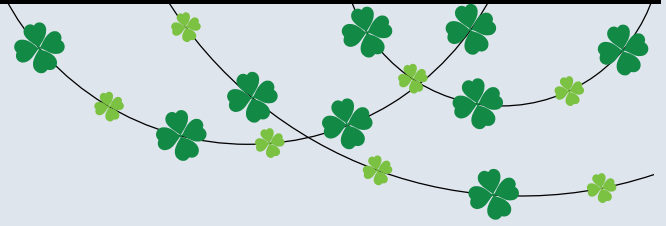
March 26- Seroogy's Order PICK UP 3:00-4:00

March 26- Musical Practice 3:30-4:30

March 26- Franklin Musical 5:00-6:30

March 27- April 6 NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK

April 7- School Resumes





Rock Painting

Join us at Franklin Elementary for a night of creativity! We will create kindness rocks to place in the neighborhood, as well as cards to show someone you care.

February 23, 2026
At 5:00pm - 6:30 pm
Franklin Elementary
Multipurpose room



Dean's Desk

Mr. Schauer

schauermatthew@aasd.k12.wi.us



Attendance



- Please ensure that your students are here each day- attendance matters!
- If your child is going to be absent, please call the Franklin office. (920)852-5475



Testing Season

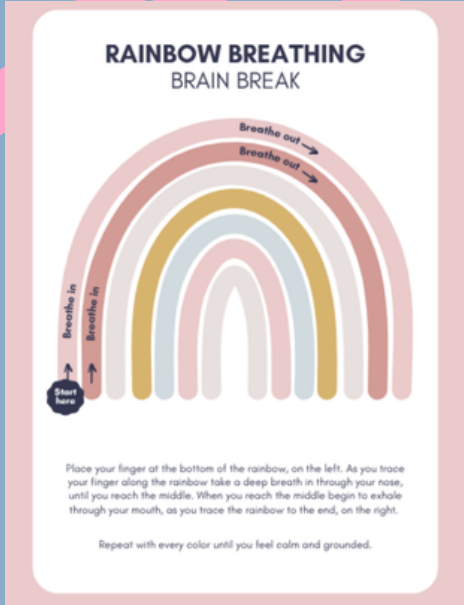


Testing Season
is right around the corner!
With Forward testing starting, please ensure that your child is getting enough sleep each night and is ready to come to school prepared to do well on their test!



COUNSELOR CORNER

SELF REGULATION STRATEGY



March Lessons

This year for Life Skills we are working on Sources of Strength.

March Lessons:

K- Noticing when others are hurt and apologies

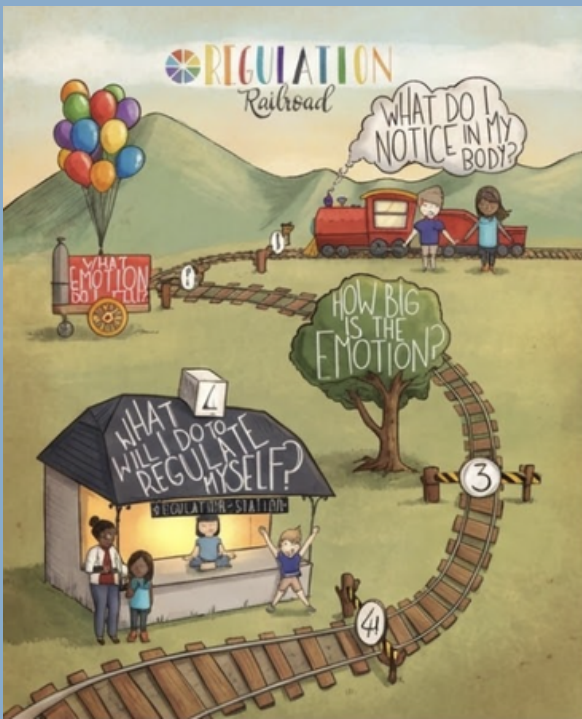
1- Using my voice to keep my community strong

2 - Learning how to coregulate

3- Learning to use strengths when having big emotions

4 - Learning the Regulation Railroad and identifying strengths and strategies for healthy regulation

5 - Noticing emotions and finding self regulation strategies



CONTACT INFORMATION:

KELLY O'ROURKE

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

920-852-5475

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**CHECK
THIS OUT**



Franklin Faces in the Crowd

In an effort to recognize students who are going above and beyond what is expected of them at Franklin, "Faces in the Crowd" has been established. Students are nominated by their classroom teacher, specialist teacher, or other staff members.



“
For always following the schoolwide expectations and being a leader!
”



“
For always showing manners and being kind to others!
”



“
For completing classwork in a timely manner and putting forth effort!
”



“
For putting forth effort in the classroom with his assignments!
”



“
For getting his work done and showing effort while doing it!
”



“
For showing leadership skills in the classroom!
”

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ORDER A YEARBOOK TODAY!

YEARBOOKS ARE ONLY \$10.00
ORDER BY MARCH 10TH TO SAVE



1. Scan QR code or go to www.harmann.com/ordering
2. For each school, enter event password:
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3. Choose yearbook options.
4. Pay with a credit card.

If you do not have the ability to pay online, please call Harmann Studios at 1-800-236-8910 for other payment options.

TWO GREAT OPTIONS FOR MORE MEMORIES AND PERSONALIZING YOUR YEARBOOK!

Upgrade options only available until March 10th

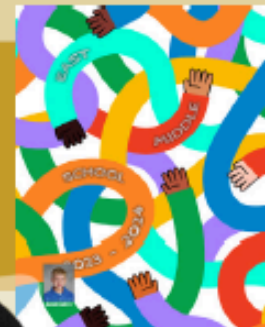
4 PAGE YEAR IN REVIEW
ONLY \$5



A great way to remember news and trends that happened over the school year!

PERSONALIZED COVER
ONLY \$6

Personalize with their name and school picture. Never mix yearbooks up with their sibling or lose it at school!



COMBO IT!
ONLY \$10



DISCOUNT AND UPGRADES REMOVED AFTER MARCH 10TH

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STUDIOS



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

DATE: March 18th, 2026

WHERE: Franklin Gym & MPR

TIME: 5:30-7:00pm

Enjoy fun and engaging activities that get your kids playing games, collecting data, making dice, and so much more!

- Explore different hands-on and active stations
- Go at your own pace!
- Reinforce classroom learning
- Connect with the Franklin Community Enter to win prizes!



Mark your calendars for our

Talent Show

May 7th, 2026

More information will be coming home soon!





Help for the Homeless
HYGIENE DRIVE

Hygiene Drive Kicks Off February 23!

We are proud to share that this year we have district-wide participation in the annual Fox Cities "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive organized through The Family Radio Network! All of our schools will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items from February 23th to March 13th. Please send your donations to school with your student, or stop by to drop them off in the Help for the Homeless collection box located at your child's school by Friday, March 13th.

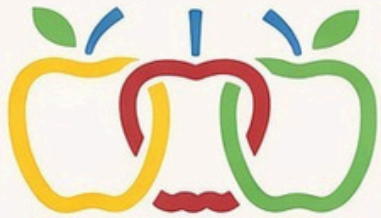
Donations received at our AASD collection sites are used within our AASD school community to stock our Basic Needs Care Closet for students/families in need. These donations are also the primary source of hygiene products provided to students and families experiencing homelessness. Our AASD homeless support program provides services and support to over 640 families last school year. Our school district collection efforts also contribute to the greater Fox Valley area crisis agencies.

The most frequently needed items are laundry detergent, hand soap, dish soap, shampoo/conditioner (especially children's products), cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and deodorant.

*Financial donations can also be made (cash, checks made out to "The Family" with "Help for the Homeless-AASD" written in the memo line or online [Help For The Homeless-The Family](#)).

The goal of the drive is to supply a year's worth of products to each AASD school site and our district homeless support program. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

When a family is experiencing homelessness and in survival mode, a kind helping hand means the world to them. Giving a family in crisis a Care Package with diapers, bath and shower supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry soap, and toilet paper can allow them to feel supported and able to take care of their families needs. Sometimes parents struggle with the feeling that there is "no one to help us" and having a Care Closet in our school district allows me to help in a tangible, immediate way. Watching little kids' eyes light up having their own new toothbrush and fun bath soap and knowing their mom can wash their clothes for school at the laundromat reflects how much this community project impacts the lives of families in crisis.- Molly McGregor, Homeless Liaison, Appleton Area School District



AASD



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

HYGIENE DONATION DRIVE



February 23–March 13, 2026

WHY IT MATTERS

Over **500 AASD students** are experiencing homelessness. Your donations provide **care, dignity**, and basic necessities across our district.



WHAT TO DONATE

Cleaning Supplies

- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant cleaner
- Kitchen trash bags
- Laundry soap

Feminine Care & Paper Products

- Facial tissue
- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Pads
- Tampons



LAST YEAR'S IMPACT

In 2025, **AASD** schools donated **over \$723,000** in hygiene supplies — supporting our students facing homelessness.

THANK YOU!

Your participation meets the basic needs of **AASD** students and families.

February 23–March 13

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Franklin Elementary Concert Dates 2025-2026



Date	Time	Grade Level
Thursday, February 19, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	4 + 5 (grade level artwork)
Thursday, March 12, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	2 + 3 (grade level artwork)
Thursday, April 30, 2026	2:00pm School Performance 6:00pm Parent Performance	K + 1 (grade level artwork)
Monday, May 11, 2026	6:00pm	Fine Arts Night- Band, Strings and Franklin Choir





COMING TOGETHER TO
SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN

MARCH 2026 PTO NEWSLETTER



BOOK FAIR

The Winter Scholastic Book Fair was a tremendous success! We purchased over \$1800 of books for Franklin. These books are donated to the Franklin Library, used to fill class room book boxes and given to Franklin students. Thank you to all who supported the book fair, and a special thanks to all who volunteered their time. You are so appreciated.

DINING FUNDRAISERS

This year the PTO is working hard to support underfunded areas at Franklin. One of the ways we are doing this is by hosting monthly dine out evenings. So far for this school year these events have helped raise over \$1300 for Franklin!! We thank you for your continuing support.

REMINDERS



Follow us on Facebook:
facebook.com/FranklinFoxesPTO

Download the Box Tops
For Education app to
earn cash for Franklin!!

UPCOMING

Thursday March 12

- PTO Meeting
- 4:00pm

Tuesday March 24

- Dairy Queen
Fundraiser Night
- 4:00-8:00 pm

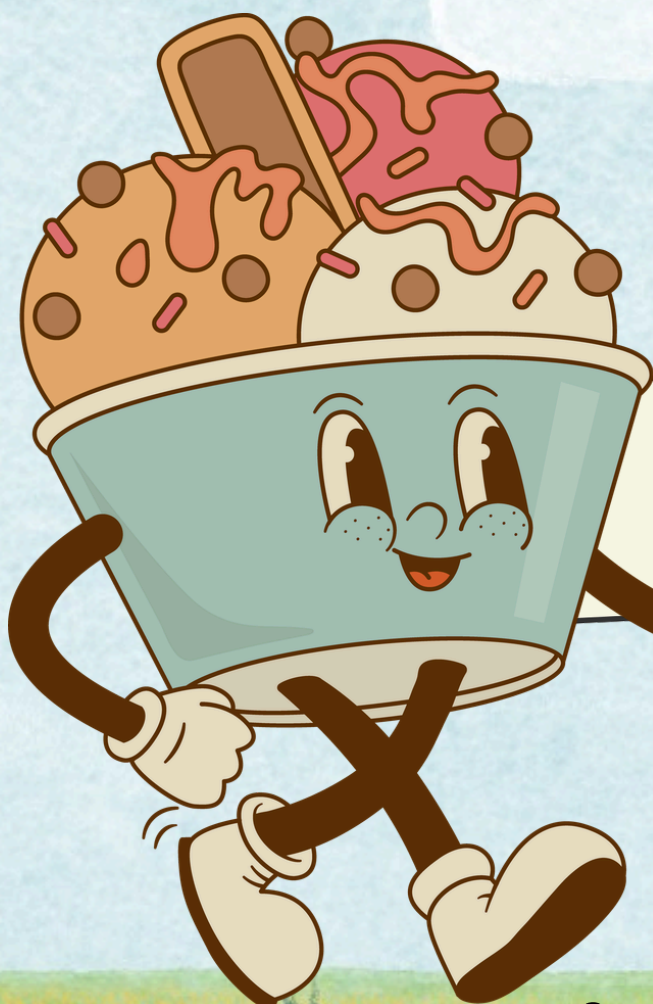
Thursday April 9th

- PTO Meeting
- 4:00pm

If you have any questions contact us at: FranklinFoxesPTO@gmail.com

☆ Dairy Queen
*Fundraiser
Night*

for Franklin Elementary School



1813 N Richmond St
Appleton, WI

4 - 8 P M

3..24..2026

A percentage of all sales between 4-8pm will be donated back to Franklin. It's a great time to stock up on Dilly Bars or Ice Cream Cakes!!



Monthly Newsletter

March 2026



What is the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program?

The FFVP provides students with a healthy fruit or vegetable and is free to all elementary school students! FFVP is provided everyday, but not during lunch or breakfast. The program features a variety of unique, and sometimes new, fruits and vegetables to students that they may otherwise not have had the opportunity to sample. To find out more about the program, please check out WI's FFVP webpage: dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/programs/fresh-fruit-vegetable.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SPOTLIGHT

What's on the menu this month?



Honeydew Melon

- Honeydew is the sweetest of all melons.
- Honeydew can have white or yellow skin. Melons with white skin taste sweeter than the yellow-skin variety.
- The center of the fruit has seeds which are scooped out before eating.



Plant Power Power Up!

Add plant power to your favorite meals! Top your morning cereal with sliced fruit, add extra vegetables to a sandwich such as cucumber or avocado, or partake in meatless Monday.

FUN FACTS



There are over 7,000 varieties of apples around the world!
Apples will float in water because they are 25 percent air.



Fun with fruits and veggies. Have some fun with fruits and veggies and check out the game below.

Fruits and Vegetables
Circle all the fruits. Cross out all the vegetables. Count the fruits and vegetables and write them down.

How many fruits? How many vegetables?

www.cleverlearner.com

Why should you eat fruits and vegetables?

Most fruits are low in fat, sodium and calories. Fruits do not have cholesterol. Vitamin A keeps eyes and skin healthy and helps protect against infections. (USDA MyPlate)

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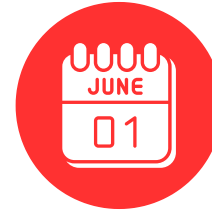
This is an equal opportunity provider

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

*Menu subject to change without notice



Registration
OPENS
9:00 AM



Registration
CLOSES

Join us for a fun-filled learning adventure in AASD's 2026 Summer School!

Elementary School

Tuesday, June 9 - July 3, 2026 (closed June 19)

Middle School

Tuesday, June 9 - July 3, 2026 (closed June 19)



All sessions will be held in person to ensure an engaging experience for everyone. Plus, keep an eye out for additional opportunities that may become available!

For our English Learner (EL) families, classes will align with the elementary and middle school schedules. Our EL staff will be reaching out to families directly to provide further information.



We can't wait to embark on this learning journey with you!

Registration

Course registration opens April 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Parents/guardians will register for summer school courses via the Infinite Campus Portal.

Courses, Camps, & Classes

Click here to learn more about course offerings, schedules, School Site Coordinators and their contact information, and how to register.



HEALTH SERVICES * P.O. Box 2019, Appleton, WI 54911 * 920-852-5344

Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities.

Here are some guidelines that might help in a parent's decision-making.

Fever: A fever of 100.4 degrees or more signals an illness that is probably going to make a student uncomfortable and unable to function well in class. Your child should stay home until his or her temperature is less than 100.4 degrees (without the use of fever reducing medication) for 24 hours and he/she is feeling better.

Vomiting, Diarrhea or Severe Nausea: These are symptoms that require a student to remain at home until a normal diet is tolerated for 24 hours.

Infectious Diseases: Diseases such as impetigo, and strep throat may require a health care visit and prescription for medication. Contacting the health care provider and using the medicine as directed for the full recommended length of time are necessary. A student may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of an antibiotic and if he/she is feeling well.

Rashes: Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a health care provider if they appear to be spreading or not improving.

In the AASD, we monitor illness rates within our schools and community with the collaboration of the City of Appleton Health Department, and we will continue to do so. As rates increase, our site teams, Student Services team, and Facilities team communicate and increase cleaning efforts and family communication as preventive measures. Families can help us with these preventive measures by following the guidelines above.

Here are some things you can do to help prevent illness:

- Frequent handwashing, sanitizing if soap and water are unavailable
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve
- Drink plenty of water (send a water bottle with your child to school)
- Eat a well balanced diet (includes when sending snacks/ lunches to school)
- Clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces
- Don't share personal items
- Get enough sleep



Forward Exam

2025-26 Information for Families

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do, in order to meet grade level expectations and be on track for future learning. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year for students in:

- grades 3-8 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics,
- grades 4 and 8 in science, and
- grades 4, 8, and 10 in social studies.

Accommodations and supports for students with disabilities and English learners are built into the system so that the progress of students can be accurately measured.



What does this mean for my child?

The Forward Exam is a summative assessment that provides a broad measure of your child's achievement in the content areas tested. The results provide one measure of achievement and should be used along with local measures

such as report cards, school-wide assessments, and other information about your child's progress in school.

When does the Forward Exam take place?

The Forward Exam will be given to students in schools between March 16 and April 24, 2026. Districts and schools choose their own testing dates within this window.



The estimated time for test administration in each grade is approximately:

- 125 minutes for ELA,
- 90-115 minutes for mathematics,
- 105 minutes for science, and
- 70 minutes for social studies.

These estimated times are for the purpose of scheduling, as **the Forward Exam is not a timed test**. It is important to note that students may take more time or less time to complete the test based on effort and ability levels.

What type of scores will be provided?

Students receive a score based on their performance in each content area. Each score will fall in one of four levels:

Advanced - The student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the knowledge and skills described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade level and is on-track for future learning.

Meeting - The student is meeting the knowledge and skill expectations described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade-level and is on-track for future learning.

Approaching - The student is approaching the knowledge and skill expectations described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards for their grade-level needed to be on-track for future learning.

Developing - The student is at the beginning stages of developing the knowledge and skills described in the Wisconsin Academic Standards at their grade-level needed to be on-track for future learning.



Where can I find sample or practice test questions?

The Forward Exam Practice Test provides students, families, and educators, with a sample of the type of content and questions students will encounter on the Forward Exam. Students should use the Practice Test to familiarize themselves with the question formats and online testing platform, including



the tools available to them during testing. The Practice Test is not scored and does not cover the full range of content on the exam. The Practice Test is approximately two-thirds the length of the actual Forward Exam and is intended to provide all students with the opportunity to become comfortable with the Forward Exam platform prior to testing.

The Forward Exam Practice Test is available for student use online, in the classroom or at home at

<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward/sample-items>.

For more information about the Forward Exam contact the Office of Educational Accountability at osamail@dpi.wi.gov or visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/forward>.