

2025-2026

ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN

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OUR SCHOOL BOARD



Jennifer Dieck



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Barb Wuensch



Maggie Smith

Thank You

HOLMEN SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION



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WASB
WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS



Lindsay Nied



Quinten Smith (26-27 Student Rep)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
HOLMEN, WISCONSIN

Unless otherwise posted, all Board meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the School District of Holmen District Office's Board Room (1019 McHugh Rd, Holmen, WI). The agendas are available on our website www.holmen.k12.wi.us and live broadcasts are available through YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@SDHolmen

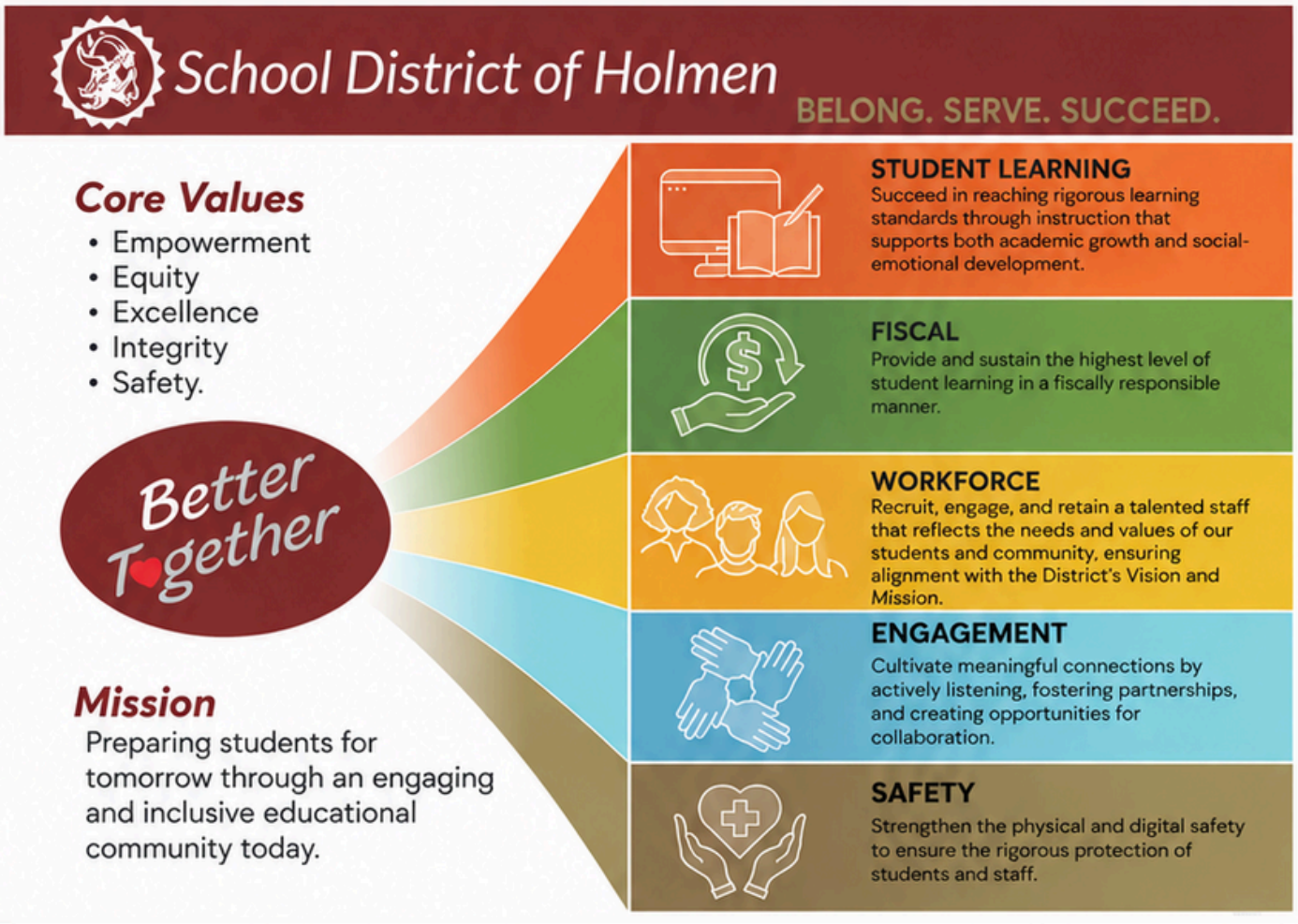
OUR VISION

The vision of the School District is "Belong. Serve. Succeed."

OUR MISSION

We strongly believe in our mission which is, "Preparing students for tomorrow through an engaging and inclusive educational community today." Our core values of empowerment, equity, excellence, integrity, and safety guide us in our decision-making.

STRATEGIC PLAN:



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Kristin Mueller

As we look back on another outstanding year in the School District of Holmen, I am filled with gratitude for the continued trust and support of our families, staff, and community. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated achievements, and upheld our shared commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for every student.

This report highlights the many ways our district continues to shine. From academic growth to athletic accomplishments, from creative programs to facility enhancements, the progress of our students and staff reflects our mission to prepare learners for tomorrow through an engaging and inclusive educational community today.

I am especially proud of the creativity and perseverance our staff demonstrate daily. Their dedication ensures that our classrooms, activities, and programs not only set high expectations, but also provide the encouragement and resources students need to meet them.

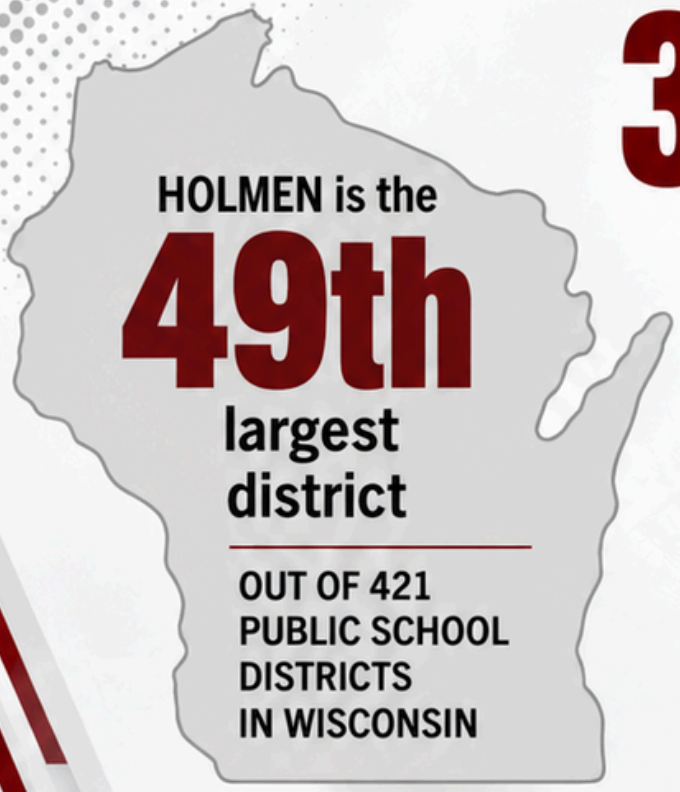
Thank you for walking alongside us in this important work. With your partnership, we are building strong foundations, creating meaningful opportunities, and shaping bright futures for every student in the School District of Holmen.

Kristin A. Mueller

Dr. Kristin Mueller
SUPERINTENDENT



25-26 DISTRICT PROFILE



3,724 STUDENTS

- **3.5 %** MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS
- **22.9 %** ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
- **16.6 %** STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

801,041
BREAKFASTS & LUNCHES SERVED IN 25-26

27 %
OF STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

338
CERTIFIED STAFF

261
SUPPORT STAFF

26
ADMINISTRATION

TEACHER STATISTICS

13
AVERAGE YEARS OF HOLMEN TEACHING EXPERIENCE

28
NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED STAFF

245
TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST A MASTERS DEGREE

3,000 STUDENTS RIDING DAILY | **500K** TOTAL MILES DRIVEN IN 2025-2026

BELONG. SERVE. SUCCEED.

OUR SCHOOLS

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR	NAME	ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL(S)
	**Holmen High School** Enrollment: 1,196	1001 McHugh Rd, Holmen, WI 54636	Wayne Sackett Nick Bakke Ben Johrendt
	**Holmen Middle School** Enrollment: 846	502 N Main St, Holmen, WI 54636	Ben Tashner Brady Turner Luke Sauerman
	**Evergreen Elementary School** Enrollment: 321	510 Long Coulee Rd, Holmen, WI 54636	Sarah Thompson
	**Viking Elementary School** Enrollment: 393	500 E Wall St, Holmen, WI 54636	Nina Swanson
	**Sand Lake Elementary School** Enrollment: 355	3600 Sand Lake Road, Holmen, WI 54636	Matt Meyers
	**Prairie View Elementary School** Enrollment: 447	1201 Newport Ln, Holmen, WI 54636	Dr. Nick Weber

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25-26 HIGHLIGHTS



The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has awarded the School District of Holmen a 79.8 accountability score, earning a rating of Exceeds Expectations – our highest since 2018–19. This places Holmen at the top of the Mississippi Valley Conference and the region for the second year in a row.

- **HOLMEN MIDDLE SCHOOL – 88.2**
- **HOLMEN HIGH SCHOOL – 72.1**
- **VIKING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 76.6**
- **SAND LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 73.8**
- **PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 79.6**
- **EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 73.6**

25-26 HIGHLIGHTS













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PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY
Named one of America's best elementary schools by U.S. News & World Report.



VIKING ELEMENTARY
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HOLMEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Named one of America's best middle schools by U.S. News & World Report.



EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY
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HOLMEN HIGH SCHOOL
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25-26 Athletic Highlights



Holmen Volleyball Regional Champions



Holmen Soccer State Bound



Holmen Softball Regional Champions



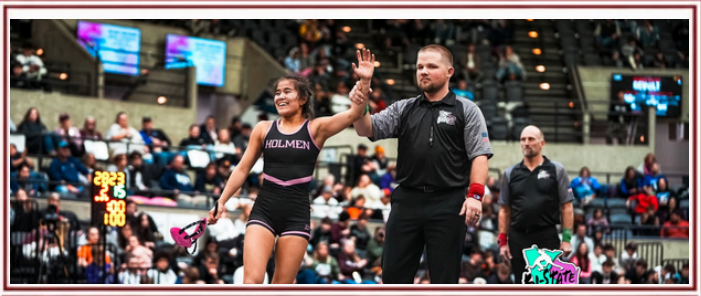
Holmen Boys Wrestling State Runner Up



ASL Floor Hockey Champions



Dance Team State Qualifiers



Bi-State Champion Aini Anderson



Holmen Womens Wrestling Regional Champions

More 25-26 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS







WIAA State Runners-Up

- Brendan Henderson (113 lbs)
- Rex Lancaster (120 lbs)
- Brock Needham (126 lbs)
- Aini Anderson (100 lbs)

State Champion Jakai Ayed

- Division 1 State Championship in the 110m hurdles!



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More 25-26 HIGHLIGHTS



Bo Bakke Makes History
As first Holmen student to complete the Braille Challenge.



HHS Student Jordan Kussman
Named TUMMA Shining Star & BGC Youth of the Year.



HMS Noetic Math Contest
Math Award Winners.



Several Holmen Middle School band students were nominated for the Wisconsin Concert Band Association (WCBA) All-State Junior Band.



Holmen DECA qualified
48 individuals for state.



Holmen High School student Addison Wille was selected as the 2025–2026 American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) National Youth Representative.

More 25-26 HIGHLIGHTS



Teagan Nelson & Abry Bloyer

DECA State Champions



Holmen High School Model Store

Raises $19,000 for Community Member in Need

More 25-26 HIGHLIGHTS



Holmen High School Theatre Wins Wisconsin Interscholastic Theatre Festival (WISDAA) Award

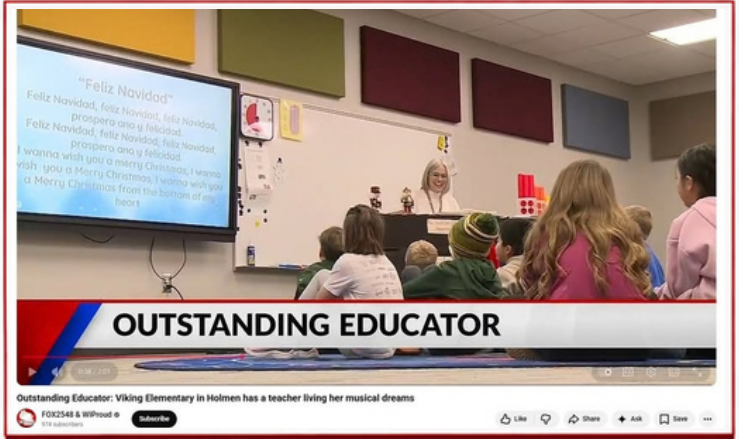


Holmen High School's own Emersen Strangstalien was recognized as the Outstanding High School Student at this year's La Crosse Area Tribute to Outstanding Women event

25-26 STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Holmen High School Teacher of the Year
Bob Siewert



Beth Waldron
WEAU Outstanding Educator Award Recipient



Brandee Hrubes
WXOW Tools for Schools Winner



Dr. Kristin Mueller
Studer Difference Maker Award Recipient

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN
HOLMEN, WISCONSIN

Congratulations!

AWSA
Because Leadership Matters!

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

BEN TASHNER



The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators has recognized Ben Tashner as its **2026 Wisconsin Middle School Associate Principal of the Year.**

Tashner, who now serves as the Principal at Holmen Middle School, has been dedicated to building a school culture where every student and staff member feels seen, supported and valued.

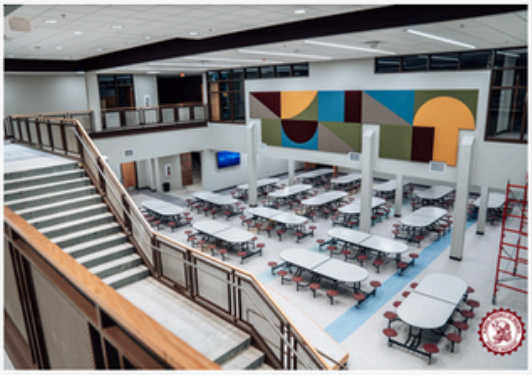
During his tenure at Holmen Middle School he has helped lead a collaborative, student-centered environment rooted in the school's mission: **Belong. Serve. Succeed.**

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Referendum UPDATES














The 2025–2026 school year officially marked the opening of several newly renovated buildings across the District.

Thank you so much to our community for the support.

VIKING ALUMNI AWARD

Betty Baird

CLASS OF 1968 | 2025 VIKING ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

Once a Viking, always a Viking.

The School District of Holmen was proud to recognize Betty Baird, Class of 1968, as the recipient of the 2025 Viking Alumni Award, honoring a lifetime of service, connection and commitment to the Holmen community.

A lifelong educator, musician and community volunteer, Betty has spent decades making a difference in the lives of others. Her dedication to education and her passion for serving her community have left a lasting impact throughout Holmen and the Coulee Region.

Betty's connection to Holmen has remained strong throughout her life. Whether through education, music, family or volunteer service, she has continued to embody the values that define what it means to be a Viking. Her story is one of giving back, staying connected and using her talents to strengthen the community around her.

The Viking Alumni Award recognizes Holmen alumni whose lives and accomplishments reflect positively on the School District of Holmen and who continue to make a meaningful difference in their communities. Betty is a wonderful example of the lasting impact our graduates can have long after they leave our classrooms.

Her commitment to others, pride in her community and lifelong connection to Holmen represent the very best of the Viking spirit.

Congratulations, Betty, and thank you for continuing to make Holmen proud.





Chad Brandau



Sue Ausavich



Penny Bohn



Sue Eitland



Maria Ellis



Angela Franke



Ben Gappa



Jen Grass



Matt Hanson



Deb Loewenhagen



Steven Mally



Linda Morrison



Rhonda Rayburn



Kam-Lin Roswall



Deanna Verdon



Dave Taebel



Lynne Wilson

2025-2026 Retirees

Thank you

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