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From Oconomowoc to the World: Making a Difference with Service Learning



Respecting the diversity among people and cultures is one of our district's five strategic directions, designed to broaden students' horizons. As our world becomes increasingly interconnected, we believe it is more important than ever to give students the opportunity to better understand themselves and others in the world around them. Whether local or international, service learning opportunities will help students experience meaningful service, cultural immersion and leadership development.

This past summer, three groups of educators and students participated in service learning activities; some right here in our backyard, and some halfway around the world.

INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Seven students from Nature Hill and Silver Lake Intermediate schools traveled to the Dominican Republic this summer as part



OASD Students Painting/Designing a new bench with the local children

of a service-learning experience. Educators Tina Heinecke-Kurtz, Stacy Neidert and Lynne Carlstein accompanied the students.

Students worked alongside local residents on community projects. "The expectation is that all students participate in various pre-travel learning experiences, where they will learn

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Strong Community, Strong Schools

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This month, we welcomed students back for the start of the 2016-17 school year, and there is nothing like the excitement and optimism that a new year brings. Oconomowoc is a special place, with faculty, staff, and administration committed to helping every child succeed. At the same time, schools alone cannot prepare children to be future leaders and productive citizens. That is a partnership shared with the community, and we are fortunate in Oconomowoc to have a community that takes that partnership so seriously.

Collaboration between our schools and other community organizations help to create supports that enable our children to learn and succeed, and help families and our community to thrive. In Oconomowoc, we have many groups and service organizations that help to support our students, providing school supplies, clothing and shoes, and remembering students and families in need during the holiday season. Parents and community members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours in classrooms and at school events. Businesses throughout our community continue to provide mentoring and job shadowing opportunities for our students, offering our kids the chance to experience work in authentic settings that support in school learning.



Special thanks to our local Lions Club and the YMCA at Pabst Farms for collecting school supplies for OASD families this August.

Strong schools and healthy, vibrant communities are inextricably linked. One simply cannot exist without the other. From the district's perspective, community involvement is a vital part of our successful schools. It is one of the many things that make the Oconomowoc community special, and we should take the time to celebrate it.

As we begin another school year, I would like to thank all of our community partners, and everyone who contributes to our students' success. In Oconomowoc there are many. We are so grateful for your continued support of our schools.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

VOTE NOV. 8

What is on the November 8 ballot?

The school board, in response to extensive community input, has finalized a comprehensive facilities plan to address capacity and high priority capital maintenance needs at Meadow View Elementary, Ixonia Elementary, Greenland Elementary, Park Lawn Elementary, Oconomowoc High School Main Campus and the East Campus/former Wilkinson Clinic.

What are the proposed construction projects?

The proposed plan provides solutions to the most urgent space and maintenance needs at five of our eight school sites, including the former Wilkinson Clinic which will become the "East" campus for Oconomowoc High School and the new location for the district's administrative offices, which are currently located inside Meadow View Elementary.

What is the cost of the projects?

The total project cost cannot exceed \$54.9 million.

What is the tax impact?

The maximum mill rate increase is \$0.40 per \$1,000 of equalized home value.



5 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1 Continuous Improvement in Academic Performance

2 Innovative Instructional Programs

3 Creating a Great Workplace with Highly Engaged Employees

4 High Quality Facilities with 21st Century Learning Environments

5 Respecting the Diversity Among People and Cultures

OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES REFERENDUM

UNDERSTANDING THE PROJECT



MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Construct new elementary school
- ▶ Sized for up to 675 students in 4K-4th
- ▶ New location on Hwy P between Hwy K and Hwy Z

ESTIMATED COST
\$28,320,000



IXONIA ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Relocate three classrooms from basement to main level
- ▶ Replace heating, ventilation and mechanical systems
- ▶ Replace portions of roof
- ▶ Build visible and secure main entrance
- ▶ Build a dedicated cafeteria

ESTIMATED COST
\$8,172,000



PARK LAWN ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Replace heating, ventilation and mechanical systems
- ▶ Replace portions of roof
- ▶ Update fire alarms

ESTIMATED COST
\$3,444,000



GREENLAND ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Replace heating, ventilation and mechanical systems
- ▶ Replace portions of roof
- ▶ Update fire alarms

ESTIMATED COST
\$3,698,000



OCONOMOWOC HIGH SCHOOL MAIN CAMPUS:

- ▶ Upgrade security systems
- ▶ Renovate manufacturing, automotive, and construction trades classrooms

ESTIMATED COST
\$2,005,000



OCONOMOWOC HIGH SCHOOL EAST CAMPUS:

- ▶ Renovate former Wilkinson building
- ▶ Create high school instructional spaces for up to 300 students
- ▶ Construct district administrative offices

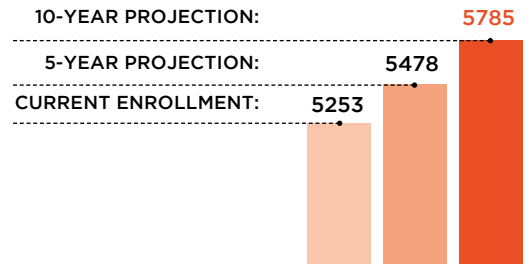
ESTIMATED COSTS
CLASSROOM SPACES
\$6,949,000
DISTRICT OFFICE
\$2,309,000

TOTAL REFERENDUM COST: \$54,900,000



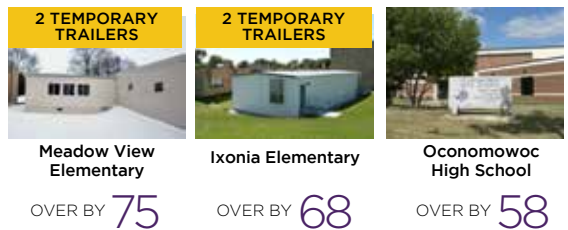
WE'RE GROWING!

ENROLLMENT GROWTH



Data from Wisconsin DPI annual student census, 2020 (5-yr) and 2025 (10-yr) projections from MD Roffers "Community Growth Report," published Oct. 2015.

SCHOOLS OVER CAPACITY



FINANCIAL IMPACT

Maximum Mill Rate Increase: \$0.40
(per \$1,000 of equalized home value)

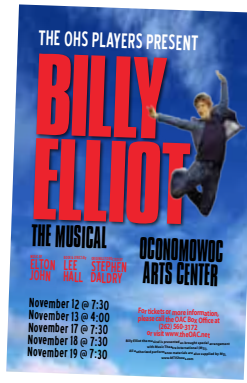
	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$ 100,000 of property value	\$40.00	\$3.33
\$ 250,000 of property value	\$100.00	\$8.33
\$ 350,000 of property value	\$140.00	\$11.67
\$ 500,000 of property value	\$200.00	\$16.67

Tax estimates prepared by PMA Securities, Inc. assuming: Phased borrowing approach over a 3 year period (2017-2019) with each borrowing paid back over a 20-year period. Interest rates of 3.25% - 3.75%. 1.7% property value growth.

VOTING INFORMATION: www.myvotewi.gov/en-us.
Skip the lines and vote absentee by mail or in person.

**VOTE ON TUES.
NOV. 8, 2016**

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



OHS Players Present *Billy Elliot the Musical*, November 12, 13, 17-19

Set in a northern English mining town during the miners' strike of 1984-85, *Billy Elliot the Musical* is the inspirational story of a young boy's fight to make his dreams come true. Follow Billy's journey from boxing ring to ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that unites his family, inspires his community and changes his life forever. Featuring iconic music by Elton John, phenomenal choreography and dancing, a powerful story, and a lot of technical challenges to conquer, we hope that everyone in the community comes out to experience this uplifting and spectacular theatrical event that has won the hearts of millions. The OHS Players had the opportunity to see this musical in London when 36 students performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in the summer of 2015.

Please note that Billy Elliot the Musical contains some strong language. The show is most appropriate for ages 10 and up! Tickets available at the OAC box office.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Congratulations to OHS senior Triston Charlson, who has been named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, one of 16,000 national semi-finalists. Triston will go on to compete for approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships to be offered in Spring 2017.

OHS Band in Colder's Commercial

Congratulations to the OHS Marching Band for being selected to be in a Colder's commercial airing in January. The spot will not only feature the OHS Marching Band, but OHS Dance Team, OHS Cheerleaders, OHS Flag Corps and OHS Twirlers!



AFS Students

Meet this year's exchange students to Oconomowoc High School (order in picture): Mercy from Kenya (YES Scholar)/Todd & Terri Watermolen family (6th AFS student!), Marti from Spain/Bill & Susan Thiel family, Daniela from Chile/Bob & Kim Hannan family, Chiara from Germany/Bryan & Linda Beers family, Prosper from Nigeria (YES Scholar)/Kevin & Rachel Kunz family, Yumi from Brazil/Greg & Julie Van Leirsburg (who hosted Famai last year!), Jab from Thailand/Jim & Tracy Grosspietsch family

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about other people and cultures to better prepare them to become compassionate, open-minded global citizens. On the trip, students immersed themselves in the daily routines and traditions of the Dominican Republic," teacher Staci Niedert explained. For example, students created a sustainable garden under the guidance of an experienced environmentalist at a local school.

"It's challenging and rewarding for the students," said Tina. "We have enabled them to see themselves as confident, global citizens. They are leaders, and they know it."



INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS LEND A HELPING HAND IN OCONOMOWOC

The intermediate summer school learning class was initiated by Shelly Grothaus with the help of Kelly Holtzman and Karen Small. Interest in the class was strong - the class filled within the first hour, which shows our middle school students want to make a difference in their community.

Students from both Silver Lake and Nature Hill spent a week in June on local service projects. They partnered with the Oconomowoc Kiwanis Club and the City of Oconomowoc to clean out brush for walking trails at Oerding Park in Oconomowoc. The Kiwanis Club presented four students with service learning scholarships to put toward the intermediate Service Learning Trip to the Dominican Republic in June 2017, which will be led by NHI teacher Shelly Grothaus.

Students also worked on improving the walking path and clearing Rosenow Creek at the Nature Hill Intermediate Nature Center.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Central America was the scene of service and cultural immersion for

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Park Lawn Elementary Upgrades Technology in Grades 1-4

Last spring, Park Lawn Elementary decided to invest building funds, with support from PTO fundraising efforts, to upgrade the instructional technology in 1st-4th grade classrooms. “As we strive to universally design our classroom spaces to support all learners, we recognized that the technology we were relying on was not supporting our efforts to fully engage all students,” said Principal Jennifer Jones.

With help from the district technology staff, the principal and teachers evaluated options to choose from. Second grade teacher Stephanie Truttschel offered to open her classroom to the opportunity to pilot new equipment and share what she was learning with staff, and how it enhanced classroom instruction for her students.

Each classroom was equipped with a large, wall mounted TV connected to an Apple TV unit and Google Chromecast. All teachers have iPad minis, and are comfortable using iPads and in the Google environment. In Readers’ Workshop, for example, Stephanie can read from the book while also displaying selected text or instructions up on the screen. This puts her directly in front of students, instead of standing behind a traditional screen projector.



Stephanie noticed the increase in student engagement and shared this observation with her fellow teachers. “Along with the mobility and freedom this technology has granted me, it allows me to capture student work, in photos and video, and use it as an immediate teaching tool,” said Stephanie.

This new system provides better image quality and clarity, projected on the TV, as compared to the projectors and document cameras that were previously used. Teachers display in real time what students are working on and share it with the entire group.



INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Nature Hill

Nature Hill Intermediate met their fundraising goal of \$5,000 to start a Best Buddies chapter at NHI! This was all made possible by students and families who supported fundraising events and by two very generous donations from First Weber and a matching donation of \$2,500 from the Dave & Lisa Young Family Foundation. Best Buddies is a club at NHI that fosters friendships between middle school students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, sharing interests, experiences, and activities.



Silver Lake

The Silver Lake Intermediate Mud Lake Environmental Outdoor Area that was built last year by SLI staff with help from local and state government and the DNR received improvements with the help of talented OHS Building Trades students and their teacher, Steve Olson. The original boardwalk leading to Mud Lake now has handrails. Thank you students, for making our outdoor learning space safer!



FALL SPORTS RACCOON PRIDE

CONGRATS!

The Raccoon fall sports season is off to an outstanding start! Four teams are currently leading the conference standings as we head into the final stretch and prepare for post-season tournament action.

Go Raccoons! #oconpride



SHOUT-OUTS!

CURRENT STATS (AS OF 9/20/16)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

5-0 conf 17-3 overall
currently ranked #6 in state

GIRLS TENNIS

4-0 conf, 14-3 overall

CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS & GIRLS

Boys have placed 3rd at Parkside & 4th at the Arrowhead Invitational

FOOTBALL

5-0, currently ranked 6th in the state. They were Week 1 US Army Team of the week.

BOYS SOCCER

2-0-1 in conference
1st place, 5-0-3 overall

GIRLS SWIM

6th place at the Falcon Outdoor Meet in Elm Grove

GIRLS GOLF

Currently 3rd place in conference



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FALL-WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE



BOYS HOME EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/26	Soccer	JV2: 4:30pm	Arrowhead	OHS
9/27	Soccer	JV2 & JV: 5:00pm	Slinger	OHS
9/27	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	Slinger	OHS
9/29	Soccer	JV2 & JV: 5:00pm	Sussex Hamilton	OHS
9/29	Football	F: 6:00pm	Slinger	OHS
9/29	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	Sussex Hamilton	OHS
9/30	Football	V: 7:00pm	Slinger	OHS
10/3	Football	F: 4:30pm	Sussex Hamilton	OHS
10/5	Soccer	JV: 5:00pm	Muskego	OHS
10/5	Football	F: 6:00pm	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS
10/5	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	Muskego	OHS
10/6	Soccer	JV2: 5:00pm	Muskego	OHS
10/6	Football	F: 6:00pm	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS
10/6	Football	V: 7:00pm	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS
10/11	Soccer	JV: 4:30pm	West Bend East	OHS
10/11	Soccer	V: 6:30pm	West Bend East	OHS
10/13	Football	JV: 6:00pm	West Bend West	OHS
10/18	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
10/20	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
10/22	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
10/25	Football	V: 6:30pm	TBD	OHS
10/27	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
10/29	Soccer	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
11/22	Basketball	JV2 & JV: 5:45pm	Pewaukee	OHS
11/22	Basketball	V: 7:15pm	Pewaukee	OHS

GIRLS HOME EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
9/29	Swimming	V: 6:00pm	Beaver Dam	YMCA at Pabst Farms
9/29	Swimming	JV: 6:00pm	Beaver Dam	YMCA at Pabst Farms
10/4	Volleyball	JV2 & JV: 5:30pm	Beaver Dam	OHS
10/4	Volleyball	V: 6:45pm	Beaver Dam	OHS
10/13	Volleyball	JV2 & JV: 4:30pm 6pm	Multiple	OHS
10/13	Swimming	JV: 6:00pm	Watertown	YMCA at Pabst Farms
10/13	Swimming	V: 6:00pm	Watertown	YMCA at Pabst Farms
10/29	Volleyball	V: 7:00pm	WIAA	OHS
11/15	Basketball	JV2 & JV: 5:45pm	Greenfield	OHS
11/15	Basketball	V: 7:30pm	Greenfield	OHS
11/18	Basketball	JV: 5:45pm	Cudahy	OHS
11/18	Basketball	V: 7:30pm	Cudahy	OHS

ARTS CORNER



Oconomowoc Arts
Center New Box
Office Hours

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday
- Noon to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday
& Friday
- 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays
- 90 minutes
before show times

NEW Online Ticketing System

This summer the OAC switched over to a new, more user-friendly ticketing system that will allow patrons to get a view of their seats from the interactive map when purchasing tickets online. The new format is also mobile device friendly which will enhance usage on smartphones, iPads and other tablet devices. Over the phone and online per ticket service fees have also been eliminated. For more information on pricing or shows, call the Box Office, (262) 560-3172 or visit www.theoac.net.

Be sure to check the OAC calendar for intermediate and high school winter concert dates! www.theoac.net

VOTE NOV. 8

REFERENDUM INFORMATION NIGHTS

Referendum Information Nights events are opportunities for residents to ask questions of school board members, staff, and Superintendent Roger Rindo, as well as tour the buildings. No RSVP required.

SEPT. 26

Ixonia
Elementary
6:30-8:00 p.m.
in the Gym

OCT. 17

Oconomowoc
High School
6:30-8:00 p.m.
in the Cafeteria

OCT. 26

Meadow View
Elementary
6:30-8:00 p.m.
in the Library



OASD School Board

School Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September

28 OHS Powder Puff Game, 6 p.m., OHS Soccer Stadium
30 OHS Homecoming Parade, 5:15 p.m., Football Game, 7 p.m.

October

6 Community Open House & Thursday Night Lights, Rux Stadium. Free admission with Food Pantry donation.
7 OASD No School, Teacher Development Day
19 Stairway to Heroin "Deadly Decisions" Parent Forum, OAC 6:00-6:30 pm Resource Fair; 6:30-8:30 pm Program
22 OPEF Haunted Ball Fundraiser, La Belle Golf Club, 5 p.m.
29 Oconomowoc Halloween Parade, and city wide Trick or Treat

November

4 OASD No School
8 **ELECTION DAY**
11 NHI Veterans Day Program, NHI, 9 a.m.
12-13, 17-19 OHS Musical "Billy Elliot" Performances at OAC
23-28 . . . OASD No School, Thanksgiving Break

December/January

Dec. 23-Jan. 2, OASD Winter Break-No School

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18 students and three educators, Jenny Piorkowski, Emily Merritt, and Danielle Chaussée. The Spanish Immersion and Service Learning (SISL) Club, which



is open to any student taking Spanish and interested in service learning, visited Ecuador (including the Galápagos Islands).

"In Ecuador we helped to build a high school in the Andes," said Danielle Chaussee. Students worked with a women's group to spin yarn, care for animals, and make hand-made crafts. Behind the scenes, students also worked on individual research or service projects that they designed themselves, such as women's rights, water quality and deforestation.

"The entire experience was incredible," remarked Jenny Piorkowski. From the work site in the mountains to the deep seas in the Galapagos, our students immersed themselves in a culture and a lifestyle that is unlike anything they had experienced before.

"The most fun I had with the group was when we learned how to play Ecuavoli with the people of the Chimborazo area, said Emily. "Everyone was working together, laughing and truly enjoying the moment with the children."