



SHEBOYGAN AREA
— SCHOOL DISTRICT —



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A Newsletter from the Sheboygan Area School District

May 2022



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Sheboygan Area School District families,

As the school year comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of our students, staff, and families for a great year. This time of year brings many special events and celebrations and I encourage you to engage in and enjoy these activities.

This year, our historic joint high school graduation ceremony at Vollrath Bowl will be held on Saturday, June 11. Holding graduation on a Saturday gives us more flexibility to move the event to Sunday in the event of inclement weather. If you are planning to attend, please watch the SASD website for any updates or changes. The graduation ceremony will be livestreamed on the SASD YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/SheboyganSchools>. The recorded ceremony will also be posted on YouTube for later viewing.

If you are looking for ways to keep your child engaged in learning or activities during the summer months, consider signing up for a summer school class. A list of courses is posted on our Summer School webpage at: <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/programs/summer-school>. Register online using **Skyward Family Access**. If you need help, please call our summer school office at (920) 459-3668.

In addition, the Sheboygan Community Recreation Department also offers a variety of summer activities. Check out their website at <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/recreation> to see available activities and to sign up.

Online registration for next school year will be held from August 1 - 12, 2022. Each year, returning families need to register their children for school to sign required forms, pay fees, etc. Watch for an email reminder in late July.

I hope you have a fun, safe, and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,
Seth A. Harvatine
Superintendent



Urban Recieves Donation for Translation Technology

Urban Middle School received a generous donation to purchase technology for students who need translation assistance. The Kuck Family made the donation in honor of David Kuck, a former Urban Middle School teacher, who passed away in October 2021. The donation was used to purchase three TimeKettle WT2 Edge Real-time Translators and iPads. The WT2 Edge is a set of earbuds that work in conjunction with the TimeKettle app to allow real-time translation.

Read the full story at: <https://bit.ly/3Mt11Nb>



4K Students Experience Virtual Reality

Students at the Early Learning Center had the opportunity to try out the virtual reality goggles with the support of one of our district Tech Coaches. Students got an up-close look at farm animals, sharks, and penguins. They rode a roller coaster, drove a race car, and even went sky diving!

The Early Learning Center is accepting pre-registrations for fall: www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/elc. Please share with any families who have children turning 4 by Sept. 1.



High School Students Attend LTC Engineering Open House

North, South, and Étude High School students attended the Engineering Open House at Lakeshore Technical College. Students selected to attend are currently enrolled in high school courses such as Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Red Raider Robotics.

Attendees had the opportunity to work with four different hands-on activities in the engineering department.



News from the Board of Education Meeting - April 26, 2022

Special Session Meeting - Appointment of a School Board Member

The Board of Education held a special session meeting on Tuesday, April 26 to interview four individuals who expressed interest in filling Kyle Whelton's seat. Mr. Whelton moved outside of the Sheboygan Area School District and his last meeting was April 12. Following the interviews, the Board voted to appoint Sarah Ruiz-Harrison to fill the seat. She will fill the remainder of Mr. Whelton's term, which expires in 2023.

Annual Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

As a result of the April 5 spring election, the Board of Education welcomes incumbents Susan Hein and Mark Mancl and newly elected member Mary Lynne Donohue for three-year terms.

The following board members were elected to officer positions:

- Mary Lynne Donohue, President
- Santino Laster, Vice President
- Kay Robbins, Treasurer
- Susan Hein, Clerk

Sale of District-Owned Property | Between Saemann and Geele Avenue and North Taylor Drive

The Board of Education approved the sale of a 26-acre parcel of land between Saemann Avenue, Geele Avenue, and North Taylor Drive to Froedtert Health and Medical College of Wisconsin. The Board held a public input session on April 19 to present the plan to the public and respond to any questions or feedback, prior to approving the sale at the regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 26. Read more about the process here: <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/rfp>.

News from the Board of Education Meeting - May 24, 2022

Facility Advisory Committee Recommendation for Farnsworth and Urban Middle Schools

Members of the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee have been working since March 15, 2021 and the group shared their recommendation for Farnsworth and Urban Middle Schools with the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 24 for their consideration.

The recommendation included:

- Farnsworth Middle School - Build a new school on the same site south of the existing building, keeping the newer gym addition.
- Urban Middle School - Build a new school on district-owned land off of North 15th Street.

The Board of Education approved the committee's recommendation and will pursue a referendum in November 2024 for these projects.

Read the executive summary and decision-making matrix used by the committee:

- [Executive Summary](#)
- [Citizens Facility Committee Scoring Matrix](#)

View the facility study completed by Bray Architects, outlining the options:

<https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/perch/resources/admin/bray-ms-facility-study.pdf>

Continued Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students Next School Year

The Board of Education approved the use of excess school nutrition fund balance to continue providing free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2022-2023 school year. The USDA has funded free meals for the last two school years, and with excess funds available, the district would like to continue to offer free meals for one more year.

2022-2023 Revised School Year Calendar

The Board of Education approved two revisions to next year's school calendar:

- Friday, December 23, 2022 - No School
- Friday, March 24, 2023 - No School

Both days were previously scheduled as a two-hour early release.

The updated calendar has been posted on the District website at <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/calendar>.

Meeting dates, agendas, and more is posted on our website at <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/about/board-of-education>.

Recordings of past board meetings can be found on the [SASD YouTube Channel](#).



NOTICE:

The following COVID-19 Testing sites will be closed on Friday, May 27:
Grant, Horace Mann, James Madison, Pigeon River/Etude Elementary and Urban

UPDATE:

Starting Monday, June 13, SASD will consolidate COVID-19 testing sites to 5 school locations over the summer and next school year, including Central High, Horace Mann, Lincoln-Erdman, North, and South.

[View SASD COVID-19 Testing Sites webpage for the most up-to-date information.](#)



Apply today for an Educational Assistant position and start work in September!
[Learn more and view current openings.](#)

Upcoming Events

May 27

No School (Emergency Make-up Day Not Needed)

May 30

No School - Memorial Day Recess

June 9

Last Day of School - 2 Hour Early Release

June 11

[SASD Graduation Ceremony](#) at Vollrath Bowl (Rain Date: Sunday, June 12)

June 16

[Free Meals](#) start at North High

June 20

[Free Meals](#) start at other school locations

Calendar



The poster features a smiling young woman with long, curly hair on the left. The background is dark blue with a white and green graphic element. The text on the poster reads: 'SASD FREE STUDENT RIDES SUMMER 2022 BY SHORELINE METRO'. Below this, it says 'FREE FARES ON SUMMER WEEKDAYS WITH STUDENT OR FACULTY ID*' and '5:15 AM TO 4:45 PM • JUNE 10TH TO AUGUST 31'. At the bottom, it says 'TO APPLY, VISIT US AT WWW.SHORELINEMETRO.COM (920) 459-3281' and 'LIKE US ON FACEBOOK | SHORELINE METRO'. The Shoreline Metro logo is in the bottom right corner.

Shoreline Metro will continue to offer free rides to students during 'school day hours' throughout the summer. This means students can ride free all summer long with an ID on weekdays from 5:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

After 4:45 p.m., students must pay the regular fare (or use their monthly pass through the voucher system).

- More information about the free Shoreline Metro services can be found on the Sheboygan Area School District website on the Transportation page: <https://www.sheboygan.k12.wi.us/families/transportation>
- Or, visit the newly updated Shoreline Metro website: <https://shorelinemetro.com/>

Free Summer Meals for Students

Join us this summer for **FREE MEALS** for any children 18 years of age and younger!

Following USDA regulations, all meals will be served on-site and must be eaten at the school location.

Unfortunately, SASD is no longer able to offer grab-n-go meals due to USDA regulations. That option was a special waiver previously granted to school districts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Free Summer Meal Info

Community Flyers

As a courtesy to families and non-profit community organizations, the Sheboygan Area School District posts community flyers on our website. Check back often to see what's new!

Community Flyers

Did You Know?

Over the last 19 years, the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation has provided \$1.2 million in grants to the Sheboygan Area School District.

Support the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation by participating in their annual "Take The Lake" FUN 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Run/Walk on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Register online at www.sheboyganschools.org or <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Sheboygan/TakeTheLakeSheboygan>.

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