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A Newsletter from the Sheboygan Area School District

November 2021



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Sheboygan Area School District families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and enjoying the last few weeks of fall.

As part of the district's Long Range Plan, one of our longstanding goals has been continuous improvement for each school and refinement of the continuous improvement process. Within the next few days, students, families, and staff will receive an online survey to gather feedback about their experience with the Sheboygan Area School District.

The survey is being conducted by Studer Education, a division of Huron Consulting Group, Inc. Studer Education is renowned for its dedication to organizational excellence in both higher education and K-12 settings. Utilizing their services will provide results to help us identify our current standing. Analysis of and conversations about the results will then allow us to continue focusing on areas that are working well and define areas for improvement.

We strive to make our schools the best place for students to learn, for families to send their students for a quality education, and for staff to find purpose and make a difference. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support in completing the upcoming survey so that we can better understand the areas in which we are performing to your expectations and where we should provide additional focus.

The survey will be available soon. We look forward to learning more about your experience with the Sheboygan Area School District.

Sincerely,
Seth A. Harvatine
Superintendent



North High Junior Named Educators Rising Ambassador

North High School junior Sophia Gielow, a member of the district-wide Educators Rising chapter that includes students from both North and South High Schools, was recently named an Educators Rising Ambassador for the 2021-2022 school year. Sophia is one of only 14 Ambassadors from across the United States.

Read the full story at: <https://bit.ly/2ZT1FQR>



North and South Students to Present *Mamma Mia!*

North and South High School students are performing *Mamma Mia!* this fall in the South High School auditorium, located at 1240 Washington Ave. The musical runs over two weekends in November:

- Friday, Nov 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov 7 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door. [Reserve your seats online!](#)



Elementary Tech Clubs Enrich Learning

Returning this school year, elementary students in the Sheboygan Area School District have the opportunity to participate in before or after school Tech Clubs. Tech Clubs are geared toward students in grades 3 - 5 and are offered in two sessions at each school throughout the year. Previously called Coding Clubs, Tech Clubs were introduced to provide enrichment activities for students before or after school, and also as a way to provide hands-on learning in the areas of coding and technology.

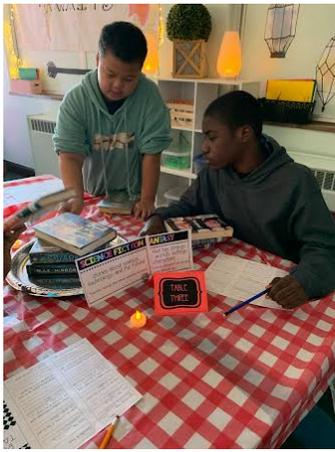
Read full story at: <https://bit.ly/2ZH1qYO>

Red Raider Manufacturing - Student Spotlight



During his time at South High School, senior Tyler Skaggs has taken advantage of numerous opportunities to explore potential career options and learn valuable skills through participation in the Red Raider Manufacturing program.

Read full story at: <https://bit.ly/31mEIWO>



Teachers Offer Creative Ways to Find Your Next Book

Throughout the year, SASD middle school students can explore different genres and styles of books through creative classroom activities such as Farnsworth Middle School's Book Tasting, Horace Mann Middle School's Food Truck Festival, and Urban Middle School's upcoming Blind Date with a Book. Thank you to all our teachers and staff for going above and beyond to provide new and innovative methods to engage students -- and creative ways to find a new favorite book or genre!

Students are encouraged to check out books at our school libraries or visit the Mead Library website to learn more about our [free virtual library card program](#).

News from the Board of Education Meeting

Local taxpayers received good news when the Sheboygan Area School District held its annual budget presentation on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. This is the sixth straight year school tax rates will decrease for local taxpayers. Property owners in the Sheboygan Area School District will see a 74 cent decrease from \$9.00 to \$8.26 per \$1,000 of property value, which also equates to an 8.2% decrease from last year.

The Board of Education adopted the 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$156,353,462 and certified the property tax levy in the amount of \$35,543,622.

Key Points:

- State budget includes no per-student revenue increase for 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- State general aid increased by 3.6%. Although increases in state aid do not increase the amount of revenue to the District, it does decrease the amount of local tax levy.
- The tax levy is decreasing by 5.3%
- The mill rate is decreasing by 8.2%
- \$4,302,937 of the tax levy is used to fund the State private school voucher program. This amount will be deducted from the state aid received by the District. This is a \$948,730 (28%) increase from the previous year.
- In 2020-21, local private schools that participate in the voucher program had a total enrollment of 1,234 students, with 493 students (40%) receiving vouchers.
- In 2021-22, total enrollment for those private schools is 1,373 (+139), with 606 (+113) students receiving vouchers (44%).

[Click here to view the full budget presentation](#)

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

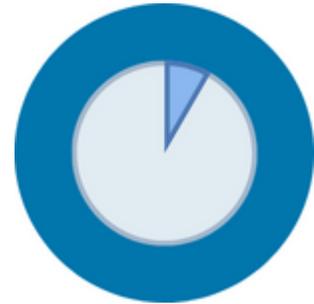
Recordings of past board meetings can be found on [SASD-TV](#).



SASD offers over **60 high school courses for college credit**. [View course database](#)



School tax rates have **decreased for the last six years** for SASD residents.



89% of budget dollars go directly into classrooms and to support student learning.

Free Meals for Students

Encourage your kids to try healthy school meals. Again this year, school breakfast and lunch meals are free to all district students per USDA extension of emergency meals. This is effective through June 2022.

[Meal Menus](#)

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](#)

[SASD COVID-19 Information](#)

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Did You Know?

The Sheboygan Area School District has released the 2022-2023 school year calendar. You can find the calendar posted on the Sheboygan Area School District website.

[SASD Calendar](#)

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