



**SHEBOYGAN AREA**  
— SCHOOL DISTRICT —



# THE DIFFERENCE

*A Newsletter from the Sheboygan Area School District*

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February 2023



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## Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Sheboygan Area School District families,

For more than 24 years, I have had the pleasure of serving in the Sheboygan Area School District in a variety of roles, including the last four and a half years as the Superintendent of Schools.

Throughout this time, I have been continually amazed by the tremendous work, passion, and dedication of our staff to provide our students with high quality learning opportunities and to provide you, our families, with the support and services you need.

In late January, I informed the Board of Education of my plans to retire in the 2023-24 school year. While this decision was not an easy one to make, I am making this announcement early in order that the Board may begin the process to select my successor.

I am confident in the hiring process that the Board discussed and determined at their January 31st Special Meeting. The process will ensure the next Superintendent will continue and build upon the District's Long Range Strategic Plan initiatives to enhance supports provided by the District and further the academic outcomes for all students.

Sincerely,

Seth A. Harvatine  
Superintendent



## Seeking Candidates for Human Growth & Development Citizens' Advisory Committee

The Human Growth and Development Citizens' Advisory Committee for the Sheboygan Area School District is seeking candidates to fill the positions of parent representative and high school student representative. We encourage candidates to include the following in their letter:

- Why are you interested in being part of this team?
- What background or experiences do you have that may be relevant to this committee?

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application to [espielman@sasd.net](mailto:espielman@sasd.net) by February 28, 2023.



## Central High Students Attend Presentation by Human Trafficking Task Force

Over 50 Central High School students participated in a presentation and interactive discussion titled "Healthy Choices, Healthy Lives" with the Sheboygan County Human Trafficking Task Force.

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



## SASD Students Participate in Explore Your Future Event

Earlier this month, seventh and eighth-grade students from the Sheboygan Area School District participated in the *Explore Your Future* Event at LTC in partnership with the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce. Students took a unique personality test and were given results that guided them to explore careers well-suited to their personality type.

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



## Photo Gallery: End of Quarter Celebrations

Schools around the district held a variety of events and activities to celebrate the end of the second quarter of school.

- Cleveland Elementary
- Farnsworth Middle
- Grant Elementary
- James Madison Elementary

View the Photo Gallery at: <https://bit.ly/3HyDNno>

## News from the Board of Education Meeting

### Superintendent Succession Plan

In January, Superintendent Seth Harvatine announced his plans to retire in the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Member David Gallianetti recognized Mr. Harvatine as a great leader through the uncertain times our community and the wider nation have experienced recently. "You've handled all of the difficult scenarios you've encountered throughout your Superintendent career with great professionalism and leadership skills," Gallianetti said. "You pivoted when you needed to, you relied on a really good team to help you get through it, and you helped them grow, as well."

The Board met in a special session meeting on Tuesday, January 31 to discuss and finalize the steps to conduct an internal candidate search.

The Board of Education finalized a timeline for the Internal Candidate Hiring Process for the next Superintendent.

- **February 15** - The Board of Education asked an internal candidate to submit application materials.
- **March 7** - The candidate will be interviewed by the Board of Education.
- **March 8 - 17** - The candidate will be interviewed by three stakeholder groups including staff, students, and parents/community members.
- **March 20** - The Board of Education will make a hiring decision

The timeline of the process has been aligned to give the incoming superintendent ample time to transition into the role, with the coaching and mentoring of our current superintendent.

### Lake Country Academy Charter School Re-Authorization

The Board approved a five-year reauthorization of the Lake Country Academy charter school contract. Lake Country Academy serves students in 4K - 8th grade and has been a charter school in the Sheboygan Area School District since the 2007-2008 school year.

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

The Board of Education meetings are live-streamed on YouTube and are also posted for viewing at anytime at <https://www.youtube.com/@SheboyganSchools/streams>



**Academic & Career Planning (ACP)** is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills.



The goal of **Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)** is to promote and teach appropriate pro-social skills and behaviors to maximize academic success for all students.



Beginning with the graduating class of 2022, SASD introduced a three-level **Laude System** to replace the previous valedictorian system.

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### Upcoming Events

#### February 20

Emergency Make-Up Day (No School if not needed)

#### February 24

No School for Students  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

#### March 23

Third Quarter Ends

#### March 24-31

No School  
Spring Break

#### April 3

Fourth Quarter Begins

#### April 7

No School  
Good Friday

### Parent/Caregiver Survey Deadline EXTENDED

The Sheboygan Area School District is dedicated to creating a positive experience for our students and families. We are committed to listening and responding to your experiences with the district to continuously improve our service to you. Our partners at Studer Education are providing an opportunity for you to provide feedback anonymously, at the link below.

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey linked below:

- [\*\*Sheboygan Area School District – Parent/Caregiver Experience Survey\*\*](#)

**The survey deadline has been EXTENDED through Friday, March 3.**

Your feedback will be used to celebrate our successes and to create action plans for improvement. Your input is valuable; please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

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## COVID Testing Site Update

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced the phased step-down of the state-funded COVID-19 School Testing Program. **The last day of SASD on-site COVID testing will be Friday, April 28, 2023.**

### SASD COVID Testing

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#### School Choice

If your family is considering School Choice for next school year, apply by February 8 for priority consideration. Families who apply by February 8 will be notified of decisions by March 30.

School Choice

#### 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

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