



Union Community School District

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“Education to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

Greetings from the Union Community School District! Please find below the November 2024 stakeholder communication.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to C. Spore for earning All-State Choir honors.
- Congratulations to all our FFA students who earned degrees and awards this fall.
- Congratulations to all our thespians and Mr. Caloud on the fall play.
- Congratulations to all our girls’ swim team members who participated in the state girls’ swim meet.
- Congratulations to Brian Jesse on being named the NICL East Volleyball Coach of the Year.
- Congratulations to Jared Pospisil on being named District Football Coach of the Year.
- Congratulations to A. Knoop on being named the NICL East Volleyball Player of the Year.
- Congratulations to A. Condon for finishing her career in the top 10 at state cross country and for being a 4X state qualifier.
- Congratulations to S. Spence and C. Davis for participating in the state cross country meet.
- Congratulations to all our all-conference, all-district and/or all-state athletes in all our fall sports.

Bond Issue

As most of you know by now, the first ever bond issue in the history of the Union Community School District was not approved by voters on November 5, 2024. The unofficial results had the bond issue failing by 0.15% or 6 votes. As a result, the district will not be moving forward with the proposed projects to address our facility needs. With that being stated, we know the result is not a reflection of the support from our communities. The school board and staff will continue to work to find solutions for our current issues and maybe continue to engage others in another possible bond in the future.

Building Goals

The board recently approved building goals for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see those below.

- DG ELEMENTARY and LPC ELEMENTARY (Note: Both elementaries are working on the same goal areas)
 - Elementary teachers will engage and complete one full year of LETRS training. This includes conducting diagnostic assessments and using that data to implement new practices.
 - Increase the number of students reaching grade-level benchmark in literacy by 10% as measured by FAST.
 - 85% of all students reach a stated benchmark in the areas of social, emotional and academic behavior.
- UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - Make progress in becoming a National Showcase School in regards to our Capturing Kids Hearts program.
 - Decrease the amount of students receiving literacy and math interventions from fall to spring.
 - 90% of students will pass all of their classes each quarter
- UNION HIGH SCHOOL
 - 90% of students will pass all of their classes each quarter.
 - Decrease the percentage of students in the non-proficient level on ISASP to under 30% for all subjects by 2025.
 - Sustain the percentage of students at the advanced proficiency level - current level is ~10%.



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Calendar for 2025-2026

The district calendar committee will have its first meeting soon in regards to the 2025-2026 school calendar. A survey has been or soon will be sent to parents/guardians to garner their input. The committee will use all necessary information to compile a calendar option for the board to consider in February.

No School Reminder

There will be No School on the following dates for students:

- November 27-29, 2024
- December 23, 2024- Jan. 3, 2025
- January 20, 2025
- February 17, 2025
- March 17, 2025
- April 21, 2025

Winter Activities

Good Luck to all our winter activities! There is no doubt the students, coaches, and sponsors will represent themselves, our district and our communities well.

Thank you, as usual, for your promotion of the Union Community School District! Go Knights!

John Howard, Superintendent