



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 September 2024 stakeholder communication.

Enrollment

This time of year I get a lot of questions about student enrollment. The “official” count date is October 1st so we don’t know, for sure, at this time.

Bond Issue

On November 5, 2024, voters in the Union CSD will decide on the **first bond referendum** in the history of the Union Community School District! The total value of the bond is 20.5 million dollars to improve the existing mechanical and fire alarm systems at the existing Elementary buildings; to remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip portions of the existing High School and Middle School buildings; and to construct, furnish, and equip an addition to the High School building and improve the site. Specifically, the funds would go toward:

- State-of-the-art safety/security upgrades in all buildings.
- Upgrading the fire alarms and mechanical system at DG Elementary and LPC Elementary.
- Improving and replacing the roof at UMS, along with renovating the public restrooms and installing air conditioning in the gymnasium.
- Replacing the parking lots, fire alarms, and portions of the roof at UHS.
- Installing an up-to-date HVAC system at UHS.
- Modernizing the high school science and family consumer science rooms at UHS.
- Updating existing locker room spaces at UHS.
- Transforming the UHS cafeteria and kitchen into a contemporary student center.
- Remodeling the existing UHS library into a new commons area with a kitchen, public restrooms, and concessions.
- Constructing a new UHS auxiliary/community gymnasium (with locker rooms) for district and community use.

For additional information, including pictures, plans, statistics, tax impact and Q-A please see the bond issue website at uknighted4u.org

Community Forums

In terms of the bond issue, the district will be hosting 2 community forums– one in Dysart and one in La Porte City. These one- hour meetings are designed for stakeholders to learn more about the projects and get questions answered by district representatives or bond committee members. Please see below for dates, sites and times.

Wednesday, September 25th- UMS Auditorium- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23rd- UHS Media Center- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Twitter/X Account

The district has a new Twitter/X account. If you have an account, please follow [@unionknightsia](https://twitter.com/unionknightsia) for district information, updates and general information.



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Thank You

On behalf of the school district as well as all our students and personnel, I wanted to publicly thank Matt and Sarah Craft for the generous financial donation toward the auxiliary/community gymnasium in memory of their daughter, Kate Craft. In their words, “Kate passionately loved basketball,” said Matt and Sarah. “She had big dreams for her career at Union and despite her health setbacks, Kate's heart got her into the gym every chance her body would allow. This gift is to honor Kate's memory and to thank the community for supporting our family when we needed it most.”

No School Reminder

There will be no school on the following dates for students:

- October 14, 2024
- November 11, 2024
- January 20, 2025
- February 17, 2025
- March 17, 2025
- April 21, 2025

Fall Activities

We have had a great start to the fall seasons. I am so proud of our students, coaches and sponsors. I want to wish all our fall activities continued good luck. If you are able to do so, please get out and support all Union activities.

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

John Howard, Superintendent