



Board of Education Recap

Resumen de la Junta de Educación

May 17, 2022

Hello, Vikings –

More families choosing to Open Enroll to Mount Horeb for 2022-23!

- The Board began their meeting last night by approving the first round of requests for 58 students to enroll “in” to Mount Horeb this fall. The number seeking to go “out” continues to decrease (30). A net addition of 28 Vikings were accepted in round one. The state’s “alternative to open enrollment” period begins in June. If history is any indicator, we will see even more requests to join the District! This is only possible as a result of people like you – Thank you!
- The Mount Horeb School District is reaching out to all District residents, including parents and staff, in the next few weeks to gather input regarding District operations and educational facility needs with a community-wide survey.

Dear Community Members, Families, and Staff:

We have a lot to be proud of in the Mount Horeb Area School District. We offer “big school” opportunities in a “small school” environment, and our staff is second to none. Additionally, according to the state school report cards, our students regularly “exceed expectations.” These accomplishments are only possible because of the support we receive from our community.



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- We need to secure additional funding to maintain current programs/services for our students.
- We need to decide if the Early Learning Center should be repaired or replaced.
- We need to determine if/when to address facility projects that were not completed in the last referendum.

Our plans going forward must reflect the priorities of our community and taxpayers. Therefore, please take a few minutes to complete this survey. To ensure your feedback is kept confidential, all data is returned to School Perceptions, an independent research firm.

TAKE THE SURVEY IN ONE OF TWO WAYS

Option 1: To reduce mailing expenses, please go online –
Go to the survey website: www.Feedback2000.com
Enter your survey code:

Option 2: By paper – If you do not have internet access, please return the survey to any school office, or mail it to School Perceptions, PO Box 607, Slinger, WI 53086.
Additional Surveys: The survey code can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at 608-437-7010.
Para pedir una copia de esta encuesta en español, favor de llamar 608-437-7010.

Please complete the survey before June 10, 2022.

If you have a disability that makes it difficult to read and/or take the survey, please contact the District Office. Final survey results will be reported at the Board of Education meeting on June 20, 2022. They will also be available on the District’s website. The Board is committed to continued conversations with you as we look ahead to the future needs of our students and community.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Salerno <i>Superintendent</i>	Diana Rothamer <i>Board President</i>	Jessica Arrigoni <i>Board Vice President</i>	Leah Lipska <i>Board Clerk</i>
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We have hired School Perceptions, an independent educational research firm, to conduct the survey and ensure all responses are kept confidential. We are asking that all parents and staff respond to a survey that will be emailed out in the coming weeks from School Perceptions.

To ensure data integrity, each survey invitation/link code can only be used once. As such, you must access the survey through your email invitation, not a forwarded email or link. The survey access number will not identify you; it simply links you to the District’s survey. However, the software is able to track survey completion via the link code and encourage participation of non-respondents. School Perceptions’ privacy policy guarantees your email address will not be used or shared for any purpose other than the contracted survey.

The survey will be open through June 10th at 5:00 PM. If you do not receive an email invitation to complete the survey please check your “spam/junk” folder and then contact me for assistance.

- Information and Advocacy Report: “Improve the Practices and Policies Related to School Safety” and “Improve Confidence and Knowledge of School Safety” The Board’s Strategic Plan focuses heavily on the topic of safety. Regularly readers of the “Recap” know that safety is at the forefront of our efforts (e.g. at the last Board meeting revisions to their policy about searches was reviewed). Director of Student Services, Brian Johnson presented [this document](#) for the community. Among the takeaways:
 - Our students tell us a critical element to the well-being needs is comfort in knowing we have a plan in place in the event of a critical incident and that we have practiced it;



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- Staff and student trainings continue to happen regularly – debriefing through table talk exercises have been especially helpful;
 - The District received \$263,000 in grant dollars from the Department of Justice which has addressed, among other things, security upgrades, new safety technology, and training for staff related to students in trauma; and
 - Our strong partnership with the police department allowed us to benefit from their expertise in walking our buildings to determine potential safety concerns. Among current unmet safety needs include items like Halo Smart Sensors and radio repeater signals. We will continue to apply for grants to see how we might be able to make this happen.
- School funding can be complex. The goal of the Community and Legislative Engagement subcommittee of the Board was to create a one-page document that serves as premier. **Rod Hise**, CaLE subcommittee chairperson, shared [this document](#) with the Board. It was approved for dissemination. No doubt, it might lead to questions. Feel free to reach out to our Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, **Scott DeYoung** (deyoungscott@mhasd.k12.wi.us). A special note of gratitude to **Mr. Mickey Lipska** for sharing his graphic artist skills with the District. In doing so, he has helped communicate to the community the realities of school finance in a visually pleasing and understandable manner.

Our High School's Commencement Ceremony will take place on June 5th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Center. This is a wonderful capstone event to our students' 4K-12 grade experience. **Thank you to all of you who have touched the lives of our young people.** They are more than ready for the challenges and triumphs that await.

I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!



Mt. Horeb Vikings go fishin' in the dark...
The BOE approved our FFA's annual fishing trip to Canada, eh there.



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Hola vikingos-

¡Más familias que eligen Inscripción Abierta a Mount Horeb para 2022-23!

- La Junta comenzó su reunión anoche aprobando la primera ronda de solicitudes para que 58 estudiantes se matriculen "en" Mount Horeb este otoño. El número que busca salir "fuera" continúa disminuyendo (30). Se aceptó una adición neta de 28 vikingos en la primera ronda. El período de "alternativa a la inscripción abierta" del estado comienza en junio. Si la historia es un indicador, ¡veremos aún más solicitudes para unirse al Distrito! Esto solo es posible gracias a personas como tú. ¡Gracias!
- El Distrito Escolar de Mount Horeb se comunicará con todos los residentes del Distrito, incluidos los padres y el personal, en las próximas semanas para recopilar información sobre las operaciones del Distrito y las necesidades de las instalaciones educativas con una encuesta en toda la comunidad.

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Hemos contratado a School Perceptions, una firma de investigación educativa independiente, para realizar la encuesta y garantizar que todas las respuestas se mantengan confidenciales. Estamos pidiendo que todos los padres y el personal respondan a una encuesta que se enviará por correo electrónico en las próximas semanas desde School Perceptions.

Para garantizar la integridad de los datos, cada código de enlace/invitación a la encuesta solo se puede usar una vez. Como tal, debe acceder a la encuesta a través de su invitación por correo electrónico, no un correo electrónico o enlace reenviado. El número de acceso a la encuesta no lo identificará; simplemente lo vincula a la encuesta del Distrito. Sin embargo, el software puede realizar un seguimiento de la finalización de la encuesta a través del código de enlace y fomentar la participación de los que no respondieron. La política de privacidad de School Perceptions garantiza que su dirección de correo electrónico no se utilizará/compartirá para ningún otro propósito que no sea la encuesta contratada.

La encuesta estará abierta hasta el 10 de junio a las 5:00 p. m. Si no recibe una invitación por correo electrónico para completar la encuesta, revise su carpeta de "correo no deseado/basura" y luego comuníquese conmigo para obtener ayuda.



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- Informe de Información y Abogacía: “Mejorar las Prácticas y Políticas Relacionadas con la Seguridad Escolar” y “Mejorar la Confianza y el Conocimiento de la Seguridad Escolar” El Plan Estratégico de la Junta se enfoca fuertemente en el tema de la seguridad. Los lectores habituales del "Resumen" saben que la seguridad está al frente de nuestros esfuerzos (por ejemplo, en la última reunión de la Junta se revisaron las revisiones de su política sobre registros). El Director de Servicios Estudiantiles, Brian Johnson, presentó este documento para la comunidad. Entre las comidas para llevar:
 - Nuestros estudiantes nos dicen que un elemento crítico para las necesidades de bienestar es la comodidad de saber que tenemos un plan implementado en caso de un incidente crítico y que lo hemos puesto en práctica;
 - Las capacitaciones para el personal y los estudiantes continúan realizándose con regularidad: los informes a través de ejercicios de conversación de mesa han sido especialmente útiles;
 - El Distrito recibió \$263,000 en dólares de subvención del Departamento de Justicia que ha abordado, entre otras cosas, actualizaciones de seguridad, nueva tecnología de seguridad y capacitación para el personal relacionado con estudiantes con trauma; y
 - Nuestra sólida asociación con el departamento de policía nos permitió beneficiarnos de su experiencia al recorrer nuestros edificios para determinar posibles problemas de seguridad. Entre las necesidades de seguridad actuales no satisfechas se incluyen elementos como Halo Smart Sensors y señales de repetidor de radio. Continuaremos solicitando subvenciones para ver cómo podemos hacer que esto suceda.
- La financiación escolar puede ser compleja. El objetivo del subcomité de Participación Legislativa y de la Comunidad de la Junta fue crear un documento de una página que sirva como primer documento. Rod Hise, presidente del subcomité de CaLE, compartió este documento con la Junta. Fue aprobado para su difusión. Sin duda, podría dar lugar a preguntas. No dude en comunicarse con nuestro Superintendente Asistente de Negocios y Finanzas, Scott DeYoung (deyoungscott@mhasd.k12.wi.us). Una nota especial de agradecimiento al Sr. Mickey Lipska por compartir sus habilidades de artista gráfico con el Distrito. Al hacerlo, ha ayudado a comunicar a la comunidad las realidades de las finanzas escolares de una manera agradable a la vista y comprensible.

La Ceremonia de Graduación de nuestra Escuela Secundaria se llevará a cabo el 5 de junio a las 3:00 p.m. en el Centro de Energía de Alliant. Este es un maravilloso evento final para la experiencia de los grados 4K-12 de nuestros estudiantes. Gracias a todos los que habéis tocado la vida de nuestros jóvenes. Están más que listos para los desafíos y triunfos que les esperan.

Estoy orgulloso de ser un vikingo, ¡y espero que tú también lo estés!



Mt. Horeb Vikings van a pescar en la oscuridad...
El BOE aprobó el viaje de pesca anual de nuestra FFA a Canadá, eh allí.