



# RAIDER REPORT

PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

## Growth on the horizon for PCSD

Welcome to 2022 everyone!

It is hard to believe that the first half of the school year is already over! It has, once again, been a very busy time here at PCSD! It is an exciting time to be a Raider or live in Raider Country!



Allison Space

If you have been keeping up with either the *Pulaski News* or our monthly school board meetings, you may be aware that the District has undergone a facility and enrollment study. As reported earlier this school year, our enrollment is growing quite extensively and the need is on the horizon for some changes in our schools. PCSD is working with Bray Architects as well as MD Roffers to pinpoint specific needs of the school district. (Please see more in the article on Page 16 as well as Facilities Director Nick Phillips' column on Page 5.)

In early April, you will have an opportunity to take part in a community survey asking for feedback and support in these changes needed in the school district. To prepare for this survey, we are holding information sharing and question sessions at three of our schools with the biggest needs. Sessions dates are:

- Hillcrest Elementary on Feb. 9 at 6 p.m.
- Pulaski High School on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.
- Sunnyside Elementary on March 1 at 6 p.m.

These sessions are meant for everyone in the district to



Supt. Allison Space works with a Lannoys Elementary student on a clay project earlier this school year.

gather information and ask questions before the survey is given in April. We are excited to also share information and answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you at one or all of these sessions!

It is exciting that many of our activities and opportunities have returned this year, still in a safe way, but in a forward motion. Our fieldhouse has been filled with Raider fans for athletics again and our music department has been able to host concerts! January rounded out with the P-Invite as well as Chilirific-Musicpalooza! March will bring back the

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### SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [www.pulaskischools.org](http://www.pulaskischools.org)

LIKE the Pulaski Community School District and Red Raider Field of Dreams on Facebook.

Search #RaiderStrong on Twitter.

Search Pulaski Community School District on YouTube and Flickr.

See a complete guide to PCSD social media at: [www.pulaskischools.org/resources/social-media-directory](http://www.pulaskischools.org/resources/social-media-directory).



### PCSD

Founded on Tradition and Pride, Focused on Excellence!

### SCHOOLS

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL	920-822-6700	@PCSD_PHS
PCMS	920-822-6500	@PCSD_PCMS
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY	920-899-6300	@PCSD_FV
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	920-822-6200	@PCSD_SS
LANNOYS ELEMENTARY	920-865-6400	@PCSD_LN
HILLCREST ELEMENTARY	920-272-6900	@PCSD_HC
GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY	920-822-6100	@PCSD_GB

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL



LEFT: For the first time in two years, PHS students took part in Holipalooza activities prior to Christmas break.

**MUSICAL:** PHS is producing the musical “Footloose” this spring. Shows are: 7 p.m., Feb. 19; 2 p.m., Feb. 20; 7 p.m., Feb. 26 and 2 p.m., Feb. 27. Tickets will be \$9. Tickets can be bought online at: [pulaskihs.ludus.com](http://pulaskihs.ludus.com) or by calling (920) 822-6800.



PHS students take part in more than 40 clubs and sports.

**Thank you to staff and parents for your continued work for student learning during COVID.**

*Jeremy Pach is principal of Pulaski High School.*

## PCMS



On behalf of everyone at PCMS, we hope you have a great 2022! Over the past three years, we have transitioned our assessment of student learning to a standards-based approach. We are excited that our students and their families will know specific strengths and areas of growth.

The winter athletic and activity season is in high gear at PCMS. Our boys basketball teams finished their season right before winter break. Girls basketball, dance and wrestling started in early January. Forensic team members are preparing for their first competition in February. This will be their first in-person competition in almost two years.

We are also very excited to be performing “High School Musical” later this spring. We will have one performance weekend: April 29-May 1. With ever-changing state of COVID-19, ticket sale specifics will be announced.

PCMS is proud of the involvement and dedication of all our students this year. #RaiderStrong



**IN CONCERT:** PCMS band and choir members were able to perform live in December at the school’s auditorium following a two-year absence due to COVID-19.

*Patrick Fullerton is principal of Pulaski Community Middle School.*

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

While the start to the 2021-22 school year wasn't without challenges, our elementary schools are so happy to have our students coming into our buildings each day! This would not have been possible without the help of our families supporting our schools and our teachers and staff working hard to keep our students connected when they do need to be at home. We are truly thankful to be part of a "community" school district and it has been wonderful to see everyone pull together to make the first semester such a success!

## Principals



**Marc Klawiter**  
Sunnyside



**Niki Napralla**  
Fairview



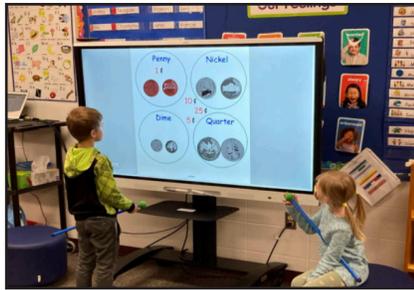
**Peggy Goddard**  
Lannoye



**Kurtis Sufka**  
Glenbrook



**Kris Wells**  
Hillcrest



## STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is a district-wide team of professionals dedicated to the success of all students in the Pulaski Community School District.

Student Services programs operate in each of the seven schools within our school district boundaries as well as in various community settings. Students ranging from age 3 to age 21 receive services.

Student services is made up of more than 100 staff members including special education teachers, English Language teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, social workers, nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech and language therapists, psychologists, interpreters, van drivers, administrative assistants, and other specialists who work under the umbrella of Student Services.

Early intervention is key for our youngest learners' success in their overall development of social and behavioral skills. Students in our Early Childhood program experience learning in a variety of formats and settings while adapting to the school environment. Through these early learning experiences, students are able to smoothly and efficiently transition to other school and community settings.

Transition and work experience programs support our oldest learners in their educational opportunities beginning at age 14 for our students with disabilities. Students acquire real life work experiences that are not always able to be simulated authentically in the classroom environment. Staff have established a progression of work skills and opportunities to set students up for success as soon as they enter high school.

Students begin their work experience by working in the Red Raider Cafe, developing basic employability and soft skills. These skills represent the basic foundation for every student to be successful in a work setting. After building confidence in the cafe, students have the chance to work in paid employment opportunities within the district alongside facilities, kitchen staff, and completing clerical work.

Transition activities and job opportunities are tailored towards students' individualized goals and learning outcomes to promote their community, college,

*Lara Kuchenbecker and Becky Ruechel are assistant directors of Student Services.*

and career readiness skills.

Student Services programming focuses on helping students make a favorable adjustment to school life, bringing families and schools together, and supporting individual needs.



Kuchenbecker

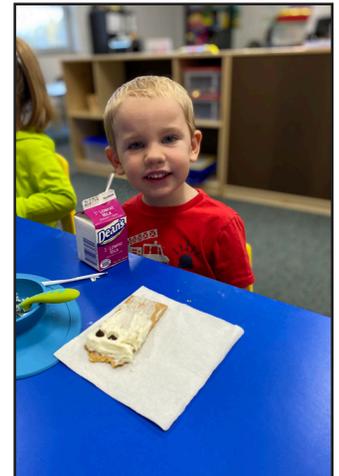
If you have questions about Special Education programs and services, or other individualized services our district provides, please contact the Student Services Office at 920-822-6020.



Ruechel



The PAES lab that is located at Pulaski High School is a hands-on work lab that exposes students to hundreds of essential work and life skills. PAES encourages workplace independence and motivates students to achieve more.



Early Childhood students practice life skills beginning at age 3 to support their fine motor skills.

**SUPERINTENDENT**

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district art show. The PHS and PCMS musicals are February, and April, respectively!

This school year has brought about new opportunities for me and currently I have been seizing this opportunity to “take residence” in each of the buildings for a couple days at a time. While there, I have been able to visit with staff, learn along with students, take part in collaborative meetings and be part of the whole school community culture. Being able to shadow a PHS student and have them talk to me about their learning and time at school is invaluable in the vision for continuous improvement for PCSD. As always, leading with all voices around the table will allow the district to grow in the positive trajectory it is on!

The future is bright for PCSD! I’d like to extend a great thank you to the many PCSD community members who have supported the district through this time! It truly takes a community to come together to overcome a trying time, and though the fog hasn’t completely lifted just yet, we definitely can see the Raider pride of Pulaski shining bright as we slowly come together once again!

**Yours in Education,  
Allie Space, Superintendent**

**Swanson new Food Service director**

John Swanson is the new Food Service director for the PCSD.



Swanson

Swanson looks forward to getting acclimated to the district.

“The people have been really nice,” he said. He credited Kris Reed, Food

Service assistant, for helping him as he acclimates to the district. “She has been wonderful,” he said.

Swanson has vast experience as a restaurant owner, sous chef and has held a similar position with the Southern Door School District for 11 years prior to joining PCSD.

He is a graduate of UW-Stout with a major in hotel/restaurant management. Following college, he was a sous chef at a high-end restaurant in Chicago and was a corporate chef for M&I Bank in Milwaukee. He later owned La Bonne Femme restaurant in downtown Green Bay for three years before buying the former Truttman Hardware building and running Bistro John Paul for seven years. He was patient services manager at St. Vincent Hospital for five years prior to joining Southern Door district.

Swanson and Tammy, his wife of 13 years, live in Green Bay with their two dogs. They have five adult sons in their blended family: Matthew, John, Luke, Andy and Matthew.

**HELP WANTED:** PCSD is seeking help in the Food Service Department. Food Service personnel help prepare nutritious meals for students as well as assist in preparing bulk and daily meals for pickup by families when schools are virtual.

Cooks earn \$13 per hour while cashiers earn \$12. Hours are typically 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except for preparation for and distribution of bulk meal orders.

To find out more about these or any other PCSD job opening, go to: [www.pulaskischools.org/hr/employment-opportunities](http://www.pulaskischools.org/hr/employment-opportunities).

**FACILITIES**

In November, Bray Architects and the Pulaski Community School District presented the School Board with a Facilities Study Document.

This document gives an in-depth look at the condition of all facilities within the PCSD. All aspects of the building were looked at including: HVAC, electrical, plumbing, interior finishes, building envelope, doors/windows, roofs, and ADA compliance.

Site conditions were also evaluated including athletic fields, playgrounds,

and asphalt. This information was gathered with building and site tours including the Facilities Director, architects, and engineers of various trades. The Facilities Department also supplied current 10-year facilities needs, blueprints and any other information that helped them develop a complete study.



From this document, we are able to put together a complete facilities needs list moving forward. We can prioritize the list based on project and a budgeted cost to determine what can be done with our capital needs improvement fund and what needs to be included in future capital campaigns.



The Facilities Department continues to complete smaller projects that fit into the budget from the staff survey results conducted last spring.

*Nick Phillips is PCSD Facilities director.*

**TEACHING AND LEARNING  
AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

**Active learning spaces and intentional design of classroom spaces**

A few years ago in the development of the PCSD’s Envisioning Our Future Strategic Plan, a subgroup of about 30 students, parents, community members, and staff worked together on the Student Learning and Curriculum Pillar. A goal set by the committee that focused on learning included:

*We will provide learning environments where students engage in collaboration, use critical thinking to become problem solvers, be effective consumers of content and create authentic products purposeful in our global, digital world.*

With the action step and plan:

*To study, research, and create a long-range plan for classroom environments for today’s learners.*

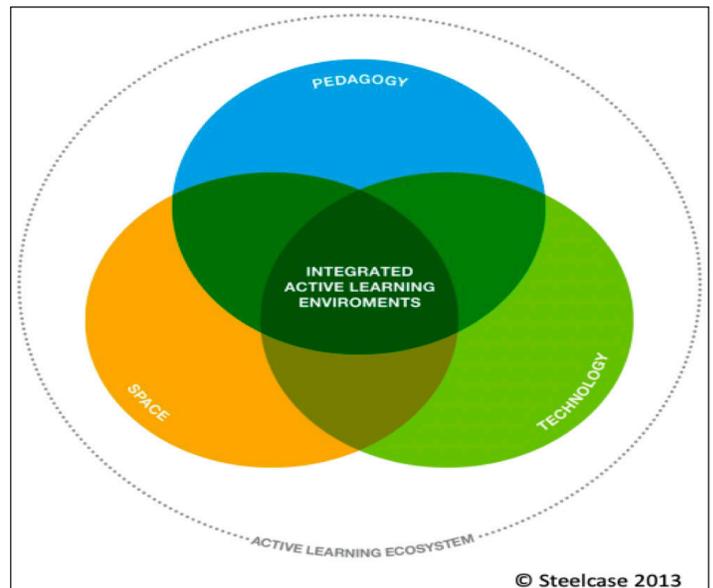
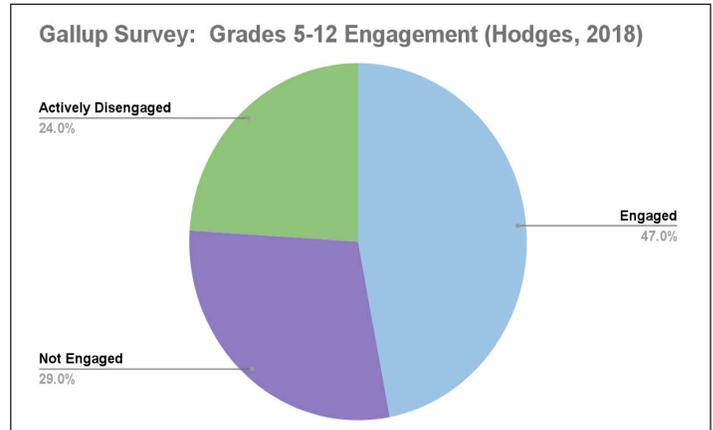
Research from across the nation in the Student Gallup Poll (2016) indicates that student engagement declines from fifth grade to twelfth grade. To study, research, and create a long-range plan for classroom environments for today’s learners.

When we increase choice and voice it then results in greater engagement and joy in students. Research also shows that engagement and joy are the leading indicators for kids to achieve and grow. Furthermore, research also shows that in addition to improved grades and achievement scores, students who are fully engaged report better mental and physical health while school dropouts, problem behavior and health conditions increase when students aren’t engaged. Also when incorporating active learning spaces for students, the research finds that skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, collaboration and communication are evident in classrooms and learning.

Pulaski Community School District has established and redesigned several classrooms at Grades 3-12 level which are central to intentionally designing learning spaces that create active learning spaces. Learning spaces are definitely in need of fresh design thinking to provide a paradigm shift where technology and the physical space are integrated to support pedagogy and create a more active and engaging experience for students and staff.

The redesigned classrooms have been intentionally designed in the following grades and levels:

- Lannoye third grade
- Sunnyside third grade
- Two Spanish teachers in a co-teaching environment (grades six to eight)



- Math teacher (eighth grade)
- English language arts (ELA) teacher (seventh grade)
- Math teacher (grades nine through 12)
- Social studies teacher (grades nine through 12)
- English teacher (grades nine through 12)
- Business teacher (grades nine through 12)

Rooms were designed to meet instructional needs as well as physical needs for the age of the students. This includes:

- Flexible Configurations: seats and tables can be moved into various configurations for collaborating, creating and working independently
- Balance of Seating — soft/ hard seats; backs/backless, wobble/ no movement
- Easily Movable seats and tables

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INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

- Variety of Heights: Minimum of 2 heights for seating— standard height and floor/ counter/ cafe height and some tables height adjustable
- Technology to Support Learning- teaching occurs from anywhere in the room and students can see from any seat in the room
- Storage for classroom resources, supplies, and materials
- Whiteboards for student collaboration, brainstorming and presenting



Gracyalny



Mathys



Uelmen

**Flexible configurations**

**Balance of Seating**

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**Variety of Heights**

**Technology to Support Learning**

\*can see from any seat

**Easily Moveable**

\*Glides/ Casters

**Storage / Whiteboards**

**See videos:**  
 1. [tinyurl.com/pcsdlargegroup1](https://tinyurl.com/pcsdlargegroup1)  
 2. [tinyurl.com/pcsdseventh](https://tinyurl.com/pcsdseventh)



**Elementary**

**Middle school**

**High school**

*Jennifer Gracyalny is executive director of Teaching and Learning. Lindsey Mathys is assistant director of Learning Services. Amy Uelmen is PCSD director of Instructional Technology.*

## DISTRICT NEWS

### TRANSPORTATION

There's a lot happening behind the scenes when it comes to making sure bus routes run smoothly during the winter.

Our mechanics do a remarkable job starting by arriving at 4:30 a.m., plowing out buses and making sure all buses start up and stay warm on the routes.

And, be assured, bus drivers are doing everything possible to stay on schedule while maintaining safety as they plow through snow-covered roads. Students should dress warm while waiting or walking to the bus, because depending on road conditions, most winter routes may run 10-20 minutes behind.

**HELP WANTED:** This, by far, has been the most challenging year for staffing bus drivers. Pulaski, like all other districts, struggles to find enough drivers.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the position and what we have to offer, please contact the Transportation Office or the Human Resources Department.

Our students need you!

*Tracey Szymanski is PCSD Transportation supervisor.*



### PACE



Each year thousands of our residents take part in the wide variety of PACE programs offered. They include: Youth/Adult classes, Recreation programs, the Community Pantry of Pulaski, Senior Tax Exchange Program (STEP), PACE-Setters, Summer School, Before/After School Program, Pulaski United Foundation, Pulaski Education Foundation, Community Band and Community Choir along with Music at Memorial.

Now PACE is partnering with the Pulaski Adult Activity Center (430 S. St. Augustine St.). We are hoping to increase the activities offered to our active senior adult learners.

Currently we offer:

- Exercise class held on Mondays from 10 a.m.-noon.
- Card playing (various games played) on Mondays and Thursdays 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Bingo played on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Blood-pressure checks Mondays from noon - 12:30 p.m.

- Warmth from the heart quilting on Fridays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monthly birthday parties and potluck
- Water fitness classes at the Pulaski Community Pool.
- rips around America through the PACEsetters and hosted by Deb Schneider.



Coming soon, cookie decorating, arts and crafts classes and day trips to watch the Ozark Jubilee at the Manitowoc Civic Center on April 21, 2022, as well as a Brewers game on May 18.

We are moving fast, try to keep the PACE. Call Mark at 920-822-6051 or our new PAAC director Dorothy Prokop at 920-822-8100 with questions

*Mark Heck is PACE director.*

## DISTRICT NEWS

### 4K/EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Pulaski Community School District will offer 4 year old kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year. The enrollment window opened Feb. 7.

Enrollment for the 4K program is being done online through the 4K website at [www.pulaskischools.org/4k](http://www.pulaskischools.org/4k). As part of the enrollment process, you will be asked to complete the 4K enrollment form, an Ages and Stages Questionnaire, and a health history form.

If you do not have computer access to the online forms or need assistance filling out the forms, please call Alissa Tetzlaff at 920-822-6021.



Wells



Napralla

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Closing the digital equity gap is a priority to ensure high-quality learning for all children in Wisconsin through access to robust broadband and digital learning resources, especially in rural areas and other groups lacking internet access.

This initiative is being funded by the federal government and is offering many programs to help families with assistance in providing internet access to school age children. The easiest way to get assistance is to reach out to the PSC Internet Helpline. Go to: <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/WBO.aspx>.

They are available to answer any questions and point you towards the right program. If you do not qualify for any of these programs and have students in need of internet access, please complete the Wifi Hotspot use agreement form (Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxpnn3k>) and someone from the Technology department will be in touch with you.

**PSC Internet Helpline:** The Public Service Commission has established their Internet and Phone helpline for Wisconsin consumers. Callers can speak directly with a dedicated staff member to learn about options available in their area and discuss eligibility for discounts on critical communications services. Please dial 608-267-3595 to speak with dedicated PSC staff or leave a voicemail. PSC Links to Additional Resources for Families. Go to: <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/BroadbandConsumerResources.aspx>.

**EBB:** The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides temporary discounts up to \$50/month (\$75 on Tribal Land) off of eligible households' Internet bill. Eligible households enroll through an approved provider (<https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers#Wisconsin>) or by visiting [www.GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://www.GetEmergencyBroadband.org).

**WERA:** The Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides assistance for current and/or overdue Internet bills. Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance. To apply, go to: <https://www.wiscap.org/wera>.

*Tina Caelwerts is PCSD director of Information Technology.*



*Kris Wells and Niki Napralla are PCSD 4K co-coordinators.*



## PHS band, choir students heading to Disneyworld

The Red Raider Marching Band and Pulaski High School Choir will be spreading their talent to Florida with their trip on spring break of March 2022.

The trip will be five days and packed with both musical opportunities and fun for the musicians. During the upcoming school year the groups will be working extra hard to perfect the music they are going to perform during the trip. The marching band started practice in June and is working to improve their marching for the upcoming trip.

The music groups plan to visit Walt Disney World where they will have the opportunity to experience five different areas: the Animal Kingdom, the Magic Kingdom,

Hollywood Studios, and Disney Springs. Although the trip is music based, the students will have time to explore these places in between their musical events.

The trip itinerary plans to have two main music events for each group: and outdoor performance and an indoor clinic. For outdoor opportunities the band will be marching in a parade through Walt Disney World.

The choir will have the chance to perform on a platform at Hollywood Studios for people in the park. Both the band and the choir will have the opportunity to participate in a music clinic where they will meet professional musicians. The two groups will each have the opportunity to learn and record Disney music to enhance their musical skills.

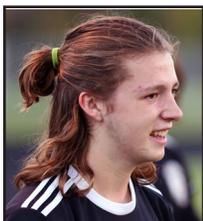
For one day of the trip the music members will get to visit the NASA Kennedy Space Center to explore the building. On this day the band will also be able to visit Cocoa Beach and will have an outdoor BBQ. They will also be able to visit Ron Jon's Surf Shop which is the biggest surf shop in the world. This day is for the students to have some fun and free time on the trip.

The final day of the trip the musicians will get to visit Disney Springs before heading home. The Red Raider Marching Band has taken many trips over the years and is excited to let this generation of musicians experience the fun of an out-of-state performance.

— Angie Opolka

## TELLING A THOUSAND STORIES

If pictures tell a thousand stories, how many stories do 19,922 photos in 224 galleries tell? That's how many photos were posted since the 2016 school year on the PCSD's flickr page. See them at: [www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/albums). As an added bonus, the photos are fully downloadable so you can save or print photos of your favorite current, future or past Red Raiders. Below are some of the faces you might have seen in our district.



# District exceeds expectations on state report card

One of the Pulaski Community School District's seven schools received a five-star (significantly exceeds expectations) ranking while the six others earned four-star (exceeding expectations) rankings in the state Department of Public Instruction's 2020-2021 School and District Report Cards. The PCSD as a whole was deemed to exceed expectations.

The DPI creates a report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state, which were released today. They are ranked from five stars (significantly exceeds expectations) to one star (fails to meet expectations). PCSD school results are as follows:

Receiving a five-star rating and significantly exceeding expectations was: Hillcrest elementary school.

Receiving four-star ratings and exceeding expectations were: The Pulaski Community School District, Pulaski High School, Pulaski Community Middle School, Fairview, Glenbrook, Lannoye, and Sunnyside elementary schools.

Report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to target improvement efforts to ensure students are ready for their next educational step, including the next grade level, graduation, and college or careers.

The report cards measure:

- Student achievement proficiency in reading and math on state assessments.
- Student growth measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement.
- Target group outcomes (NEW) using information for students with the lowest test scores during the previous testing year (the target group) to compare their current year performance versus the non-target group population.

- On-track to graduation which shows how successfully students are achieving educational milestones that predict later success (attendance rates, graduation rates, etc.)

Besides the star ratings, schools are assigned a score from 0 to 100 that is not a "percent correct" measurement but a formula that combines the four priority areas.

Those scores are: Hillcrest Elementary, 85.6; Lannoye Elementary, 78.2; PHS, 74.1; Glenbrook Elementary, 73.6; Fairview Elementary, 73.2; PCMS, 72.8; and Sunnyside Elementary, 72.1.

PCSD had an overall score of 75.1 (Exceeds Expectations), which ranked the third highest in the Fox River Classic Conference.

"Through hard work and dedication from both students and staff, PCSD is encouraged by their state report card scores across the district during a global pandemic," said Supt. Allison Space. "We realize this is only one measure of student achievement that is collected state-wide and we will continue to work with students, families and staff to ensure that any unfinished learning during these times is regained."

The 2020-2021 report cards use data from a variety of sources, including information reported through WISEdash and three years of Forward testing as well as three years of ACT Plus Writing, ACT Aspire and Dynamic Learning Maps testing. Please note that testing was cancelled for all but the ACT Plus Writing assessment in 2019-2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Report cards can be found on the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Accountability School and District Report Card webpage, <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

## Peggy Goddard new principal at Lannoye Elementary

Peggy Goddard is the new Lannoye Elementary School principal.

Goddard spent the last 13 years working for the Howard-Suamico School District most recently as a training and development specialist and prior to that as a first-, second-, and fourth-grade teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Before embarking on a career in education, she owned a business in Green Bay for 10 years. Its success was, in part, due to valuing exceptional customer service and doing quality work.

"We are excited to have Peggy join the PCSD community, the Lannoye family, and our learning leaders to continue our #Raid-

erStrong," said Jennifer Gracyalny, executive director of Teaching and Learning. "She brings a wealth of experience from being a classroom teacher, training and development specialist (focused on school improvement and instructional coaching) as well as an interim principal."



Goddard

She is a graduate of Bay Port High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Management from Silver Lake College, Manitowoc. Goddard also holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership, a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a teaching certificate from Marian College in Fond du Lac.

# PCSD names in the news

**St. Norbert production:** Pulaski High School senior **Ryan Bouchard** played the role of Squidward in the St. Norbert College production of The Spongebob Musical put on by the college's Next Stage program last summer.

**FFA state proficiencies:** **Kayla Reed**, 2020 PHS graduate, and **Kaelyn Sumner**, 2021 PHS grad, won their proficiencies at the state FFA level. Reed received first place in the Agriculture Research-Integrated Systems Proficiency, which is an award area that encompasses multiple fields of scientific research. Sumner was also awarded first place at the state level, but for the proficiency of specialty animal production. As the owner and operator of K's Bees, Sumner produces and sells raw, wildflower honey.

**100<sup>th</sup> graduating class:** The Class of 2022 marks the 100th graduating class for Pulaski High School. District staff are working to plan a series of events and activities this spring to commemorate the milestone. Among planned activities in the planting of a tree and burial of a time capsule by the Class of 2022 as well as a special section of the Pulaski News commemorating the history of PHS.

**Finalist:** PHS senior and Pulaski News staff member **Meghan Morgan**'s essay was a finalist in the national Dear Evan Hansen "You Will Be Found" essay contest.

**Annual meeting:** During the September Annual PCSD District Meeting and Budget Hearing, the 2021-22 levy was approved. The property tax rate portion of the budget was estimated to decrease to the lowest it has been since the inception of state revenue limits in 1993. The proposed 2021-'22 budget includes a tax levy of just over \$14.44 million, which is a decrease of 7 percent from the 2020-'21 school year tax levy. This year's proposed tax rate is 6.6 percent per \$1,000 of equalized property value. However, that could change slightly when final information comes in on pupil count, property values in the district and school aid.

**Team Teddy:** Pulaski girls volleyball has teamed up with Team Teddy to host Dig Pink on Sept. 28 in the Pulaski High School gym. Dig Pink is an event put on by the PHS Volleyball program to promote breast cancer awareness. All proceeds will be donated to a local breast cancer patient. In similar fashion, Team Teddy and the PHS boys basketball team are teaming up Feb. 24 to Tackle Cancer. Money raised will go to the family of a PHS teacher that is impacted by cancer.

**Memorial at PCMS:** **Peggy Lee Gauthier** worked for the Pulaski Community School District at Fairview Elementary School and Pulaski Community Middle School for more than 30 years. Many of those years were spent working in the library where she loved reading and helping students find just the right book. After she passed away on July 11, 2017, several teachers and friends decided to honor her memory through the creation of a memorial. The memorial is located at the Pulaski Community Middle School and consists of a free library where people can take or leave books and a bench honoring her name.

**National Merit Scholarship:** On Sept.15, an announcement went out to 16,000 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, Pulaski High School senior **Lucy Piczkowski** being one of the honored few. The National Merit Scholarship Program is a very competitive scholarship opportunity for high-achieving and academically ambitious high school students who took the PSAT in their junior year and received a high enough score to be eligible for the scholarship. PHS senior **Will Hanson** was named a Commended Student. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

**PCMS Courtyard remodeled:** PCMS has renovated its courtyard. In 2020, students **Parker Servais**, **Evie Miller** and **Brady Huss** won their school a \$500 grant for the project. Work was done over the summer and the courtyard was available for use at the start of the school year.

**Showcase back:** The annual Red Raider showcase in which PHS and PCMS students perform in solo or small group acts returned live after a one-year absence due to COVID-19. The showcase was virtual in 2020.

**Space Camp:** PHS senior **JoLee Klingeisen** attended a week-long Space Camp over the summer. The Advanced Space Academy is located at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, Space Camp Robotics, Aviation Challenge and U.S. Cyber Camp. The Rocket Center is a Smithsonian Affiliate and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center. It is located in Huntsville, Alabama. Space Camp uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

**State Honors Choir:** Six PHS students were chosen for



PHS and PCMS students got back to live performances during last fall's Red Raider Showcase.

the State Honors Choir program. They were: **Lindsey Seaquist, Marie Kraning, Ryan Bouchard, Tim Huber, Grayson Rondou and Marilyn Koelher.**

**State Honors Band:** Four-hundred and three of the finest young musicians in Wisconsin were gathered last month to perform, and two of them were from Pulaski High School. **Callie Widi**, a tuba player, and **Nicholas Symons**, a trombone player, both performed on the Overture Center stage in Madison, on Oct. 28.

**One act play:** On Nov. 19 and 20, the Pulaski one-act show went to state to once again perform "The Factory". Much to the group's delight, they showed up and showed out, winning multiple different awards for the show including critics' choice, ensemble

acting award, outstanding technical theatre award, Outstanding directing award (**Amy Tubbs**), and the outstanding acting award won by individuals **Ryan Bouchard, Tim Huber, and Abigail Cheney.**

**Rose Parade:** PHS senior Bailey White was selected by Music for All to be a member of the Bands of America (BOA) Honor Band in the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. White was selected from among hundreds of applicants across the nation for membership in this prestigious national honor band.

**Donation:** RAIDER ZONE, the PHS school store, donated \$502 to the area food pantry, which was part of the "Twelve Days of Give Back" program.

**National Honor Society:** PHS students named to the National Honor Society include:

**Seniors:** John (Jack) Augustine, Abigail Cheney, Olivia Crocker, Anna Doran, Breanna Nowak, TJ Shaw, Anika Thomson, Alyse Walenski, Reese Walker and Olivia Williquette.

**Juniors:** Nicole Berna, Ashton Birr, Josie Campbell, Charlie Duffrin, Carlee Elliott, Janelle Erickson, Grace Goodness, Caden Haag, Jonathan Hanson, Katherine Heck, Breann Hodge, Alyssa Jarock, Carson Kidd, Gianna Logue, Samuel Mead, Nathan Mork, Sam Murphy, Grace Nguyen, Delaney Nickerson, Griffin Nowak, Haleigh Oleson, Angela Opolka, Jack Ryan, Eric Sperduto, Graciella Valdes, Elaina Wel-sing and Callie Widi.

# Primary election set for Feb 15 for Zone 1 board seat

A primary election will be held Feb. 15 for the Zone 1 seat on the Pulaski Community School District's Board of Education.

Running are:

- Heidi Bukowiec, 600 Blue Heron Drive;
- Jackie Huisman, 159 Whimbrel Court, and
- Matt Rowland, 447 Park St.

The top two vote-getters in the primary will square off on the April 5 spring general election. Zone 1 represents the village of Pulaski.

The winner will replace Brian Chlopek, who indicated last month he would not seek re-election.

In Zone 3, incumbent Barb McKeefry, N3575 Highway 32, Pulaski, is running unopposed. Zone 3 represents Angelica and Green Valley townships.

The Pulaski Community Board of

Education voted Jan. 13 to have seven polling places for the Feb. 15 spring primary for Zone 1 instead of the usual 12 in anticipation of low voter turnout and to save money for both the school district and local municipalities. Polling places that were eliminated for this election only are those that had the lowest turnout in the most recent primary election.

All district voters are eligible to vote in all races. The zones were put into place so each part of the district has representation on the board. Zone 1 candidates must live in the village of Pulaski.

Polling places for the primary are:

- Angelica Town Hall - N3285 County Road C; Pulaski
  - Municipalities: Towns of Angelica, Green Valley, Lessor and Maple Grove
- Chase Town Hall - 8481 County S; Sobieski
  - Municipalities: Towns of

Chase and Morgan

- D2's of Hobart - 530 Larsen Orchard Pkwy.; Hobart
  - Municipalities: Village of Hobart and Town of Oneida
- Little Suamico Town Hall - 5964 County S; Sobieski
  - Municipalities: Town of Little Suamico
- Pittsfield Town Hall - 3041 Kunesh North Road, Pulaski
  - Municipalities: Town of Pittsfield
- Pulaski Village Hall - 585 E. Glenbrook Drive; Pulaski
  - Municipalities: Village of Pulaski
- Suamico Village Hall - 12781 Velp Ave.; Suamico
  - Municipalities: Village of Suamico

## VARSITY SPORTS

**PHS Sports:** PHS winter sports competition is winding down. Spring sports will soon begin. Schedules are subject to change. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/PCSD-sports> to view the most current PHS athletic schedules.



**Watch the action:** The Raiders Sports Network continues to broadcast occasional home athletic competitions. Check out the Pulaski High School channel on YouTube to catch the action.

**New coaches:** Nick Haydon was named the new girls

swim coach at PHS. He also coaches the boys swim team. **Nathan Preslaski**, a PHS graduate and former wrestler, was named wrestling coach. **Tate McMillan**, PHS teacher, was named the new PHS varsity boys baseball coach.



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**All-conference ... twice:** It's not unusual for a PHS athlete to make FRCC honors in a season. But Senior Will Steeno did the rare feat of doing it twice. He made the FRCC first team in soccer and was honorable mention as a kicker for the PHS football team.

**College volleyball:** PHS senior Jocelin Feutz signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Division II Minnesota State University Moorhead.

*Janel Batten is PHS athletic director.*

# 2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

## Pulaski Community School District Calendar Year

(July 2022-June 2023)



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### UPCOMING KEY DATES

- Feb. 15:** Board of Education primary election
- Feb. 16:** Board of Education business meeting
- Feb. 17:** All-staff professional development, no school
- March 2:** Board workshop\*
- March 16:** Board of Education business meeting
- March 28-April 1:** Spring break, no school
- April 6:** Board workshop\*
- April 15:** Good Friday, no school
- April 18:** All-staff professional development, no school
- April 27:** Board of Education business meeting
- May 4:** Board workshop\*
- May 18:** Board of Education business meeting
- May 25:** PHS graduation
- May 30:** Memorial Day, no school

- June 1:** Board of Education workshop
- June 9:** Last day of school, one-half day
- June 15:** Board of Education business meeting
- July 4:** Fourth of July
- July 6:** Board workshop\*
- July 20:** Board of Education business meeting
- Aug. 3:** Board workshop\*
- Aug. 17:** Board of education business meeting
- Sept. 1:** First day of school

\*As needed

**Download district calendars at:** [www.pulaski schools.org/news-events/annual-calendars](http://www.pulaski schools.org/news-events/annual-calendars).

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### DISTRICT NEWS

## District leaders, Board of Education planning for the future

PCSD administration and Board of Education members are looking ahead.

The district has been working with Clinton Selle of Bray Associates Architects to study district facilities, Mark Roffers of MD Roffers to study future district demographics and Bill Foster of School Perceptions, a group that will assist the district in collecting community feedback that would be helpful to the board to use while preparing any referendum resolutions.

Each household in the PCSD will have the opportunity to fill out a survey — either online or a paper survey may be requested. The surveys will include district information regarding its current financial condition and what a successful referendum could mean to individual taxpayers, among other information. The survey process is expected to take place this spring.

Selle presented the board with a 250-page report on the current condition of all seven PCSD school buildings at its Nov. 3 meeting. Since that time, the projects have been grouped into immediate needs, emerging needs and future needs categories with help from PCSD Facilities Director Nick Phillips. While the district has a 10-year maintenance plan, there are infrastructure projects that

are more expansive and more expensive than can be handled by the year-to-year facilities budgeting process. Additionally, potential future-focused building projects will also be evaluated based on the district's enrollment projections and other needs. The board received an additional report on those subjects at its Jan. 26 meeting.

In December, Selle outlined a timeline and process where community focus groups will be held in the first part of 2022 followed by a community survey in spring and final recommendations to the board. Focus groups could include representatives from the community at large, individual school leadership/staff, parent-teacher groups, local organizations and local businesses.

If the board wishes to put a referendum to the public based on those recommendations, referendum resolutions must be finalized by August if a Nov. 8, 2022, ballot is sought. If so, the district will engage in a referendum information campaign and continue community engagement.

*To read the previously mentioned reports, go to [www.pulaskischools.org/boe/meetings-agendas](http://www.pulaskischools.org/boe/meetings-agendas) and select docs for the Nov. 10, 2021; Dec. 8, 2021; and Jan. 26, 2022 meetings.*

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