



# RAIDER REPORT

PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

## Space begins superintendent duties

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new district administrator of the Pulaski Community School District.



Allison Space

The normal excitement of joining such a dynamic district has been heightened due to the current state of our learning communities throughout the state of Wisconsin and the nation. For that reason, I would like to start off by acknowledging the hard work by students, families, staff and community amidst COVID-19, the school closure and the most daunting task of moving forward into a recovery time for both school and community. These unprecedented times have proven to place everyone in a unique position to support children and young adults in new and innovative ways.

District employees continue to prepare and serve meals, custodial staff continue the deep cleaning of our schools to assure healthy learning environments once schools re-open, and learning teams are creating and planning for the upcoming start of school in September. At all levels, district employees are taking to heart the PCSD vision of being One Community: Everyone succeeds as they learn, grow, serve, and inspire the world in spite of not being physically together during the current health crisis.

These efforts are truly heroic and are making a difference for the children and young adults in the community.

On a more personal note, I was born and raised in the north woods, in the little village of Hiles. Pulaski was a pretty normal stomping ground for my family as we often went to church on our way to Green Bay and many times took part in Pulaski Polka Days. Education seemed a pretty natural fit as both parents and siblings are all in the field. And to further the educational ties, I married into a family of all teachers. Having a husband who is also a superintendent makes dinner conversations feel like we are still in a staff meeting at times, but certainly keeps us learning!

I began my teaching career in the Wabeno Area School District as a third-grade teacher. I taught for 12 years until I took the elementary principal position there. I led an amazing staff for seven more years in Wabeno until I became the district administrator of Goodman Armstrong Creek School District, where I have been for the past three years. All three of these experiences have prepared me fully for this next journey with the Pulaski Community School District. My husband, Andy, and I have two adult children, Hannah and Nolan. Hannah recently married and now we have an additional son, Mike, whom we adore! We spend as much time with our kids as possible.

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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
LANNOYE 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

We already miss the Class of 2020! Everyone from the PHS building wishes the best of success in all your future endeavors. Stay #RaiderStrong!



PHS counselor Jeff Waggoner hands cap and gown and a personalized Class of 2020 yard sign to Evan Steeno. The signs and cap and gowns were delivered in May by PHS staff to graduating seniors.

#### PHS students:

- The 2020-21 student schedules are available in Skyward. Check out yours today!
- Please check your email weekly over the summer for important information.
- Check out the PHS Activities website or the new Activity catalog in Self Service so you can join and be part of something great!



It is always a great day to be a Red Raider!

*Jeremy Pach is principal of Pulaski High School.*

### PCMS

On behalf of everyone at PCMS, we hope you are having an enjoyable summer. We want to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers for all that was accomplished during the 2019-2020 school year. There are so many success stories that make us proud to be a part of the Pulaski Community School District.



The smiles of our students in the photos are what we missed the most as the 2019-2020 school year wrapped up. Our staff has been working diligently to plan for next year with hopes that our classrooms will be filled with learning and laughter from our students. Have a great summer!

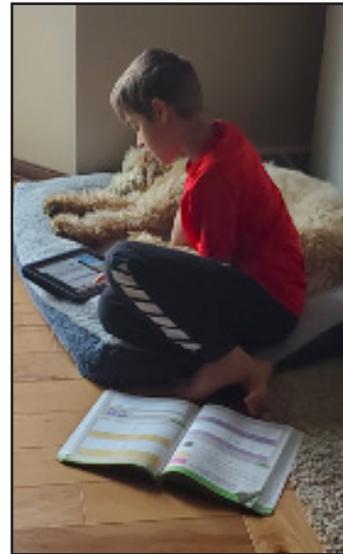
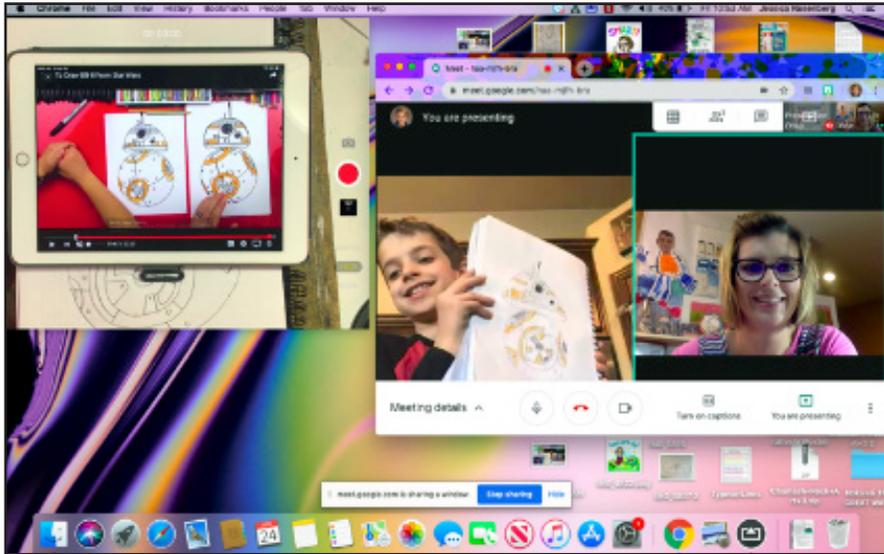


*Patrick Fullerton is principal of Pulaski Community Middle School.*

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

While the 2019-20 school year included an unprecedented event, requiring our schools to close our buildings' classrooms, it did not stop learning from taking place. Because of our district's 1:1 device initiative, students were able to continue their learning virtually. Our schools want to recognize our staff, students and families for all the hard work that went into this "new way" of educating students.

From planning new lessons for learning, connecting virtually with students, completing online assignments and rearranging work schedules to support digital learning at home, we THANK YOU for your support. This "new way" of teaching and learning was a total team effort and, once again, reminded all of us why we are so proud to be part of the Pulaski Community School District.



## Principals



**Marc Klawiter**  
Sunnyside



**Niki Napralla**  
Fairview



**Jennifer Sommers**  
Lannoye



**Kurtis Sufka**  
Glenbrook



**Kris Wells**  
Hillcrest

## FOOD SERVICES



**PCSD Food Service employee Lacy Van Donsel serves lunches to participants at Pulaski Community Middle School.**

*Caitlin Harrison is PCSD Food Service director.*



The PCSD summer feeding program continues until July 31 at PCMS.

Participants may pick up meals at the band door from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. All children 18 and younger are eligible for free meals.

Adult meals may be bought for \$2 each. In June, PCSD served 13,392 breakfasts and 13,404 lunches.

## FACILITIES

The summer cleaning operation is underway across the district. The facilities staff will be cleaning almost one million square feet of buildings this summer.

With summer school being virtual this year and limited projects, we are able to deep clean all areas of the buildings that are otherwise occupied. This process will continue with the last floor finish being completed the week before school starts!

Pulaski Facilities staff members are often asked questions during this pandemic about our cleaning procedures. It is important for everyone to understand the difference between three common terms often misused: Cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing. The following is a definition of each:

- **Cleaning** removes germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces or objects. Cleaning works by using soap (or detergent) and water to physically remove germs from surfaces. This process does not necessarily kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

- **Disinfecting** kills germs on surfaces or objects. Disinfecting works by using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces or objects. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.
- **Sanitizing** lowers the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards or requirements. This process works by either cleaning or disinfecting surfaces or objects to lower the risk of spreading infection.



These processes are performed in our schools on a daily basis throughout the school year. The process will remain the same during this pandemic but is performed more frequently.

**Source:** CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

*Nick Phillips is PCSD Facilities director.*

## STUDENT SERVICES



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Kuchenbecker

The Student Services Department has been busy the past few months making learning at home fun, engaging and meaningful for all of our students.

Our staff and families have worked closer than ever before getting creative with all of the unique ways to access learning and bring learning into every environment of their home. Through these experiences and close work together, all students have been stretched and have grown throughout the virtual learning process.

Our staff have also grown in their love and appreciation of their students and families that work hard collaboratively to make Pulaski Community School District as special as ever! We would like to thank the parents who have helped us make this possible during the difficult time of COVID 19.

**SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS:** Bernadette Dervish and Betsy Gallagher received the Region 7 Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services awards for providing outstanding health services as a school nurse team. They are recognized for making outstanding contributions to the PCSD and the surrounding communities. Other staff members who were nominated included Lynn Wagner, Cristi Cayon and Paula VanderLinden for their contributions to student services.

Student Services will continue to work with students and families to provide resources and support for students and their families. The district will work with students in a trauma sensitive manner, which helps enhance the culture, climate and safety for all. Our district counselors and school



psychologists will continue to share strategies and ways for students to become resilient during these uncertain times.

We are encouraging families to consider attending the YIPPE program for the 2020-2021 school year. YIPPE is the Youth in Partnership with Parents for Empowerment weekend workshop that meets up to five weekends a year. This is a leadership development opportunity for youths with disabilities and their parents/guardians to learn about the transition into adulthood for students ages 14- 18. For more information, please contact Nicole Borley at 920-822-6022.

*Nicole Borley is director of Student Services. Lara Kuchenbecker is assistant Student Services director.*

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Department did a great job of stepping up support during the virtual learning.



Staff members completed more than 200 work orders and answered numerous phone calls. They expanded the support to include answering the phone after hours and on weekends so families would get help when it was needed.



If an iPad or a Macbook needed to be repaired, the work could be performed onsite by Sarah Brown.

Sarah is an Apple Certified Technician and is able to perform most repairs herself. Only broken iPad screens are sent in for service. The repair process enabled families to return the student iPad safely.

**PCSD employee Sarah Brown repairs a Macbook Air.**

A family member would schedule a time to meet one of the Technology Staff in the parking lot of the district office.

The iPad in need of service would be exchanged for a different iPad while the device was being repaired. This ensured that the student was never without a device during the virtual learning.

Support will continue for students attending virtual summer school with hours adjusted to Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact the Help Desk at 920-822-6070 for assistance.

*Tina Caelwarts is PCSD information technology coordinator.*

### INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY



PCSD has much to celebrate in terms of virtual learning!

Sharing

Kahoot

Creativity in stacking math

## Virtual Learning

Class Meets

Staff collaboration

Not only did learning continue virtually through the use of Seesaw, Canvas, iPad and other district technologies,

but students, staff and our entire community was involved and had fun in the process!

Student Recognition

Live Announcements

## Virtual Fun

Family nights- Bingo/ Trivia

Connecting

*Amy Uelmen is PCSD instructional technology coordinator.*

LEARNING SERVICES

As we look forward to the upcoming school year, we first want to thank our parents and students for the time and effort spent in crisis learning and teaching during the spring of 2020. We certainly were in uncharted waters as we focused on home virtual learning for 3,700-plus Pulaski Community School

**Teaching and Learning**

Address and close the gaps, equity, professional development, learning models, student engagement, flexible and innovative schedules

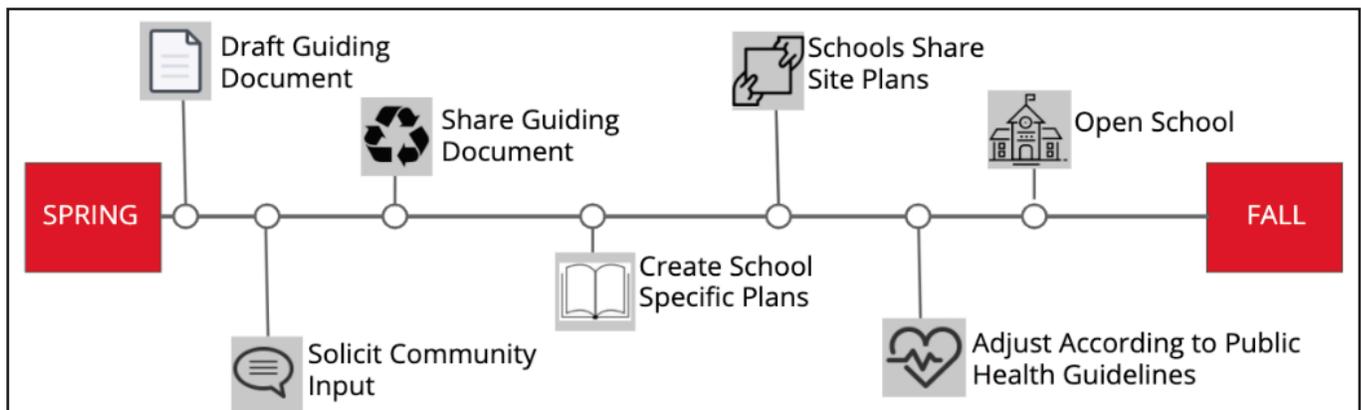


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District students. We also appreciate those who were able to participate in the Virtual Learning Surveys and provide us with feedback and input that we will use as we continue our planning for the 2020-21 school year.



From the guidance that we have been provided from the Department of Public Instruction, CDC Guidelines and Department of Health Services, we know that our return to school in the fall will not look the same and we have begun work on a timeline for the "From Crisis to Recovery: PCSD 100 Day Plan." As we continue to plan for the upcoming school year during the summer months, the Department of Public Instruction has encouraged districts to plan for one of three potential scenarios for the start of the 2020-21 school year listed on the graphic below:

**Looking to the Fall... 3 Potential Learning Formats**



Schools reopen with restrictions



Schools reopen in a blended format



Schools reopen in a virtual learning mode

In the next few weeks, we should have more information and direction on whether we will be providing face-to-face instruction with restrictions, a blended format or virtual learning mode as school reopens on Sept. 1. In any case, we will be excited to welcome your children and families back to the 2020-21 school year and continue our Tradition, Pride and Excellence with quality teaching and learning for all students at high levels!

Jennifer Gracyalny is director of Learning Services. Lindsey Mathys is assistant director of Learning Services.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Where is student busing information found?

- All eligible (not within the walk zone) students are provided with busing information via Parent Access in Skyward at the time of school registration in August.
- Do not forget to sign up for busing this year. If you do not need busing, please let us know.
- For further busing information and guidelines, visit <https://www.pulaskischools.org/transportation/links-resources>

#### Load zone/entrances

- **Pulaski High School:** PHS entrances by Door 1 and Door 2 are the designated Bus Load Zone. Door 9 is the main parent pick up/drop off area. If students plan to walk over to the middle school at the end of the day, it is extremely important that they use sidewalks and crosswalks. Village Crossing Guards are on duty morning and afternoon. Most buses have to go to outlying elementary schools for second routes after they drop off MS/HS students, so they depart promptly at 3:06 p.m. every day from PCMS. Students must be timely or they will miss the bus ride home.
- **Pulaski Community Middle School:** The “hub” for high school, middle school, Glenbrook and ABVM students to ride home in the afternoon. Parents need to utilize the horseshoe area for dropping off and picking up students morning and afternoon.
- **Elementary schools:** The buses use the main doors at each school for loading and unloading from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. and from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

#### General Information for parents and students

- Students shall be on time at their assigned stop and allow a 10-minute window around their scheduled pick up and drop off time.
- Students shall stay off the road and wait for the driver’s hand signal before crossing to board the bus.
- Students in grades 4K-8 are permitted to walk up

to one-fourth mile. High school students can walk within a one-half mile from their bus stop. Buses are not required to stop for students in grades 6-12 if students are not at their bus stop. Centralized stops are utilized whenever possible.



- Students living within the village of Pulaski reside in a “walk zone” and are not eligible to be bused unless residing in an unusually hazardous area which is east of Highway 32. Students living in the elementary attendance areas of Fairview, Hillcrest, Lannoye and Sunnyside are only eligible to be transported within their attendance area to and from school.
- Special Request for Alternate Location form for daycare or alternate stop ([www.pulaskischools.org/transportation](http://www.pulaskischools.org/transportation)) may not be in effect until October if received later than Aug. 1.
- Parents of KG-GR 12 are not required to call if a student is not riding the bus unless the stop is in a remote area (920) 822-6040. For EC and 4K, parents must let the office know if a student is not riding.
- Due to COVID-19, guest riders are *not* allowed to ride another bus, so students cannot ride any bus home with friends.
- For the safety of every student, once the student boards the bus, they will not be allowed off the bus until their assigned stop. Parents must contact the Transportation office if a child needs to be removed from the bus.
- Only authorized school personnel, chaperones and assigned students are allowed to board a bus.
- Address or phone number changes need to be reported to the school the student attends and changed in Skyward.
- Red Light Violations — if motorists do not stop for a school bus with the red lights flashing, local authorities are notified. General rule — if you see flashing lights on a school bus, be prepared to stop no matter what.

*Tracey Szymanski is PCSD Transportation supervisor.*

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## SUPERINTENDENT CORNER

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We enjoy time at our family cottage on Enterprise Lake, we spend lots of time playing yard games, gardening and, of course, shoveling snow as our winters are so very long! Andy and I are looking forward to a little less snow, or at least it melting sooner, as we set up a second home in Pulaski.

In the selection and hiring process, four areas were categorized as top priority for your new superintendent. As I reflect on these four areas now with the shadow of COVID, I view now more than ever the importance of these charges. As your new superintendent I will promise to highlight and hold true to these charges:

- Fiscal proficiency as the district moves through ongoing change;
- Deepened involvement within all aspects of the Pulaski community;
- A visionary leader deeply rooted in the PLC mindset and process; and
- A leader who has flawless integrity, always putting the learner at the center of all decisions.

As the new superintendent of the PCSD, I will take the time in the first months of service to ensure I am accomplishing these charges the Board of Education and the Pulaski community set forth by engaging in open and clear dialog between all stakeholders at PCSD.

Priorities will include establishing a strong school and community presence early on and implementing collaborative plans that build on the excellent work that has already occurred throughout the district. Transitioning since April has allowed me to be part of the planning for the upcoming school year as we build a solid plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

As we move through these times of change in education, I encourage you to contact me with questions you may have. I can be reached via email at [akspace@pulaskischools.org](mailto:akspace@pulaskischools.org) or by phone at 920-822-6000.

**Allison Space**  
PCSD superintendent

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## OUTGOING SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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# Thanks for the great year

I want to thank the staff, students, families, school board members and the business community for such a warm welcome during my time in the Pulaski Community School District. Yes, we all have been in a weird place in our lives during the last few months and this will continue until a vaccine or treatment is found.

If we live long enough, we realize there are things we can control in our lives that bring us happiness or sadness, but there are also those unexpected events that capture the same emotions. The pandemic, while predicted by many to happen eventually, took almost all of us unaware and unprepared for the huge change in our lives. And, it brought sadness and heartbreak for those that lost loved ones. However, I hope one of the positive things that occurred through this is we realize we can survive and even thrive during these times. The old adage, make lemonade when life gives you lemons, is very true. As I spent my professional life in education, I would think minimally we must help our children see the light at the end of the tunnel, to be resilient and be thankful for what we have.

When I experience a down period or feel sorry for myself because of COVID-19, I think of one Holocaust survivor who was on a 60 Minutes television show this winter and who recently passed away. He survived hidden in an attic for two years at a very young age to escape being captured by the Nazis. He had one meal a day and virtually no human contact as people who hid him would have been tortured and killed had he been discovered. He was virtually alone for two years as a child, (no smartphone) yet he survived and thrived as he grew up. If he survived this horror, any inconveniences we suffered the past few months pale in comparison.



So, again, thank you for letting me be part of an excellent school district for a year. It is a year, I, nor anyone else, will soon forget. And, best of luck to Allison Space, the new PCSD superintendent.

**Tony Klaubauf**  
Retired interim superintendent

## STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

### PACE



The proof is in the pudding ... and the beans and the rice.

For the last three months, the Community Pantry of Pulaski was blessed with more than we deserve! It was incredible.

We received financial donations, food donations from local sources, food donations from neighboring communities and big donations from Feeding America. I cannot believe how generous and loving our community was and continues to be.

When we hit challenging times our community immediately stepped up. We are a community of “doers”. A huge thank you goes out to everyone that made financial donations, to every group that helped collect food and to every organization that lended support. We are truly a blessed community.

*Mark Heck is PACE director.*



### 4K/EARLY CHILDHOOD



There is still time to enroll your son/daughter for 4K for the 2020-21 school year. Please visit the 4K website at [www.pulaskischools.org/4K](http://www.pulaskischools.org/4K).

This year, a recorded presentation will be shared with our families in place of the in-person parent meetings that usually occurred in August.

The 4K teachers will introduce themselves, share information about the 4K program and what the start of the school year will look like in our 4K classrooms.

*Kris Wells is PCSD 4K coordinator.*



### DISTRICT NEWS

**VILLAGE RECOGNIZED:** The National Association of Music Merchants, also known as the NAMM Foundation, has recognized the Pulaski community as one of the “2020 Best Communities for Music Education.”

The PCSD as a whole was one of 27 school districts in Wisconsin to receive the award; 754 school districts in the U.S. were also recognized for the award.

Michael Guerrero, PHS associate director of bands and director of jazz studies, said, “I am immensely proud of our music teachers, school district and community. We share this award as a collaborative group that supports music education in the Pulaski Community School District.”



**ELECTION NEWS:** An incumbent and a newcomer won seats on the PCSD’s Board of Education in the April election.

Michael Voelker, incumbent, garnered 4,413 votes for the Zone 4 seat, which includes Maple Grove and Lessor townships. He has served since 2014.

Heidi Melzer won the Zone 6 seat held by Mark LeMere, who did not seek re-election. She received 4,272 votes. Zone 6 is in the village of Hobart and township of Oneida. LeMere served since 2014.

# Two PCSD teachers win Golden Apples



The Greater Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has honored teachers with the Golden Apple award since 1994. Joan Brylski, PHS teacher, left, and Nicole Diemel, Glenbrook teacher, won 2020 Golden Apple Awards. Teachers of Distinction were: Transitions and ID Team: Lisa Andreini, Becky Ruechel and Aaron Triphan, PHS; Cassandra Tingo: PMS/Lannoye, music; Craig Piczkowski: Fairview, grade 5; Michael Heim: PMS, grade 8 and Elizabeth Awwe: Sunnyside, grade 5. (Greater Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Photos)

## ANNUAL NOTICES REQUIRED BY LAW: 2020

As required by law, we are notifying you regarding the following policies and procedures of the Pulaski Community School District. The information provided below is a summation of policy content. All district policies are available on our website.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Directory Information (Board policies JO, JO-ADM)</li> <li>2. Nondiscrimination Statement (Board policy ACA, ACB)</li> <li>3. Electronic Communication Devices (Board policy JFCF, IIBG, IIBG ADM)</li> <li>4. Student Attendance (Board policy IKB, JED, JED-ADM, JEDA)</li> <li>5. Asbestos</li> <li>6. Tobacco Use on School Premises (Board policy JFCH, JFCH-ADM)</li> <li>7. Access to Extracurricular Activities (Board policy JFJ)</li> <li>8. Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular Activities (Board Policy JFJ)</li> <li>9. Student Records (Board policies JO, JO-ADM)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Student Religious Accommodations (Board policies AC, ACB, IFF)</li> <li>11. Student Locker Searches (Board policies JFG, JFG – ADM)</li> <li>12. Elector Registration Information</li> <li>13. Recruiter Access to Students/Records (Board policy JO, JO-ADM)</li> <li>14. Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Program (Board policy IGCF, IGCF-ADM)</li> <li>15. Meningococcal Disease Information</li> <li>16. Human Growth and Development Instruction (Board policy IGBD)</li> <li>17. Special Education (Board policy IGBA, IGBAB)</li> <li>18. Special Needs Scholarship Programs</li> <li>19. Title 1 Programs (Board policies ABB, ACA, ACC, ACC-ADM)</li> <li>20. Programs for English Language Learners (Board Policies IGBI, IGBI-ADM)</li> <li>21. Education for Employment Program</li> <li>22. Academic and Career Planning</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services for Students</li> <li>23. Child Nutrition Programs (Free and Reduced Lunch) (Board policy EF, EF Admin, JB, and JBB)</li> <li>24. Meal Charge Policy Notification – (Board policies EFG &amp; EFG ADM)</li> <li>25. Student Privacy (Board policy IFF)</li> <li>26. Education of Homeless Children and Youth (ACA, ACB)</li> <li>27. School Performance Report</li> <li>28. Student Bullying (Board policies JFC, JFCG)</li> <li>29. Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ)</li> <li>30. Academic Standards</li> <li>31. School Accountability Report</li> <li>32. Educational Options</li> <li>33. School Wellness Policy Notification (Board policies JHK, JHK ADM)</li> <li>34. Required Parent/Guardian and Tribe Notifications Related to Federal Impact Aid Policies and Procedures “Indian Policies and Procedures”</li> </ol> <p>Contact the PCSD with questions regarding these notices.</p> |
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# Outside view: Athletic facilities give PCSD a leg up

JESSICA GOSKA

PULASKI NEWS

When construction on Phase II of the Field of Dreams began in 2018, four who work in athletics from other school districts were asked to share their thoughts on the project.

One of the first things all of these men had to say about the Field of Dreams is how much they admire the Pulaski community for coming together to make the project possible. Those interviewed agree that the community should take great pride in its efforts to build such state-of-the-art facilities.

Lee Pritzl, superintendent at River Ridge School District, says there are several aspects of the Field of Dreams project that distinguish it as unique from the sports complexes at other school districts. One, in particular, he says, is the vision that the community had in creating it.

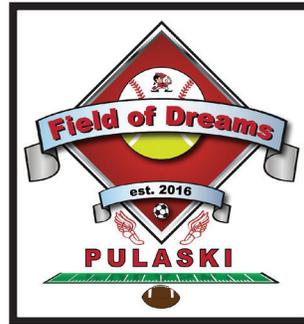
“I think Pulaski is leading the way when it comes to community relations and how to get a project done together,” says Pritzl.

According to Pritzl and the other men, the Pulaski community has set a great example for other school districts. Sports complexes are often multi-million dollar expenses, and the Field of Dreams is no exception, but Dave Steavpack of Manitowoc Lincoln High School says Pulaski is “leading the pack.” Many school districts pay for their athletic facilities at least partly through grants and contracts, and Pulaski has shown these schools the impact of community engagement.

Surrounding school districts admire the community’s efforts. They recognize the Field of Dreams as a community accomplishment. It is a project that will benefit many more than just athletes and coaches.

“It [The Field of Dreams] really brought all the entities of stakeholders together for one purpose, and that was to complete a project that’s going to benefit the entire community,” Pritzl says.

For the athletes, Tim Flood of the Green Bay Area Public School District, says the Field of Dreams has a lot to offer. One of the greatest benefits of the Field of Dreams is its close proximity to Pulaski High School. Since the sports



complex is located on the high school’s property, it is just a short walk for athletes from their classes to their sports practices.

At some of the Green Bay public schools, this is not the case. Southwest High School has its baseball field on school grounds, but has no other athletic facilities on campus. East High School hosts sporting events at Joanne’s Park. Students at these schools have to walk or get rides to facilities located off school property.

Flood understands that students benefit anytime a school can house its sports facilities on school grounds, but he knows that the Green Bay public schools can’t make that possible for their students.

“We (the Green Bay public schools) couldn’t have a Field of Dreams because our schools have been in the neighborhoods for so long, and we just don’t have the space to offer it,” explains Flood.

As a new facility, the Field of Dreams is in excellent condition, which is good news to coaches and athletes. Since the sports complex is in great shape, Flood says that sports injuries are less likely to occur. This means that coaches can focus on developing the athletes rather than worrying, as Pritzl explains, whether the sprinklers are going to come up during practice or whether someone may hurt him- or herself because there are divots in the field.

Flood explains, “You worry about your students and if they’ll get hurt or not when you go to facilities that are in poor shape.” When a school has a new, safe facility like Pulaski’s Field of Dreams, coaches and players can relax and focus on the game. “Players can worry about getting better as an athlete and as a person instead of worrying about twisting an ankle or having injuries on the field,” says Pritzl.

The coaches and athletes of today are not the only groups that reap the benefits of the Field of Dreams, though. The new facilities will last for decades, so multiple generations can enjoy them.

“I don’t think the Pulaski community quite understands how much use the fields will get in the next 10 years,” says Steavpack. “It (the Field of Dreams) can help so many kids in so many different ways that there might even be

## RED RAIDER FIELD OF DREAMS

### Fundraising continues

The Red Raider Field of Dreams Committee is still raising funds to pay off the \$1.2 million left on Phase II.



Batten

"We look forward to getting back to sports as soon as it is safe to do so and are excited to share the Field of Dreams Phase II fields with you as soon as possible," said PHS athletic director Janel Batten. "We are also seeking additional supporters for our Phase II projects and have many types of naming rights and donation levels available." Please contact Batten for more information at (920) 822-6706



**The baseball and softball complex that makes up Phase II of the Red Raider Field of Dreams project is expected to be in use in 2021.**

uncapped opportunities, yet."

The vision that Pritzl praises the community for having in building the Field of Dreams is a future-focused one. Since the facilities are well designed and built to last for decades, hundreds of kids can enjoy them over the coming years, and the maintenance costs during this time should be almost negligible. "The capital outlet for the next 15 to 20 years is going to be minimal," says Pritzl. "That's a huge benefit to those who don't even use the facilities."

During those 15 to 20 years, the Pulaski Community School District and the entire Pulaski community will benefit from the Field of Dreams in other ways, too. Since many surrounding school districts do not have the funds or the means to build new top-notch facilities like the Field of Dreams, all of the men agree that Pulaski's facilities will attract families to the school district in the coming years.

"Athletic facilities are a gateway to the school district and the community," says Gary Westerman, football coach at Bay Port High School. "They show a student athletes that the school district and the community take pride in athletics as part of the educational experience."

As football coach at one of PHS' athletic rivalry schools, Westerman has already seen the effects that Phase I of the Field of Dreams has had on the Bay Port-PHS competition.

Westerman says that the high-quality football field with its synthetic turf supplements Pulaski's home-field advantage. He says he is impressed with the design of the sports complex, and takes special note of the placement of the PHS Red Raider Marching Band behind the visiting team.

"It creates an added distraction for us, but that's really cool," Westerman says.

Pritzl shares in Westerman's belief that the Field of Dreams helps put Pulaski high in the competition amongst surrounding school districts for strong athletes and coaches. "When other teams come in, they're very envious (of Pulaski's athletic facilities). They start thinking about what they have and start comparing," he says.

Of course, the shiny appeal of the Field of Dreams facilities appeals to young athletes, but it also appeals to coaches. When a school district builds "awesome facilities," as Flood says, the school district attracts "awesome coaches" who want the facilities as their home venue. These coaches improve the quality of the district's sports programs, and "winning programs," in turn, attract young athletes to the district. As a result, enrollment in the school rises.

This enrollment increase helps the school district, but it helps members of the community, too — even those who are unattached to athletics or the school district on the whole. When families move to the school district, Pritzl believes that the standard of living increases. The Pulaski community's tax base expands, which lowers the taxes that each individual has to pay.

Regardless of a person's relationship with the PCSD or high school athletics, everyone in the community will benefit from the Field of Dreams, and rightfully so. The Field of Dreams is a community accomplishment. It is a mark of the Pulaski community and its pride, and, for decades, it will be home to grateful athletes, appreciative coaches and all of those whose efforts helped to make it possible.

## VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

The following are Pulaski High School varsity fall sport schedules as of July 7. Schedules are subject to change. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/PCSDsports> to view the most current schedules.

### Cross Country (boys and girls)

Aug. 28, Invitational, 8:30 a.m., Winagamie Golf Course  
Sept. 4, Invitational, 4 p.m., Neenah High School  
Sept. 10, Invitational, 4 p.m., Colburn Park  
Sept. 19, Invitational, 8:30 a.m., Tribute Golf Course  
Sept. 26, Invitational, 9 a.m., Lake Breeze Golf Club  
Oct. 1, Invitational, 3:30 p.m., Pulaski Polka Grounds  
Oct. 8, Invitational, 4 p.m., Seymour High School  
Oct. 15, Conference Meet, 3 p.m., Colburn Park

### Football

Aug. 14, Scrimmage, 10 a.m., Wrightstown, at PHS  
Aug. 21, Notre Dame  
Aug. 28, Brookfield Central  
Sept. 4, Green Bay Preble  
Sept. 11, at Green Bay Southwest, Green Bay Southwest High School  
Sept. 18, Ashwaubenon  
Sept. 25, at Bay Port, Bay Port High School  
Oct. 2, West De Pere  
Oct. 9, at De Pere, De Pere High School  
Oct. 16, at Manitowoc Lincoln, Ron Rubick Memorial Field  
\* All games at 7 p.m.  
\*\* Homes games are at Saputo Stadium, Pulaski High School

### Golf (girls)

To be announced

### Soccer (boys)

Aug. 22, Scrimmage, 10 a.m., multiple schools, at Nouryon Sports Complex  
Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m., at Menasha, Bayer Field (Calder No. 2)  
Aug. 28, 4 p.m., at New Richmond, New Richmond High School  
Aug. 29, 11 a.m., at River Falls  
Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m., Appleton East  
Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Shawano  
Sept. 12, noon, at West De Pere High School  
Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m., at Appleton Xavier, Xavier High School



Sept. 19, noon, Appleton West  
Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m., at Green Bay Preble, Green Bay Preble High School  
Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m., De Pere, De Pere High School  
Sept. 25, 4:30 p.m., at Wausau East  
Sept. 26, 11 a.m., at Green Bay East, Green Bay East High School  
Sept. 29, 7 p.m., at Bay Port, Bay Port High School  
Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., Green Bay Southwest  
Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m., Fox Valley Lutheran  
Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North, Horace Mann Middle School  
Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., at Notre Dame  
Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m., at Sheboygan South, Horace Mann Middle School  
Oct. 15, 4:30 p.m., at Hortonville, Wolf River Community Bank Stadium  
Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m., at Sturgeon Bay, Sturgeon Bay High School  
\* Home games at Pulaski Community Middle School

### Swimming (girls)

Aug 27, Relays, 4:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon High School  
Sept. 8, Meet, 5:30 p.m., at De Pere, St. Norbert College-Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center  
Sept. 12, Invitational, 10 a.m., Ashwaubenon High School  
Sept. 15, Meet, 5:30 p.m., Bay Port  
Sept. 22, Meet, 5:30 p.m., Sheboygan South  
Sept. 25, Invitational, 5:30 p.m., at Appleton West High School  
Sept. 26, Invitational, 9 a.m., Plymouth High School

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Sept. 29, Meet, 5:30 p.m., at Ashwaubenon High School  
Oct. 6, Meet, 5:30 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
Oct. 10, Invitational, noon, at Sheboygan South High School  
Oct. 13, Meet, 5:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
Oct. 20, Meet, 5:30 p.m., GB United Swim  
Oct. 24, Diving, 10 a.m., at Neenah High School  
Oct. 31, Conference Meet, 9 a.m., at Lineville Intermediate School  
\*Home meets at PCMS Pool

### Tennis (girls)

Aug. 17, Invitational, 9 a.m., Appleton West High School  
Aug. 18, Invitational, 9 a.m., Appleton West High School  
Aug. 24, Invitational, 9 a.m., at Green Bay Southwest High School  
Aug. 25, Invitational, 9 a.m., at Green Bay Southwest High School  
Sept. 1, Match, 4 p.m., at Green Bay Southwest High School  
Sept. 3, Match, 4 p.m., at Sheboygan South High School  
Sept. 8, Match, 4 p.m., Sheboygan North  
Sept. 10, Match, 4 p.m., at Bay Port High School  
Sept. 12, Invitational, 9 a.m., at Sheboygan North High School  
Sept. 15, Match, 4 p.m., at Notre Dame

Sept. 17, Match, 4 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
Sept. 22, Match, 4 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
Sept. 24, Match, 4 p.m., at De Pere High School  
Sept. 29, Match, 4 p.m., Green Bay Preble  
Oct. 1, Conference Meet, 4 p.m., TBA  
\* Home matches at PHS Tennis Courts

### Volleyball (girls)

Aug. 22, Scrimmage, 9 a.m., multiple schools  
Aug. 25, Quad, 4 p.m., at Marshfield High School  
Sept. 1, Quad, 5 p.m., at Seymour High School  
Sept. 5, Invitational, 8 a.m., at Lourdes Academy High School  
Sept. 10, Match, 7 p.m., at Sheboygan South High School  
Sept. 12, Invitational, 8:30 a.m., at Wautoma High School  
Sept. 17, Match, 7 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
Sept. 19, Invitational, 9 a.m., Pulaski High School  
Sept. 24, Match, 7 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
Sept. 29, Match, 7 p.m., at Green Bay Southwest  
Oct. 1, Match, 7 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
Oct. 6, Match, 7 p.m., Bay Port  
Oct. 8, Match, 7 p.m., De Pere  
Oct. 10, Invitational, 9 a.m., at De Pere High School  
Oct. 13, Match, 7 p.m., Notre Dame  
Oct. 15, Match, 7 p.m., at Manitowoc Lincoln High School  
\*Home games at PHS Fieldhouse

## RETIREES, SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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Eighteen Pulaski Community School District employees retired during or following the end of this school year.

They are: Ann Berling, PHS math; Bernie Blohm, Maintenance; Jill Bodwin, Business Services director; Betty Bohm, Maintenance; Vicki Gulan, PHS math; Rose Judkins, administrative assistant; Mary Ludlow, paraprofessional; Ray Majewski, Transportation; Geri Majewski, Transportation; Ellen Melberg, Glenbrook teacher; Sue Moore, Sunnyside teacher; Veda Nordgren, Fairview library; Dan Prickril, Transportation; Lloyd Schaumberg, Maintenance; Deb Schneider, administrative assistant; Cheryl Turner, speech and language; Diane Van Lannen, paraprofessional, and Patty Wasielewski, paraprofessional.

The following people were honored for their years of service to the Pulaski Community School District:

**10 years:** Carrie Birr, Karen Courchaine, Tom Krause, Ron Matuszak, Megan Rupno, Rachel Setliff, Sandra Strachan.  
**15 years:** Becky Barry, Tammi Benning, Dennis Bogacz, Sarah Bovee, Lori Duval, Nikki Gerth, Angie Haen, Mark Heck, Lori Jandrin, Sarah Kohls, Jean Kraning, Lori Krumrei, Dave Landers, Pete Liss, Lynn Place, Terri Romanek, Becky Ruechel, Michelle Van Den Heuvel.  
**20 years:** Kelly Brennan Calaway, Joe Diefenthaler, Stephanie Heezen, Tim Kozlovsky, Christie Nimmer, Veda Nordgren, Sarah Olson, Mary Pierson, Tina Rosner, Jackie Salewski, Jane School, Denise Smurawa, Tracy Teske, Gail Toonen, Sue VandenHeuvel, Billi Vertz, Amy Wendricks, Tracy Wiedeman, Amy Wright, Patty Wasielewski.  
**25 years:** Jackie Baumann, Gary Birr, Andy Bock, Diane Chartrand, Chris Karcz, Marianne Rybak, Paula VanderLinden, Brenda Wertel, Rhoda Wood.  
**30 years:** Ann Berling, Joann Rosenberg, Lois Selle, Amy Tubbs.



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### DISTRICT NEWS



#### KEY DATES

- Aug. 19:** Board of Education meets
  - Sept. 1:** First day of school
  - Sept. 7:** Labor Day, no school
  - Sept. 16:** Board of Education meets; budget hearing
  - Sept. 25:** Personal Development Day, no school
  - Oct. 21:** Board of Education meets
  - Oct. 21-22:** Personal Development Days, no school
  - Oct. 23:** No school, staff and students
  - Nov. 18:** Board of Education meets
  - Nov. 25-27:** Thanksgiving break, no school
  - Dec. 16:** Board of Education meets
  - Dec. 24-Jan. 4:** Christmas break
  - Jan. 20, 2021:** Board of Education meets
  - Jan. 22, 2021:** Personal Development Day, no school
  - Feb. 17, 2021:** Board of Education meets
  - Feb. 18, 2021:** Personal Development Day, no school
  - Feb. 19:** No school, staff and students
  - March 17:** Board of Education meets
  - March 29-April 2:** Spring Break, no school
- Download district calendars for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 at [www.pulaskischools.org/news-events/annual-calendars](http://www.pulaskischools.org/news-events/annual-calendars)  
Check out district events at: [www.pulaskischools.org/news-events/calendar/monthly/2020/01](http://www.pulaskischools.org/news-events/calendar/monthly/2020/01)

Kayla Reed was among Class of 2020 members who had the chance to come to the PHS gym on July 8 and 9 to take graduation photos with family members as a keepsake since a traditional graduation ceremony could not be held due to the pandemic. (Meghan Morgan photo)

### BOARD OF EDUCATION



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