



## Where Little Learners Expect Great Things!

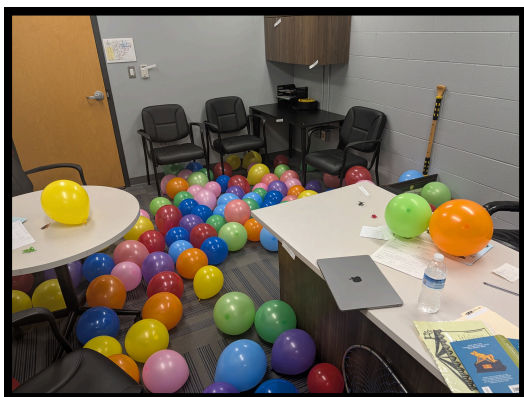


### End of Year Events Were Very Special!

Kindergarten Graduation, Busy Bugs Concert and Ice Cream Social, Field Day and Metric Meet for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4, The Hunter Pinke Field Trip (With our new principal Mrs. Engstrom-Wyde!), 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Theatre Field Trip, Year End Carnvial....and so much more! These were all incredibly special, and fun. They were also important for our children to learn and celebrate. Thank you to all who helped make these events successful!

### Thank You to Everyone at Unity

I was very surprised on my last day of school at Unity Elementary. I had to step very carefully to make it through my office due to an effort to fill it with balloons by the staff! I would like to just say thank you to everyone here at Unity which cares for our children just like they are their own. It has been the privilege of my life to serve with the staff, children, families, community, board, admin team, support staff, and everyone that pours their heart into this school. I will dearly miss the opportunity I enjoyed hear to create 'Great Things' for our kids, and I am incredibly humbled and appreciative for the gift you all provided to me by allowing me to serve with you for the past 8 years. Thank you.



### School Updates

- o School Enrollment next year has improved. If projected additional 4K families arrive, we will be down only 12 students from this year. We will remain closely focused on enrollment, as our 1.5 FTE decrease in staffing was based on a 24 student drop for next school year. This looks to at least be cut in half! (If enrollment increases the most likely scenario which is planned for is to move to 4 PK sections. All other grades can likely absorb incoming enrollments without change to staffing).
- o Elementary Teachers completely, 100% completed their required Act 20 Reading Training. The school is compliant with all Act 20 requirements and in fact vastly exceeds these in every area.
- o We are in active recruitment for our 2 Reading Corps Tutors and Math Corps Tutors - please help spread the word!
- o We have completed total event calendar planning, class list planning and master schedule planning for next year.
- o Completed the UW -Milwaukee study portions. Will provide copies of UW-River Falls and this one when published for review.
- o We are working to fill our music position!

### Math Corps

We secured two Math Corps Positions along with our two Reading Corps Positions. The new support under the Department of Teaching and Learning will be incredibly significant to increasing even more our elementary learners success! I am excited to see even more great things to come for Unity Elementary in the years ahead!



# Middle School Board Report June 2026

## Middle School Talent Show

The Middle School Talent Show provided students in grades 5-8 with an opportunity to showcase their talents and interests in front of their peers on the last day of school. Many talented students participated, highlighting a wide variety of skills and helped create a fun and positive experience as students headed into summer.



## 5th Grade Campout

The annual 5th Grade Campout was held on May 27-28, providing students with a memorable experience focused on teamwork, outdoor activities, and relationship-building. This special Unity tradition continues to be a highlight of the school year for our students and staff.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

|        | 5th Grade   | 6th Grade  | 7th Grade   | 8th Grade  | E Team   |
|--------|---|--|---|--|--|
| May 6  | <br>Madeliine Peck   | <br>Landon Lang   | <br>Maya Wilhelm     | <br>Clarese Turner    | <br>Hayden Langiewicz |
| May 13 | <br>Jade Wetley      | <br>Mary Waggoner | <br>Morgan Mackey    | <br>Lola Pouliot      | <br>Paislee Battisti  |
| May 20 | <br>Bennett Peterson | <br>Cora Heinz    | <br>Harper Oestreich | <br>Braxton Robertson | <br>Audrey Mattson    |

## End-of-Year Reward Activities

Students in grades 6-8 participated in end-of-year reward activities on June 1, 2026, including a trip to Action City and on-campus activities featuring movies, swimming, and refreshments. The events were well attended and provided a positive way to celebrate student success this school year.





# Middle School Board Report

## June 2026

### Citizenship Awards

Citizenship Awards were presented to students who consistently demonstrated strong character, leadership, respect, and involvement in their school and community. These students serve as positive role models for their peers and are representatives of the values of the Unity School District and community.



### Perfect Attendance Recognition

Four middle school students were recognized for achieving perfect attendance throughout the entire school year. Their commitment to being present and engaged in their learning is very commendable and appreciated. Great job, Eagles!



### Presidential Academic Awards

We had sixteen 8th-grade students earn the Presidential Academic Award by maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher throughout their middle school years. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding academic achievement and dedication throughout their careers at UMS.



### Geography Recognition

Two middle school students earned special recognition for successfully identifying all 50 U.S. states and capitals, as well as every country in the world on a map. Their accomplishment reflects exceptional dedication and geographic knowledge throughout the school year.





# Unity High School: June, 2026 Principal's Report

The Unity Alternative Diploma Program Graduation Ceremony was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the Performing Arts Center. During this special celebration, eight students proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, marking the culmination of their hard work, perseverance, and dedication. While eight graduates participated in the ceremony, a total of ten students successfully completed the program during the 2025–2026 academic year. Each graduate's journey was unique, and their accomplishments reflect the resilience and determination they demonstrated in overcoming challenges and achieving their educational goals.



The ceremony served as a meaningful reminder that success can be achieved through many different pathways. We are incredibly proud of these graduates and the growth they have shown throughout their time in the program. We celebrate not only the diplomas they earned, but also the character, persistence, and hope they carry with them as they begin the next chapter of their lives.



The Unity High School Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday, May 22, 2026, in the High School Gymnasium. Surrounded by family members, friends, staff, and community supporters, 57 graduates proudly walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and celebrate the successful completion of their high school careers.

Throughout their time at Unity High School, the Class of 2026 demonstrated resilience in overcoming challenges, dedication to their academic pursuits, and commitment to their extracurricular activities, community involvement, and personal development.

Graduation is not only a celebration of academic accomplishment but also a recognition of the relationships, experiences, and memories that have shaped these students into the young adults they are today. As they move forward to pursue careers, military service, technical education, apprenticeships, and college opportunities, they carry with them the values and lessons learned during their time at Unity.

**The Unity School District extends its sincere congratulations to the Class of 2026!**



# Building Wrap-Up 2025- 2026

### Enrollment

Current high school enrollment stands at 194 students, including:

Freshmen: 56

Sophomores: 62

Juniors: 76

In addition, the district continued to support five students through the Alternative Diploma Program (ADP) following graduation.

### Academic Performance

The high school continues to demonstrate positive academic growth. The current junior class achieved its highest Reading score (19.2) and Writing score (6.5) since the pandemic.

### Postsecondary Readiness

Unity High School remains committed to providing students with opportunities to earn college credit and industry-recognized credentials while still in high school.

Seventy-five students obtained dual-credit during the 2025–2026 school year, earning college credit and gaining valuable exposure to postsecondary expectations.

Five students earned an industry-recognized credential through the district's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program, positioning them for immediate entry into a high-demand workforce field upon graduation.

### Attendance

District attendance continues to trend positively. The overall attendance rate reached 94.0%, representing an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the previous school year. This marks the third consecutive year of attendance improvement.

Additionally, the high school has reduced chronic absenteeism by approximately 50% over this academic year.

### Year-End Reflection

As the 2025–2026 school year concludes, the high school celebrates forward growth in student achievement, attendance, and postsecondary readiness. The accomplishments highlighted above demonstrate the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community partners. Together, we remain focused on providing meaningful opportunities that prepare every student for success beyond high school, whether that path leads to college, technical education, military service, or direct entry into the workforce.

# Last Day of School!

On the final day of school, students followed a shortened morning schedule that allowed them to connect with each of their teachers one last time before the conclusion of the academic year.

In the afternoon, students participated in a variety of recreational activities based on their interests.

Activity options included but were not limited to kayaking, board games, and a golfing excursion at the community's newest recreational venue, The Woods.

The day served as a meaningful and enjoyable conclusion to the 2025–2026 school year!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 8: Summer School Begins
- June 15: WINGS Golf Event





# JUNE 2026

## SPECIAL EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

### 2025-26 Evaluation and Referral Facts

- 2025-26 Data: 38 Initial Referrals/ Evaluations and 61 Re-evaluations. 99 Total. 10 more initial evaluations than in previous school year.
- Catching Students Early Through Child-find Activities. Most students are younger who are referred.
- 9 Early Childhood (before PK) and 8 Pre-Kindergarten Initial Referrals.
- K-2 - 13 Initial Referrals
- 3-4 - 3 Initial Referrals
- Middle School - 3 Initial Referrals
- High School - 2 Initial Referrals
- 2 Referrals not completed due to extenuating circumstances (moving districts during process, parent consent refusal, etc.)
- 84% of students referred for Special Education qualified for services. Before students are referred, interventions are usually required to see if progress can be made without a Special Education Referral.



Breonna Sarnstrom



Meghan Newton



Heather Pfeifer

Addressing the statewide shortage of special education teachers remains a priority for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and CESA partners. As part of this effort, Wisconsin’s Special Educator Induction Program was created to support and retain new special educators through targeted professional learning and coaching.

During the 2025-26 school year, middle school special education teachers Breonna Sarnstrom, Meghan Newton, and Heather Pfeifer successfully completed the 48-hour Special Educator Induction Program. Through the program, participants received training in special education requirements, evaluations, and IEP development; explicit instruction; creating respectful learning environments that support positive social behaviors; active student engagement; data-driven planning and decision-making; and effective collaboration with families and educational teams. Participants also received coaching and ongoing support to strengthen instructional practices, problem-solving skills, and confidence as new special educators.

Now in its fourth year, the program is part of DPI’s strategic efforts to recruit and retain special education teachers. Statewide data indicate that 94% of previous participants reported being likely to remain in their current positions or continue working in special education after completing the program.

We are proud to recognize Breonna Sarnstrom, Meghan Newton, and Heather Pfeifer for this accomplishment and for their commitment to serving students with disabilities. Their dedication to professional growth will positively impact students, families, and our school community.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUMMER SCHOOL

In Wisconsin, special education services during the summer can be provided through either Extended School Year (ESY) services or regular summer school programs. Most students with disabilities in the Unity School District are served through regular summer school, where they have access to enrichment and academic support. While these programs are optional and not part of the IEP, students with disabilities must be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure access to the curriculum. Students do not receive specialized services in the regular summer school program. ESY services are provided only to students whose IEP teams determine are necessary to prevent significant regression in skills. These services are individualized, based on student needs, and must be offered at no cost to families. ESY can be delivered outside of the regular summer school schedule and may include instruction, therapy, or other supports. The special education team continues to collaborate closely with summer school staff to ensure all students receive appropriate support during the summer months.