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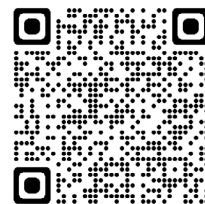
MARSHFIELD MESSENGER

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MARSHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE FACILITY STUDY

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With the help of the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee and feedback from a District-wide community survey, the School District of Marshfield placed a referendum question on the April 4, 2023, ballot for an investment in school maintenance and upgrades.

On April 4, 2023, the community spoke and told us that there was not support for the plan as presented. We appreciated the feedback by our community. Unfortunately, facility needs remain.

Soon after the referendum, the District solicited additional feedback and determined it needed to take a fresh look at our facility planning. As a result, in late summer through the early fall of 2023, the District received proposals from firms that specialize in assessing school facilities and helping Districts develop long-range facility plans. Ultimately, the District selected Nexus Solutions to support our facility assessment and planning efforts. Nexus kicked off the process in November, 2023, and will present a comprehensive facility assessment and planning report to the District and Board in April, 2024.

The facility assessment and planning process will focus on options to address the District's highest priority needs in the most fiscally-responsible way possible, while also providing a plan to address future needs.

Facility Planning Milestone Schedule



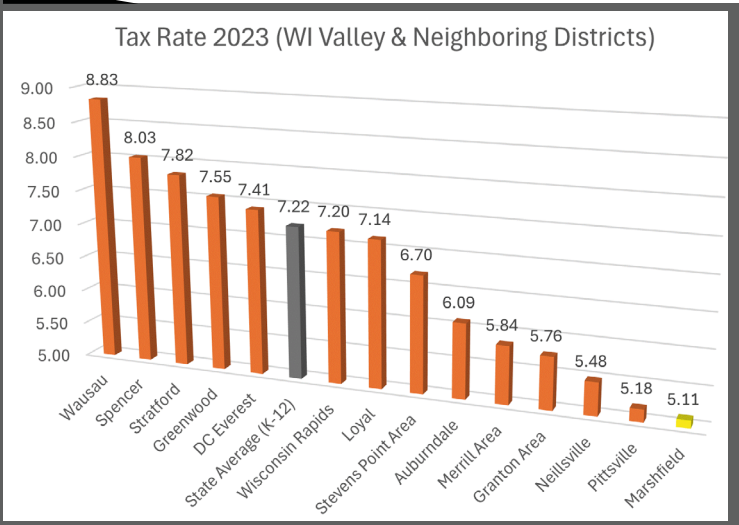
Although the District understands there are facility needs at our Elementary Schools, Middle School and High School, the facility assessment and planning process will thoroughly examine site and building safety, infrastructure, building systems, and educational adequacy in great detail, so needs can be prioritized as part of a long-term plan.

Additionally, all needs will come with accurate budgets and a thorough examination of the funding tools available to the School District of Marshfield to pay for prioritized facility needs.

In the coming months the District will reach out to stakeholders, including staff, parents, students and taxpayers to share information and gather feedback. We appreciate your interest and look forward to valuable input, which will help us develop the right plan for the future of the School District of Marshfield. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the District at facilities@marshfieldschools.org or 715-387-1101.

Marshfield School District Property Tax Rate Hits Historic Low in 2023

The property tax rate for the Marshfield School District hit a historic low in 2023. This tax rate, or "mill rate," is the amount a public school district can levy for every \$1,000 of property value on properties located within a school district's geographical boundaries. With the current tax rate of \$5.11 in Marshfield, for example, a property valued at \$200,000 would pay \$1,022 for the school district portion of its 2023 property tax bill. As depicted in the tax rate comparison chart, the Marshfield School District's tax rate of \$5.11 is the lowest in the area and continues to be historically low on a statewide comparison.



Source: https://sfs.dpi.wi.gov/safr_ro/all_mill_rate.asp?year=2024

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING (ACP) AT MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL:

XTREME XPLORATION & MACE (MARSHFIELD AREA CAREER EXPO)

Academic and Career Planning (ACP) in the School District of Marshfield strives to provide students and their families with tools to make more informed choices for post-secondary success as it leads to careers. In addition to career exploration activities students experience in their courses and other ACP activities completed during Tiger Time, during second semester there are two ACP events available to Marshfield High School students.



On Tuesday, February 27, students in grades 10-12 are invited to participate in the annual Xtreme Xploration event held at UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield. At Xtreme Xploration, business and educational leaders share real life experiences to prepare students for post high school opportunities. The time students spend at Xtreme Xploration is filled with interactive, educational, and reflective activities. Numerous volunteers facilitate sessions as students explore career opportunities in their community, discuss employability skills, receive feedback regarding interview skills, create or update their resume, and learn more about post-secondary education opportunities.

Marshfield Area Career Expo (MACE) is a talent development initiative of the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry in partnership with UW-Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College. Offered on both local campuses on Friday, April 26, this event exposes high school sophomores to careers utilizing the 16-career clusters model. Students gain knowledge about careers through hands-on learning activities, discover related experiences and education requirements, and have an opportunity to explore school-to-career employment with many local businesses. A student that attended MACE last school year commented, "The Marshfield Area Career Expo was a fantastic opportunity to explore what is available in each career cluster in the local area. I really enjoyed the variety of different people we were able to talk to in so many different types of careers. It really helped me figure out what possible paths I could go down."

THE MARSHFIELD SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

The School District of Marshfield, in partnership with community mental health agencies, developed The Marshfield School Based Mental Health Consortium.

The Consortium's vision is to provide mental health services at school for students who may have barriers to care. This allows easier access to mental health therapists, decreases school absences due to out of school appointments, reduces time off work for parents/guardians, and increases coordination and collaboration between school, parents, and therapy agencies.



Staff, students, or parents may initiate a conversation related to student mental health concerns. If Consortium services are appropriate, the referral process starts. The school counselor communicates with parents/guardians to explain the program, and to obtain additional information and permission to refer.

several mental health agencies. The assigned mental health provider contacts families directly to set up initial appointments. Releases of information are required to allow coordination between the school and mental health provider. Once the intake process is complete, providers start seeing students.

Services are typically paid for by families' insurance. However, a Sponsorship application is available to request funds to help pay for school based mental health therapy. Sponsorship eligibility is based on a combination of household income, household obligations, medical expenses, and extenuating circumstances. Each application (with identifying information removed) is reviewed by our Sponsorship Committee to determine eligibility.

The Marshfield School Based Mental Health Consortium is supported through funding from the Marshfield Area United Way, the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, and other donation and fundraising efforts. All funds are managed by the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

So far this school year, the Marshfield School Based Mental Health Consortium has received over 160 referrals for therapy and students are being seen by therapists in all school buildings. Through this Consortium, the school district is able to address student needs and help students to be their best.

LET'S KEEP TALKING SERIES PRESENTED BY



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A PARENT AND CAREGIVER SERIES

3rd Tuesday of the Month

6:00 PM

JP Adler Room
Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library

FEBRUARY 20

RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING TO MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Community Mental Health professionals will talk about common mental health issues (anxiety and depression). We will talk about best strategies to help, tips for positive communication and resources.

MARCH 19

HELPING YOUTH NAVIGATE NEW AND CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS

The focus of this session is on both romantic and peer to peer relationships for youth. The Personal Development Center will talk about aspects of healthy and unhealthy relationships, plus strategies to communicate with and support youth related to relationship issues.

APRIL 16

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Ariel Andrew from the LEO program will talk about the impact of social media on the youth brain. She will also address ways to talk to youth about social media, setting limits and mitigating the effects of social media.

MAY 21

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR YOUTH RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

This meeting will be a panel of area mental health workers who will outline how to access important community resources for youth. Wood County CCS program, Wood County Crisis, and School Social Workers will share their knowledge and provide tips to parents.

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Our new study of facilities is underway, look here for updates



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