

Dear Vikings,

Mount Horeb's deep sense of community is most recently exemplified by the outpouring of support received for our Weekend Backpack Meals fundraising campaign. Our generous community benefactors have **raised their match to \$1,000!** Wednesday, November 23, is the last day to take advantage of the match (of course, you may always donate). It's easy to make your **tax deductible** gift. Please mail OR drop off a check - MHASD, ATTN: Weekend Backpack Meal Program, 1304 E. Lincoln, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Thank you for your support for this effort. **Great things are happening in your schools and community!**



The Facilities Steering Committee has attentively listened to the community's feedback from the District's recent Facilities Survey. As a result, they have crafted a comprehensive list of recommendations for the Board's consideration. With an eye to a potential April 2017 capital referendum, the Board was presented the committee's thoughtful suggestions and will begin discussion of the recommendations in earnest at the Board's next meeting, December 5. In the coming weeks, the Board is likely to take action on approving an Architectural and Engineering Firm, an Owner's Representative, and referendum question(s). The District will be launching a referendum webpage for interested community members to stay informed of the latest happenings. More information to soon follow...

Policy Updates: Several policy readings were considered by the Board of Education as follows: Graduation, Policy #345.6; Use of Physical Force, Restraint or Corporal Punishment by Staff, Policy #447.1; Child Abuse/Neglect, Policy #454; and Student Honors Recognition, Policy #462. These policies can be found on our webpage at the following link: <http://www.mhasd.k12.wi.us/page/7>

4K Contracts Approved: Our collaboration with our 4K partners has been woven into the fabric of our District's success. Last night, the Board continued building on our community's success by issuing another contract to each of our four partner sites. On behalf of our Board, our appreciation is extended to Agape, CCS, Hearts and Hands, and Little Vikings programs. We are confident the 17-18 school year will be the best one yet!

Request for Proposals: The Board met in closed session for the purpose of reviewing a draft of a request for proposal (RFP) for architectural and engineering design services. Because of the competitive nature of the bidding process, the Board is permitted to meet in closed session for this purpose. The Board did reconvene in open session to accept the administration's recommended RFP language. The District will begin the process of obtaining the requested proposals today, Tuesday, November 22. After reviewing the document (please click [here](#)), all qualified entities are encouraged to submit a packet for consideration.



There is no shortage of gratitude this Thanksgiving from our Board of Education to our valued employees and amazing community. On behalf of our Board, I wish each of you a heart filled with gratitude, a continued spirit of service, quality time spent with family, and a restful Thanksgiving. Thank you.

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

Steve

PS Ever wonder how you can get involved and make a difference in school laws and governance? If so, please consider joining our Board's "Community and Legislative Engagement Committee." Our first meeting of the year is on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. at the District Office (1304 E. Lincoln St.). All are welcome to join us!



Mount Horeb Area

FOOD PANTRY

Your Invited

All Welcome !

Holiday Meal



FREE

Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thursday, November 24th, 2016

12:00 to 3:00 pm

Mount Horeb Community Center—107 N. Grove Street, Mount Horeb