

October 23, 2023

Blog – Save the Date

When an important event is going to take place, many people send out “Save the Date” cards. This is my version of a “Save the Date” card asking you to mark off Monday, November 20 on your calendar. On Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m., the Board of Education has set aside this date to talk with any interested students, staff, parents/guardians and community members to discuss what is on your mind dealing with the Parkview School District.

I am certain that the topics of the upcoming superintendent search, the 2024-2025 school calendar and the upcoming referendums will be some of the main topics of discussion, but the Board is interested to hear about any District topics that you would like to bring to their attention. Since I have come to the Parkview School District, I have tried to convey how important your thoughts, ideas and opinions are to the decision-making process. I believe individuals make good decisions, when they have the opportunity to reach out and seek the opinions of those who are affected and impacted by these decisions. The Board has some very important decisions to make in the next several months and your input will help them to make the very best decisions possible.

Last week, I wrote my blog on the results of the Superintendent Search Survey. If you didn't get a chance to read that blog it is accessible on our District's webpage at parkview.k12.wi.us. Once you are on the page, just click on the “menu” button on the upper right-hand side, then click on “Our District” and then “district administrator” and you will have access to not only that blog, but all of the blogs I have written so far this year.

During the next month, you will also be asked to complete two additional surveys: one survey will deal with the 2024-2025 school calendar. I am working on several calendar drafts based on the comments and suggestions that people provided me and will be sending out those drafts to see which one(s) you like the most. I will also provide you an opportunity on the survey to tell me additional tweaks that you would like me to make to the calendar before taking the final draft to the Board of Education for review and eventual approval. The second survey will deal with the operational referendum. In this survey, I am interested in what items you think are important and should be included in the operational referendum in April. Though the survey is far from completed, I would like to know how important it is to you to restore the over \$1,000,000 worth of cuts that were made to our current budget due to the failed referendum in April 2023 and then to get your thoughts on some additional items that we would like to add to our budget that we believe will make our District stronger and provide our students with more choices going into the 2024-2025 school year. I hope to have this survey ready to go out in early November.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this blog, I hope that you take the time to mark Monday, November 20 at 6:00 p.m. on your calendar. I know that both the Board of Education and I are looking forward to talking with you about the topics that are near and dear to everyone, the ongoing prosperity of our school district. We all want the same thing in the end - making the Parkview School District the very best that it can be!