

February 21, 2024

Downsville Elementary
N2681 460th Street
PO Box 78
Downsville, WI 54735
(715) 664-8546

Dear SDMA Families, Staff, and Community Members,

On Tuesday February 20, 2024 a referendum election was held in the School District of the Menomonie Area. The preliminary results clearly indicate that the referendum question did not pass.

Knapp Elementary
110 South Street
Knapp, WI 54749
(715) 665-2131

In the months leading up to the referendum election, a wealth of information was shared, and voters participated in vibrant discussions about the operations and finances of the school district. Both the compliments and critiques shared by the community throughout this process will be considered as the school district moves forward.

Menomonie High School
1715 5th Street West
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-2606

For parents, staff, and students of the SDMA, please know that the district is unwavering in its mission: “The School District of the Menomonie Area, by embracing the unique needs and using the strengths of our diverse community, is dedicated to preparing ALL students to become lifelong learners, caring individuals, and responsible citizens.” The Board, administration, and staff are dedicated to providing high-quality education and serving the needs of all students in the Menomonie area.

Menomonie Middle School
920 21st Street South
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-1673

As voters were aware, the outcome of this election means that budget reductions will need to be considered over the coming years. However, it is important to emphasize that this will be a gradual, thoughtful, inclusive, and strategic process that involves public discussion about the needs of our students, the expertise of our workforce, and the priorities of our diverse community.

Oaklawn Elementary
500 21st Street South
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3798

Since 2019, decisions of the district have been guided by the current 5-year strategic plan. That plan served the district very well, but public education has changed a lot in recent years. It is clear that a renewed process with widespread input from people of all backgrounds and all roles in the community will be needed in the SDMA. Public schools are a collaborative effort of the entire community, so public involvement is essential in keeping our schools in-tune with the needs and interests of the community it serves.

River Heights Elementary
615 24th Avenue West
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3987

Especially with budget cuts on the horizon, it is more important than ever for the public to be increasingly involved with our schools. We encourage everyone in the SDMA to remain highly engaged and interested in the role of public education in our community.

Wakanda Elementary
801 Pine Avenue East
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-3898

Sincerely yours,

Joe Zydowsky, PhD
District Administrator