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News for our community about Paris School progress, performance, and partnerships.

**Paris Jt. 1
School District**

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Greetings Paris School Community:



I am extremely excited to embark on this my new journey as Paris School District's Administrator and Principal. I feel privileged to work with our amazing Paris School students and staff every day. I have Wisconsin roots that began in Wauwatosa where I was raised by my mother along with an older and a younger sister. After graduation with a degree in Criminal Justice from Winona State University in 2003, I proudly served the Army Infantry from 2004-2010 in the 10th Mountain and 82nd Airborne Divisions with deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq.

When I returned to Wisconsin, my desire to positively impact my community led me to education. My most recent position as Special Education Director for Norris School District in Big Bend, WI, honed my supervisory, financial, and classroom skills, preparing me to lead Paris School District positively into the future. I currently reside in Waterford with my wife, Alicia, and our two children, Emersyn (4) and Benjamin (3). Alicia co-owns a dance studio and shares my work ethic and commitment to kids!

Our school year is off to a great start! We recently celebrated Grandparent's Day and our Girls' Basketball and Cross Country seasons are underway. In this year's newsletter, you will find our District highlights, annual budget proposal, school upgrades, and more.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Paris School Board of Education for this opportunity. Paris School has a long and rich history of success that keeps our classrooms full and our students achieving beyond the norm. I am happy to be a part of it all! Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. My door is always open!

Jared Kwiatkowski,
Paris School District Administrator

DISTRICT PROGRESS

An update about Paris School District financial gains and future goals.

PARIS SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

OVER THE PAST year, the Paris School Facilities Committee finalized last year's building analysis and enlisted the expertise of **Camosy Construction** and **Kueny Architects, LLC**. We thank them for this valued partnership that yielded conceptual plans to address modern-day needs.

These recommendations were presented to the Paris Jt. 1 Board of Education at their September meeting. The proposal addressed safety and space issues, including installation of a secured vestibule at the school entrance, expansion of

nursing area to serve multiple students at a time, assessment and intervention spaces for children requiring special services like audiology, counseling, and psychology, middle school build-out with a dedicated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classroom, new gym facilities, and creation of safe and functional supply and storage areas.

We look forward to further discussions about the prospect of improving our Paris School building!

DISTRICT PROGRESS

An update about Paris School District financial gains and future goals.

PARIS SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: 2023-2024

- ❖ Student enrollment was **252** students. All grades were at capacity.
- ❖ Open Enrollment students into Paris decreased by 3 students to a total of 109. Total revenue from Open Enrollment was **\$896,850**. This was an increase of **\$17,883** from 2022-2023.
- ❖ Implemented additional new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum in grades 1-8.
- ❖ Implemented the FastBridge Formative Assessment system.
- ❖ Replaced 7th grade laptop computers as planned on our Technology Replacement/Update schedule.
- ❖ Replaced our 2005 model Paris Consolidated Elementary School sign out front with a new LED sign.

Paris School remains free of LONG-TERM DEBT and POST-EMPLOYMENT LIABILITIES.

PARIS SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: 2024-2025

- ❖ Student enrollment is **252** students. All grades are currently at capacity.
- ❖ Open Enrollment students into Paris increased by 8 students to a total of 117. Total revenue from Open Enrollment is **\$974,974**. This is an increase of **\$78,124** from 2023-2024.
- ❖ Installation of barrier fencing at north end of school grounds due to drainage work required by the DNR.
- ❖ Initiating Keys to Beginning Reading training for K-3 teachers to meet Act 20 requirements.
- ❖ Replacing 8th grade laptop computers as planned on our Technology Replacement/Update schedule.
- ❖ Updating classroom Smart Boards with assistance from the PSO.
- ❖ Updating classroom libraries and literacy support materials with assistance from the PSO.
- ❖ Implementing school-wide Think Space classroom behavior management protocol.

NOTIFICATION OF 2024-2025 LEVY RATE
For the 2024-2025 school year, the Paris Board of Education is presenting a budget with a tax levy rate of .001782, compared to the 2023-24 levy rate of .002067.



PARIS SCHOOL'S SIGN OF THE TIMES!

PARIS SCHOOL'S CURB appeal immediately improved with the installation of a TekStar LED outdoor sign donated by the Paris School Organization (PSO). This dynamic upgrade is attractive but also efficiently communicates school events, reminders, and closings. Mrs. Enright, Paris School Technology Education teacher, manages the digital messaging through fully-integrated SignCommand.com cloud-based software. The sign shuts down each evening at 10:00 p.m. We thank our generous community's support of PSO events each year for making this amazing \$25,000 purchase possible!

**Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Jt. School District No. 1 (Paris Consolidated School) that the budget hearing will be held at Paris Consolidated School, 1901 - 176th Avenue, Kenosha, WI, on the 28th day of October, 2024, at 7 P.M. The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office at 1901 - 176th Avenue, Kenosha, WI.

Kristine Kordecki, District Clerk

BUDGET ADOPTION

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance (Account 930 000)	2,452,110.41	2,497,288.32	2,408,855.80
Ending Fund Balance, Reserved (Acct. 931 000)			
Ending Fund Balance, Designated (Acct. 932 000)	2,497,288.32	2,408,855.80	2,338,445.08
Ending Fund Balance, Unappropriated (Acct. 933 000)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE (ACCT. 930 000)	\$2,497,288.32	\$2,408,855.80	\$2,338,445.08
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
100 Transfers-in	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources	1,866,245.00	1,820,055.00	1,910,632.00
210 Taxes			
240 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
260 Non-Capital Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 School Activity Income	17,382.14	17,957.07	25,000.00
280 Interest on Investments	46,246.82	57,628.20	50,025.00
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	97,175.28	140,428.29	84,000.00
Subtotal Local Sources	2,027,049.24	2,036,068.56	2,069,657.00
Other School Districts Within Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
310 Transit of Aids			
340 Payments for Services	968,293.00	976,248.00	1,092,222.00
380 Medical Service Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00
390 Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts within Wisconsin	968,293.00	976,248.00	1,092,222.00
Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
440 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
490 Other Inter-district, Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other School Districts Outside Wisconsin	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intermediate Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00
510 Transit of Aids			
530 Payments for Services from CCDEB	0.00	0.00	0.00
540 Payments for Services from CESA	0.00	0.00	0.00
580 Medical Services Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
590 Other Intermediate Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Intermediate Sources	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Sources	16,035.75	17,055.72	10,690.00
610 State Aid -- Categorical	16,035.75	17,055.72	10,690.00
620 State Aid -- General	63,547.00	54,015.00	45,913.00
630 DPI Special Project Grants	2,538.00	8,374.87	2,680.00
640 Payments for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE Grant)	0.00	0.00	0.00
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	0.00	0.00	0.00
690 Other Revenue	207,853.62	206,529.62	180,929.93
Subtotal State Sources	289,974.37	285,975.21	240,212.93

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
Federal Sources			
710 Transit of Aids	0.00	0.00	0.00
720 Impact Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
730 DPI Special Project Grants	84,532.72	2,265.00	2,135.00
750 IASA Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
760 JTPA	0.00	0.00	0.00
770 Other Federal Revenue Through Local Units	0.00	0.00	0.00
780 Other Federal Revenue Through State	27,965.00	0.00	0.00
790 Other Federal Revenue - Direct	13,765.95	21,813.00	39,654.00
Subtotal Federal Sources	126,263.67	24,078.00	41,789.00
Other Financing Sources			
850 Reorganization Settlement	0.00	0.00	0.00
860 Compensation, Fixed Assets	670.00	0.00	0.00
870 Long-Term Obligations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Other Financing Sources	670.00	0.00	0.00
Other Revenues			
950 Plan Member Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
960 Adjustments	1,527.00	1,456.00	0.00
970 Refund of Disbursement	275.43	86,530.35	0.00
980 Medical Service Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
990 Miscellaneous	0.00	4,338.53	0.00
Subtotal Other Revenues	1,802.43	92,324.88	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,414,052.71	3,414,694.65	3,443,880.93
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction			
110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	1,509,780.35	1,606,223.57	1,593,830.79
120 000 Regular Curriculum	70,317.86	68,450.33	81,057.17
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00
140 000 Physical Curriculum	122,589.96	129,353.89	130,233.27
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	61,473.04	32,247.86	34,200.00
170 000 Other Special Needs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Instruction	1,764,161.21	1,836,275.65	1,839,321.23
Support Sources			
210 000 Pupil Services	33,684.64	39,064.52	36,000.00
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	230,335.37	218,200.05	247,626.34
230 000 General Administration-School Board Members	8,073.75	8,073.75	8,073.75
240 000 School Building Administration	257,602.61	282,852.79	269,587.26
250 000 Business Administration	518,164.95	547,186.09	541,045.26
260 000 Central Services	8,315.01	8,905.63	9,000.00
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	42,565.00	44,471.00	48,600.00
280 000 Debt Services	2,569.81	2,806.49	2,800.00
290 000 Other Support Services	120,891.25	136,135.17	110,254.21
Subtotal Support Sources	1,222,202.39	1,287,695.49	1,272,986.82
Non-Program Transactions			
410 000 Inter-fund Transfers	253,660.05	240,252.47	264,735.60
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	128,850.94	138,903.56	137,248.00
490 000 Other Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Non-Program Transactions	382,510.99	379,156.03	401,983.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	3,368,874.59	3,503,127.17	3,514,291.65

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS (FUNDS 21, 23, 27, 29)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	405,267.54	417,017.20	429,678.35
100 000 Instruction	361,135.64	376,567.65	392,941.17
200 000 Support Services	4,242.34	7,459.32	7,500.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	39,889.56	32,990.23	29,237.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	405,267.54	417,017.20	429,678.35

DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 38, 39)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
281 000 Long-Term Capital Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
282 000 Refinancing	0.00	0.00	0.00
283 000 Operational Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
285 000 Post Employment Benefit Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
289 000 Other Long-Term General Obligation Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00
842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR	0.00	0.00	0.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUNDS 41, 48, 49)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	286,551.89	297,484.93	250,354.84
900 000 Ending Fund Balance	297,484.93	250,354.84	225,354.84
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	10,933.04	16,359.44	15,000.00
100 000 Instructional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	63,489.53	40,000.00
300 000 Community Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	63,489.53	40,000.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	30,475.41	10,988.54	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	10,988.54	0.00	(26,052.00)
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	116,543.85	94,567.70	83,099.00
200 000 Support Services	136,030.72	105,556.24	109,151.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	136,030.72	105,556.24	109,151.00

POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND (FUND 73)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	27,469.39	27,469.39	27,469.39
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	27,469.39	27,469.39	27,469.39
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
300 000 Community Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND (FUNDS 91, 93, 99)	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
900 000 Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
900 000 ENDING FUND BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
100 000 Instruction	0.00	0.00	0.00
200 000 Support Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
400 000 Non-Program Transactions	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	3,910,172.85	4,089,190.14	4,093,121.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	253,660.05	231,293.40	264,735.60
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	3,656,512.80	3,857,896.74	3,828,385.40
PERCENTAGE INCREASE – NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR	1.35%	5.22%	-0.77%

FUND	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
General Fund	1,866,245.00	1,820,055.00	1,910,632.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtract Computer Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	1,866,245.00	1,820,055.00	1,910,632.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR	3.23%	-2.48%	4.98%

EQUALIZED VALUATIONS	Audited 2022-23	Audited 2023-24	Budgeted 2024-25
TOWN OF PARIS	\$297,256,763.00	\$320,740,762.00	\$327,899,781.00
VILLAGE OF BRISTOL	\$48,606,647.00	\$51,401,219.00	\$62,522,876.00
VILLAGE OF SOMERS	\$452,874.00	\$21,891,176.00	\$26,458,077.00
CITY OF KENOSHA	\$392,322,717.00	\$486,377,584.00	\$655,279,102.00
TOTAL	\$738,639,001.00	\$880,410,741.00	\$1,072,159,836.00
MILL RATE	\$0.002527	\$0.002067	\$0.001782

ACADEMICS

News about curriculum, assessment, and educational strategies.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
Public Instruction

WISCONSIN'S ACT 20 SEEKS TO IMPROVE K-3 READING PROFICIENCY

IN 2023, WISCONSIN Act 20, also known as the Right to Read Act was passed by our state legislature to require science-based early literacy (K-3) instruction in public, charter, and choice schools. According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, "Act 20 states that diagnostic reading assessment must include an evaluation of rapid naming, word recognition, spelling, vocabulary, listening comprehension, and, when developmentally appropriate, oral reading fluency and reading comprehension." In addition, Act 20 changes student assessments, requires more student interventions, establishes a literacy coaching program, prohibits the MSV (Meaning, Syntax, Visual), or "three-cueing" model of reading instruction in favor of a phonics-based approach, and more.

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Wisconsin school districts are required to implement Act 20 mandates to help students read proficiently by the end of third grade. Thankfully, phonics instruction has always remained at the core of our Paris School literacy acquisition programming.

To meet Act 20 training requirements, the Paris Jt. 1 Consolidated School District must fund a training course for all K-3 educators. Paris School K-3 teachers will complete the Keys to Beginning Reading course that requires 36 hours of individual training and two separate eight-hour, in-person professional development sessions.

We look forward to continuing our commitment to academic excellence while also meeting new Act 20 literacy standards.



THE PARIS SCHOOL Enrichment Program boasts a long tradition of providing unique opportunities for student learning and growth. Our dedicated participants receive supplemental instruction from Paris School educators invested in helping learners soar...even more! This school year will again be filled with events and experiences that foster the diverse interests of talented Paris School students in all grades:

- K-3: Writer's Club**
- 3-8: Writing or Art Anthology**
- 4-5: Math 24**
- 4-6: Battle of the Books**
- 4-8: Spelling Bee**
- 5-6: Science Immersion**
- 5-8: Math Meet**
- 6-8: Academic Bowl**
- 6-8: Leadership Conference**
- 6-8: SUMOBOT Robotics Competition**
- 7-8: Geography Bowl**
- 7-8: Science Immersion**

PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborative connections that benefit our students and our school.



Paris School volunteers
plant the seeds of
knowledge that live forever!

PARIS SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: SHARING AND CARING!

Each school year, dozens of volunteers contribute their time to benefit our K-8 students. From individual presentations, weekly one-to-one reading, and annual Master Gardener educational sessions, to working PSO fundraising shifts, spreading playground mulch, and so much more... we greatly appreciate all who generously lend their PAWS to our educational cause!





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Notice of budget hearing:

PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 28th
7:00 p.m.
Paris School Gym

National Blue Ribbon Schools Award Winner Educational Excellence



Superior academic standards • Panther Pride
Challenging curriculum • Positive environment

Outstanding educators • Differentiated student instruction
Interactive technology in every classroom • Policy of inclusion

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PARIS SCHOOL upcoming events:

Paris School Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting
Monday, Oct. 28th at 7:00 p.m. • Paris School Gym

Panther Prowl 2024 Walk-a-thon & Pig Roast
Saturday, October 12th: Noon to 5:00 p.m.



Please join us for an afternoon of outdoor food and fun at our 19th annual event! Stop by for lunch, 50/50 raffles, silent auction bidding, and more. We thank our generous school families, sponsors, and community for supporting our event and our school!

Spaghetti Supper Annual Fundraiser
March 2025 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Paris School Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Paris School at (262) 859-2350 for more information about any of our upcoming events.