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APRIL 1st

WILMOT UNION HS FACILITY REFERENDUM

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
APRIL 9 - 6:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
APRIL 21 - 6:00 PM
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A Vision for Wilmot's Future: Investing in Our Students and Community

As a valued member of the Wilmot Union High School community, your voice matters. On April 1, 2025, you'll have the opportunity to shape the future of our school and our community by voting in a crucial referendum. This isn't just about bricks and mortar; it's about investing in our students, enhancing their safety, and providing them with the modern learning environments they deserve.



Dr. Michael Plourde
District Administrator

What is the Referendum?

The Wilmot Union High School District is seeking voter approval for a \$22,900,000 community facility bond referendum. These funds will be dedicated to high-priority projects that address critical building needs that cannot be covered by our annual operating budget.

Why Now?

The timing of this referendum is strategic. This year, we made our final payment on existing debt. This means that if the referendum is approved, there will be no increase to the tax mill rate. In fact, taxpayers will see a net decrease in their taxes. Waiting any longer would mean missing this opportunity and potentially facing a property tax increase if we move forward with these vital projects at a later time.

What Will the Referendum Fund?

This referendum focuses on three key areas:

- **Modernizing Learning Environments:** This includes expanding the Tech Ed Metals Shop to accommodate growing student interest, upgrading classroom technology to enhance instruction, and renovating the Culinary and Home Economics Labs.
- **Enhancing Safety and Security:** The safety of our students and staff is paramount. The referendum will fund upgrades to the main entrance to improve security, expand the fire protection system, and install updated security cameras throughout the school.
- **Upgrading Building Infrastructure:** Our school's infrastructure needs attention. The referendum will address critical roof repairs, HVAC and electrical system updates, athletic facilities upgrades, and improvements to sidewalks and parking lots to ensure a safe and functional learning environment.

Additional projects in each area are also included.

A Collaborative Approach

This referendum is the result of careful planning and community input. We commissioned Nexus Solutions to conduct a comprehensive facility assessment and surveyed the community to understand our educational priorities. The proposed projects reflect the needs and desires of our students, staff, and community members.



Dr. Michael Plourde
District Administrator

Your Vote Matters

This referendum is an investment in our students, our school, and our community's future. It's an opportunity to create a learning environment that supports academic excellence, fosters innovation, and improves the safety and well-being of every student. *We urge you to learn more about the referendum and exercise your right to vote on April 1, 2025.*

**Together, we can build a brighter future for
Wilmot Union High School.**

For more detailed information, please visit our
[community referendum webpage](#).

Your partner in education,

Michael Plourde

Dr. Michael Plourde
District Administrator



Beyond the Test: How Students Recharged After the ACT

After a long and intense morning of ACT testing, students were treated to a variety of fun and relaxing activities designed to help them unwind and recharge. The post-ACT afternoon was all about providing students with a chance to de-stress and enjoy themselves after hours of focused testing.



Rob Kreil
Principal

One of the most popular events was the 3 v 3 basketball tournament, where students formed teams and competed in fast-paced games on the court. Laughter, cheers, and friendly competition filled the gym as players showed off their skills and classmates cheered them on.

For those seeking a more calming experience, therapy dogs were available for students to visit. Many students took advantage of this, spending time petting and cuddling with the dogs, providing a comforting and stress-relieving break.

The school's theater offered a movie screening, giving students the chance to sit back, relax, and enjoy a film with friends. The dark, quiet space was the perfect setting for students to recharge after a demanding morning.

The woods lab was also open, welcoming students who wanted to get hands-on and work on personal or school-related projects. This creative outlet was a big hit with those who enjoy building and working with tools.

Adding to the fun, students could grab a microphone and sing their favorite tunes during karaoke, filling the room with music, laughter, and enthusiastic applause. Outside, students participated in a variety of games, such as spikeball and frisbee, enjoying the fresh air and some much-needed movement.

A favorite stop for many was the foods lab, where students baked treats to share with friends. The delicious smells of cookies, brownies, and other baked goods filled the air, adding a warm and inviting atmosphere to the afternoon. Students not only got to enjoy their own creations but also spread joy by sharing their baked goods with others.

Overall, the wide range of activities ensured there was something for everyone. Whether students were looking to get active, relax, be creative, or simply have fun with friends, the afternoon was a well-deserved celebration after the demands of the ACT.

The purpose of the event was clear: to give students time to unwind, connect, and enjoy themselves after a stressful testing morning—and judging by the smiles and positive energy throughout the building, it was a definite success.

Ensuring Safety and Security at Wilmot Union High School



Dan Bender
Associate Principal

At Wilmot Union High School, the safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. We are committed to fostering a secure learning environment through proactive measures, community partnerships, and established safety protocols.

Anonymous Tip Line: Speak Up, Speak Out

We encourage students, parents, and staff to report any safety concerns through the Wisconsin Department of Justice's anonymous tip line: **Speak Up, Speak Out**. This confidential resource allows individuals to share concerns about threats, bullying, or other safety issues without fear of retaliation.

Violence Prevention and Threat Assessment

Our school follows the *Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG)* to prevent violence and address potential threats effectively. This evidence-based approach helps us assess and manage situations before they escalate, ensuring a safer school environment for everyone.

Collaboration with County Resources and Mental Health Support

We work closely with local county resources and organizations like **Care Solace** <https://caresolace.com/site/wilmot> to provide mental health support for students and staff. If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out for help. We are committed to fostering a community where mental health is prioritized.

School Resource Officer (SRO) on Duty

Our dedicated *School Resource Officer (SRO)* is on campus to provide security, build positive relationships with students, and serve as a resource for safety education and crisis response.

Reunification Plan in Case of Emergencies

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation or relocation, we have a *Reunification Plan* in place to ensure students are safely returned to their families.

Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

We follow the *Standard Response Protocol (SRP)* developed by the I Love U Guys Foundation. This protocol standardizes our response to incidents such as lockdowns, evacuations, and shelter-in-place situations. More information on SRP can be found [here](#).

We appreciate the support of our students, parents, and staff in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment. By working together and staying vigilant, we can ensure that Wilmot Union High School remains a safe place for everyone.



Dan Bender
Associate Principal

Sincerely,

Dan Bender
Associate Principal



STAFF *Spotlight*

☀ Ms. Tara Smith – English Teacher ☀

Ms. Smith is a dedicated educator who goes above and beyond for her students!

She creates a supportive, welcoming classroom and is passionate about student success. 📖 She has presented at OTUS and Standards-Based Grading conferences, sharing her expertise with fellow educators. 🌍✈ With travels to 11

countries (soon 13!) and six years competing in the Ironman Wisconsin, she's truly an inspiration! 🏆 Thank you,

Ms. Smith! ❤️ #WilmotProud

#TeacherSpotlight #IronmanTeacher

#OTUS #StandardsBasedGrading



TARA SMITH

ENGLISH TEACHER

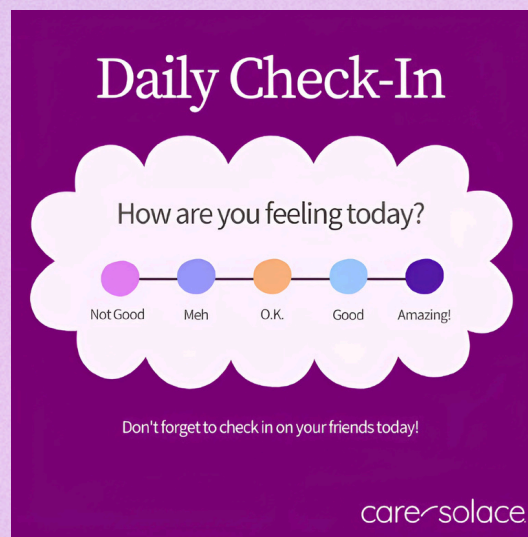
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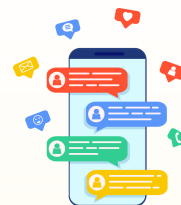
Wilmot Union High School is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

We are proud to announce our partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment. If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace will quickly connect you to community providers matched to your needs.

Call 888-515-0595 at any time or search on your own at caresolace.com/wilmot.



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CLASS OF 2025:

Now that many students have decided where they will continue their education after Wilmot, they are encouraged to check the [Scholarship Bulletin](#) for great local opportunities.

Additional resources include **UW school scholarship** websites and **private school options**.

CONTACT US TODAY

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KARL RICHTER
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MELISSA SWEATMAN
SCHOOL COUNSELOR
SP-Z

2025-26 COURSE SELECTION IS COMPLETE.

Now that all of our students have selected their classes for the 2025-26 school year, we begin the work of taking all of the selections into consideration as we create the master schedule for every student in the building.

It is important that your student's alternate choices are accurate. Please take time to review your student's course selections for next year one more time.

You can see your student's course selection in Skyward under "Schedule," then "Course Requests." **Students have until June 2nd to request to make changes to their course selection.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

MAY 28
6:30 PM

FEATURED RESOURCES

Click on the WUHS logo below to visit our website!



Share a moment when a Wilmot staff member made a positive impact in your life by clicking on the photo below.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**BECOME A FITNESS
CENTER MEMBER
TODAY!**



SCAN ME



| <u>Membership Pricing</u> | <u>Resident</u> | <u>Non-Resident</u> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Family Membership | \$180 | \$280 |
| Individual Membership | \$100 | \$200 |
| Individual 6 month Membership | \$60 | \$120 |
| Individual Quarterly Membership | \$35 | \$70 |
| College Student Membership | \$35 | \$35 |
| Wilmot UHS & Feeder School Retiree Membership | \$35 | \$35 |
| 45 minute classes- 8 classes | \$45 | \$45 |
| 60 minute classes- 8 classes | \$55 | \$55 |
| Drop in fee | \$8 | \$8 |

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WILMOT YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

2025



***When: Saturday, April 5th 2025
9:00am - 11:00am***

Who: 3rd - 8th graders

Where: WUHS Field House & Maki Gym

Cost: \$30/Player - free t-shirt included!!!

****Additional \$2.00 Registration Fee (online registration only)***

Contact Info: richterk@wilmoths.k12.wi.us

Register using the QR code



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Board of Education - Calendar:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/BOE%20Calendar%202024%202025.pdf>

Newsletter Email & SMS List:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP6W4NOCzyg4OdRT60MXWjPrSOXiCwcxyrt8CT2MNI4mgU0A/viewform>

My Vote Wisconsin:

<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

Community Referendum Page:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/district/community-referendum-.cfm#d922372>

Speak Up, Speak Out:

<https://speakup.widj.gov/>

CareSolace:

<https://caresolace.com/site/wilmot>

SRP:

<https://iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html>

Staff Spotlight Interviews:

Smith:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FQqt2UWlpo1E4nv5FXEK_0fNDMC7AuxVS4mP5cPO-Yw/edit?tab=t.0

Parent Panther News:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YMyIADrct_mUcBFbaNahyJcM5Zjpf7T9ssXNU6OaKOk/edit?tab=t.0

Scholarship Bulletin:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dmwk07fIDPonw_AMGXxS27J88qb_ZsDveEhnv7huayk/edit?gid=844167044#gid=844167044

Staff Appreciation:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf45d5rVaDgSnHOp4Py_tFfTWXhbpNk2yOtJOnteK46TKQdw/viewform

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/wilmotuhs>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/wilmotuhs/>

X (Twitter):

<https://twitter.com/wilmotuhs>

Fitness Center Membership:

https://www.wilmothighschool.com/about/fitness_center.cfm

Fitness Center Classes:

https://wilmothighschool.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/-1/program_id/6

Community Outreach - Class Registration:

<https://wilmothighschool.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/>

Baseball Camp:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfm2u6lloaeHVU02StGfkDbWX4M6Oynrhx9rV9Z1GJq6xz4eA/viewform?fbclid=IwY2xjawJXv5BleHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHYjFipalxL0YSLF2mFCUyC8n238JXxBcc4ASRENKbpAsOlq2yrEHwXWA4w_aem_MezX-cZFNOgH_WvxEvT4A

GoFan:

<https://gofan.co/app/school/WI19522>

ADDITIONAL LINKS:

Athletics Calendar:

<https://southernlakesconference.org/public/genie/86/school/1/>

School Calendar:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/about/calendars.cfm>

Parent Panther Newsletter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YMyIADrct_mUcBFbaNahyJcM5Zjpf7T9ssXNU6OaKOk/edit

WUHS Newsletter:

<https://www.wilmothighschool.com/wilmot-updates.cfm>

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