

# West Bend School District Update

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## Students up for National Merit Scholarships

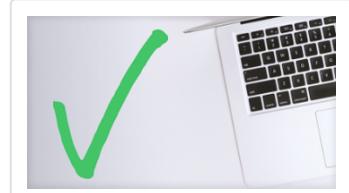


Four students of West Bend East and West High Schools are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. The students include Isaac Buss (East), Zachary Koenigs (West), Madelyn Nauman (East), and Abby Nelson (East). These academically talented seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be awarded next spring.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. United States high school students enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves as an initial screen of more than 1.5 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

In addition, Thaddeus Jamieson (East) and Zachary Johnson (East) have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized.

## Individual Assessment Results are On the Horizon



In the coming weeks, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will publicly release individual and school results of the Wisconsin Student Assessment System exams given during the 2021-2022 school year. The assessments include the Forward Exam for grades 3-8 and 10, ACT Aspire for grades 9 and 10, and ACT with writing in grade 11. The Dynamic Learning Maps assessment is given across grades 3 through 11 to students with significant cognitive disabilities, replacing

the previously listed assessments. This information is used along with other data to complete the Wisconsin DPI School Report Cards that are released in mid-November.

The state assessment results are a metric the schools monitor as part of our continuous improvement process. Therefore, we will use the data to plan for system-wide instructional improvements and will share individual student data with families as soon as it is available. Public release for the DPI's district and school report cards will follow in November.

## STAR Assessment Results

The results of the fall 2023 STAR assessments have been entered into [Skyward Family Access](#) and are listed under the test date of 06/08/23. Students in grades K-10 completed the assessments. STAR is administered by the school district three times per year (fall, winter, spring) and provides valuable information to help to guide classroom instruction. To understand your student's scores, please review [this document](#). If you have any questions regarding STAR, please contact the school principal. *\*Note: High school students in Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra 2 participated in specific Algebra and Geometry assessments. For this reason, only the scale score results are in Skyward.*

## Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

Electors at the 103rd Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 26 approved an advisory resolution for a 2022-2023 tax levy that is projected to be 10 percent less than last year. In addition, the tax levy for 2022-2023 will include funds for the final payments of the outstanding 2009 and 2012 referendum debt, making the school district debt free in 2023. [Review the budget documents from the meeting.](#)



The budget hearing featured detailed information on the proposed 2022-2023 budget, which the school board will vote on at its October 24 meeting after final information is available from the Department of Revenue and Department of Public Instruction. The three resolutions approved by the electors at the meeting include:

### Proposed Resolution No. 1 - Tax Levy

RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that there be and hereby is levied on the taxable properties within the confines of the District taxes in the amount of \$42,852,512 including \$6,902,189 to be applied on long term debt obligations of the District, \$1,725,000 to be applied to the capital projects fund, \$550,000 to be applied to the Community Services Fund and the balance of \$33,675,323 to be applied to the General Fund for the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with the recommendation of the School Board.

### Proposed Resolution No. 2 - Disposal of District Property

BE IT RESOLVED that Electors support the alignment of School Board Policy 690 -

(whether individually or grouped for a single transaction) estimated to have a resale or other fair-market value of \$10,000 or more may be disposed of only if the School Board has expressly approved the specific disposition or expressly authorized the administration to dispose of the specific piece(s) of property under approved parameters takes effect in perpetuity in lieu of this annual resolution unless the language of School Board policy 690 were to change at a future point in time.

#### Proposed Resolution No. 3 - Board Member Compensation

RESOLVED, by the Electors of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, that the salaries of the elected members of the School Board of West Bend Joint School District No. 1, West Bend, Wisconsin, be fixed at the sum of \$5,000 per year, per member, and \$5,200 per year, per officer.

## October 3-8 is Homecoming Week

A special event each year, Homecoming Week is a great way to celebrate students and schools. Please check with your child's school for the dress-up day themes. Some of the events include:

Tuesday, October 4: East vs. West volleyball - JV1 and JV2 at 5:30 p.m.; varsity at 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 6: East vs. West JV football at 6 p.m.

Friday, October 7: Homecoming Parade at 4:15 p.m. beginning at Decorah Rd. and Lincoln Dr. in West Bend and moving east on Decorah Rd.

Friday, October 7: East vs. West varsity football at 7 p.m.

Friday, October 7: Fireworks after the game.



Another way to support East and West athletics next week is by making a purchase at Jersey Mike's on Main St. in West Bend. On October 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., Jersey Mike's will donate 20 percent of all sales to the East and West athletic programs.

Lines to purchase tickets for these football and volleyball games have historically been long. Get through the line quickly by purchasing tickets ahead of time through the GoFan website. (Bring your phone to the game to redeem the tickets.) Senior citizens are free as well as students with their school ID. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children.

East: <https://gofan.co/app/school/WI13638>

West: <https://gofan.co/app/school/WI13639>

## Financial Aid Presentation Video Available

If any students or family members were not able to attend the financial aid presentation that took place at East and West high schools on Monday, Sept. 26, a video is available on the [East High School](#) and the [West High School](#) websites.

## Community Bulletin Board

There are various camps and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

McLane Girl Scout Troop Brat Fry  
Downtown West Bend Fall Fest  
NAMI Afternoon in the Park  
Cub Scouts Pack 3787 Information  
Farm Open House  
Youth Night at West Bend East vs West Boys Soccer Game  
Milwaukee Children's Choir Accepting New Singers  
West Bend Wildcats Youth Wrestling Club  
West Bend Nitro Girls U8 Softball players wanted  
City of West Bend Hiring Lifeguards  
West Bend West Youth Girls Basketball meeting and information  
West Bend East Youth Girls Basketball Fall Program



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