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Altoona school board approves cuts... and more cuts in case referendum fails (WEAU NBC 13 © 02/02/2010)

The Altoona school board cut \$286,000 from its budget Monday (2/1) night. But, the board says if voters don't approve a four year referendum this spring, more cuts are coming—including more teachers.

At La Follette High School, a credit union is planned — and lessons in personal finance (Wisconsin State Journal © 02/02/2010)

Starting this fall, La Follette High School could be home to not only a new, more secure "welcome center" for visitors, but also an adjoining credit union run largely by and for students — the first of its kind in the district.

Beaver Dam referendum decision expected in two weeks (Beaver Dam Daily Citizen © 02/02/2010)

The Beaver Dam School Board will decide in two weeks if the district will go to a referendum in April.

Cedar Grove-Belgium school referendum up for discussion (Sheboygan Press © 02/02/2010)

The Cedar Grove-Belgium School Board will meet tonight to gather information and discuss whether they should go back to the voters with another building referendum this April.

District awaits report before deciding on MS sale (Lake County Reporter © 02/02/2010)

Oconomowoc Area Schools — The future of the former Oconomowoc Middle School property will not be decided for several weeks, despite receiving an offer to purchase from an Oregon, Wis., developer.

Eau Claire Area School District talking about a referendum (WEAU NBC 13 © 02/02/2010)

The Eau Claire School Board is meeting Monday night to begin discussing a possible referendum. Superintendent Dr. Ron Heilmann has always said a referendum is not a matter of "if," it's a matter of "when." Now the discussions are starting.

Lakewood School support staff members planning to unionize (Kenosha News (WI) © 02/02/2010)

TWIN LAKES — In the wake of the at-will dismissal of a longtime teacher's aide, other unrepresented support staff at Lakewood School announced plans Monday to unionize.

Onalaska 4K program to consider 3-year-olds (Holmen Courier © 02/02/2010)

Children as young as 3 may be enrolled in Onalaska's pre-kindergarten program. The Onalaska Board of Education approved the early enrollment policy Monday night.

Search is on for new superintendent for Oshkosh schools (*Oshkosh Northwestern* © 02/02/2010)

Initial interviews for a new superintendent for Oshkosh schools began Monday evening.

Timing could be key for a referendum in the Eau Claire Area School District (*WQOW ABC 18* © 02/02/2010)

Eau Claire (WQOW) - A school referendum may be a tough sell in Eau Claire, but one key point could help the district.

Holmen school board won't strip spending powers from principals (*Holmen Courier* © 02/02/2010)

Holmen school principals will retain control of how they allocate their budgets, at least for the time being.

Innovative program lets students pick writing topics (*Post Crescent (East)* © 02/02/2010)

Thanks to the writer's workshop, Christensen and her classmates spend about 40 minutes every school day honing their skills. The program, started in 2006, was fully implemented by the Kaukauna Area School District last school year in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Kathy Walsh Nufer column: Students with autism piloting communication apps (*Post Crescent* © 02/02/2010)

In Room 114 at Wilson Middle School in Appleton, Zack Morris and Albi Mutschlechner are testing learning and communication applications for the iPod Touch that could have implications for students districtwide.

President Barack Obama seeks to overhaul No Child Left Behind education law (*Post Crescent* © 02/02/2010)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is proposing to overhaul the No Child Left Behind education law, replacing the school accountability system with one that focuses on rewarding progress.

Real Learning -- Virtual School (*Racine Journal Times* © 02/02/2010)

The algebra class is one of the live courses held once or twice a week for each course offered through Insight School of Wisconsin, one of 14 virtual schools in the state.

WIAA Changing Policies On Concussions, To Better Protect Athletes (*WSAW News Channel 7* © 02/02/2010)

High school athletes will soon be better protected from serious head injuries. The increased knowledge of concussions has WIAA leaders changing some of their policies.

District offers 'virtual' options (*Rhineland Daily News* © 02/01/2010)

The School District of Rhineland has a number of options for students choosing to walk a different educational path. The Northwoods Community Elementary School (NCES), Northwoods Community Secondary School (NCSS) and the Rhineland Environmental Stewardship Academy (RESA) are well known.

Pineview school set for remodel (*Reedsburg Times Press* © 02/01/2010)

REEDSBURG - Referendum passing or not, Pineview Elementary will be getting a \$280,000 renovation this summer. The project will be funded completely through federal stimulus money as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and includes overhauling locker space to classroom space for special needs students.

School theatre offers movies on the cheap (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 02/02/2010)

Head back to school and enjoy a cheap night at the movies.

Seminars will make teachers climate-change ambassadors (*UW Madison* © 02/01/2010)

The Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will join the Madison Metropolitan School District in a three-year project to prepare science teachers to be climate-literacy ambassadors in their schools and communities.

Unified English Language Learner students succeed on ACCESS test (*Racine Journal Times* © 02/02/2010)

RACINE - The State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced that students from Racine Unified's Limited English Proficient program, also known as English Language Learner, have met the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for the 2008-09 school year.

Viroqua school referendum doesn't seek 'more' (*Vernon County Broadcaster* © 02/01/2010)

The Viroqua Area School District is seeking \$1.25 million spread over five years through a referendum in April to help the district keep up with maintenance repairs and capital improvements.

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