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**Board clarifies school use guidelines** (*Mukwonago Chief* © 02/03/2010)

Mukwonago Area School District — administrators will now have clearer guidelines when prioritizing use of district facilities after the School Board passed a revision of the district's facility use policy Jan. 25. The policy also gives principals the ability to make sure facilities are not monopolized, by allowing them to determine the proportion of use at each level.

**Compromise MPS control bill proposed** (*Business Journal of Milwaukee* © 02/02/2010)

Wisconsin state Rep. Fred Kessler is attempting to settle the dispute over who should control Milwaukee Public Schools with a new plan that would give the mayor some control of city schools.

**Former principal, Onalaska administrator among West Salem superintendent finalists** (*Online La Crosse Tribune* © 02/03/2010)

WEST SALEM - A field of 17 candidates has been narrowed to three finalists for superintendent of the West Salem School District.

**New approach for sex-ed** (*Beloit Daily News* © 02/02/2010)

The School District of Beloit and neighboring districts may be re-examining the way they teach sex education.

**No support for Kessler's proposal from mayor, governor** (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 02/03/2010)

Spokespeople for Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Gov. Jim Doyle did not lend support to a mayoral control compromise proposal offered today by Rep. Fred Kessler (D-Milwaukee).

**Pardeeville schools face cuts even if referendum passes; if it doesn't pass, cuts to be deeper** (*Portage Daily Register* © 02/03/2010)

The next two years are going to be "very tight" financially for the Pardeeville School District, said Administrator Gus Knitt, and said he hopes voters will approve an operational referendum. Still, cuts will be necessary either way.

**Pines awaits decision on gold-level challenge** (*Vilas County News Review* © 02/03/2010)

A decision on the re-evaluation of Northland Pines High School receiving a Leadership in Environmental and Economic Design (LEED) gold-level standard by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has been delayed.

**Retired teachers worry about district** (*Stevens Point Journal* © 02/03/2010)

Elbert Rackow, 82, retired from teaching at Stevens Point Area Senior High in 1990, but he said he never stopped being an educator.

**SAGE worth the price? (*Superior Daily Telegram WI* © 02/03/2010)**

The future of the Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) program is in question again in the Superior school district.

**School district tours to showcase updated renovations (*Online La Crosse Tribune* © 02/02/2010)**

The La Crosse School District will offer building tours at the three schools that received heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades and other facility renovations this past summer.

**Sturgeon Bay School Board OKs contract rollovers (*Door County Advocate* © 02/03/2010)**

In a closed-session meeting Jan. 27, the Sturgeon Bay School Board voted to approve a rollover of administrative and nonunion staff two-year contracts into the second year.

**Washington Island referendum questions approved (*Door County Advocate* © 02/03/2010)**

On Jan. 28, the Washington Island School Board approved two of its April referendum questions, one of which will allow the school to exceed the revenue cap by \$292,700.

**Abstinence-only classes reduced sexual activity, study found (*WBAY Green Bay* © 02/02/2010)**

MONDAY, Feb. 1 (HealthDay News) -- Adolescents who took abstinence-only sex education classes were more likely to delay having sex, a new study shows.

**Jackson Elementary seeks grant for pedestrian safety changes (*Manitowoc Herald Times* © 02/03/2010)**

MANITOWOC — The Manitowoc Public School District and community groups are seeking to improve student safety during pick-ups and drop-offs at Jackson Elementary School.

**Neenah Joint School District Board of Education renews look at semester schedule (*Post Crescent* © 02/03/2010)**

NEENAH — Neenah High School will switch to a semester schedule in 2011-12 to cut costs unless a compromise can be reached with the Neenah teachers union.

**New charter school opens in Montello (*Portage Daily Register* © 02/03/2010)**

After two years, High Marq Environmental Charter School in Montello is open and applications are being accepted.

**NTC offers classes at DCE Senior High (*Wausau Daily Herald* © 02/03/2010)**

WESTON — Residents immediately south of Wausau this year can take Northcentral Technical College classes closer to their own neighborhood.

**Acclaimed reading program at Elcho school provides a model for the state (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 02/02/2010)**

An acclaimed Elcho school district reading program has been chosen as a model for schools across the state.

**Students keep up with studies with online schools (*Stevens Point Journal* © 02/03/2010)**

iQ Academy is a public virtual middle and high school of the school district of Waukesha and one of 14 virtual charter schools in Wisconsin, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

**As kids age, secondary schools offer less support (*WBAY Green Bay* © 02/02/2010)**

MONDAY, Feb. 1 (HealthDay News) -- Fewer than one in four U.S. parents give their local secondary schools an "A" grade for how they deal with students who have behavioral, emotional or family problems, a new survey

shows. The survey -- the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health -- asked questions of almost 1,100 parents.

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*WASDA School Leadership Center-Madison*  
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*KI Convention Center-Green Bay*  
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*WASDA School Leadership Center-Madison*  
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*Kalahari Resort-Wisconsin Dells*  
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