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## **NEWS FROM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6:**

### **Appleton Area School District hears proposal for bilingual elementary charter school that instructs in both Spanish and English (*Post Crescent* © 02/06/2010)**

APPLETON — An elementary school that delivers instruction in both Spanish and English may be Appleton Area School District's next charter school.

### **Green Bay School District proposes \$6M in cuts, revenue enhancements (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 02/06/2010)**

The Green Bay School District will look to cut about 20 staff positions and raise \$85,000 through advertising if more than \$6 million in preliminary budget recommendations are approved.

### **Hunt for Kenosha Unified's next superintendent to pick up some steam next week (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 02/06/2010)**

The search for a Kenosha Unified superintendent will intensify next week as a firm narrowing the field of applicants selects candidates for the School Board to interview.

### **Ladysmith school administrator optimistic about budget despite revenue projections (*Ladysmith News* © 02/05/2010)**

The School District of Ladysmith will have to make spending reductions in its 2010-11 budget if it proceeds with one of the three scenarios in a budget forecast presented during a school board meeting last Wednesday.

### **Southern Door School District to buy buses (*Door County Advocate* © 02/06/2010)**

The Southern Door School Board approved the purchase of two used school buses at its Jan. 25 meeting.

### **Three finalists named for Oshkosh schools superintendent (*Oshkosh Northwestern* © 02/05/2010)**

The Oshkosh school board on Friday named three finalists for superintendent of schools.

### **Will school districts drop sex ed rather than comply with state law? (*Madison.com* © 02/06/2010)**

Opponents of a controversial sex ed bill passed by Wisconsin legislators last week warn that if Gov. Jim Doyle signs the bill into law as he has promised, some local school districts will stage a revolt against the measure by ignoring it or dropping their human growth and development curriculum entirely.

### **Area schools take more precautions for kids with food allergies (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 02/06/2010)**

As the incidence of childhood food allergies rises, schools are taking an increasingly active role in keeping kids safe. From designated tables to increased communication, helping kids with allergies — some life-threatening — has become a standard part of school life.

**Ladysmith schools to open their doors to the world this fall** (*Ladysmith News* © 02/05/2010)

A marketing strategy for a new International Student Exchange Program has Ladysmith school officials believing students from other countries will soon be living and studying here.

**Principal Hodges finishes her Hudson career on a high note** (*Hudson Star Observer* © 02/05/2010)

Along with the usual tools of her trade, Pat Hodges will likely be packing up a hard hat as she prepares to leave the principal's office at River Crest.

**Burlington board to discuss superintendent search Saturday** (*Racine Journal Times* © 02/06/2010)

BURLINGTON - Members of the Burlington Area School District Board of Education will meet Saturday morning to continue planning for their search for a new superintendent.

**Districts turn to arbitration to settle teacher contracts** (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 02/06/2010)

In an action that's likely to be repeated across the state, the West Bend School District is preparing to take contract negotiations with its teachers to arbitration, potentially among the first districts to do so since the Legislature removed teacher salary controls that held sway in Wisconsin for 16 years.

**Open enrollment applicants rise; area districts work to curb outflux** (*Minocqua Lakeland Times* © 02/06/2010)

Though the holidays have long since finished, open enrollment has just begun, as of Monday, Feb. 1. Statewide trends show that for many parents the annual period, which remains the sole tuition-free opportunity to opt out of the district in which they live, is just as important as yesterday's celebrations.

**Moore tells Evers to stop withholding MPS funds** (*Business Journal of Milwaukee* © 02/05/2010)

Following State Superintendent Tony Evers' threat Thursday to withhold \$175 million of federal funding from Milwaukee Public Schools for the district's failure to improve schools, U.S. Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) is asking Evers to immediately stop the process.

**NEWS FROM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7:**

**Issue Update: School Board to consider budget cut resolutions** (*Oshkosh Northwestern* © 02/07/2010)

EWhat's new: The Oshkosh school board on Wednesday will consider three resolutions that would close a middle school on the west side of the city, increase the ratio of high school students to teachers and change the middle school class schedule to allow for staff cuts.

**Sex education on school board agenda Tuesday** (*Janesville Gazette Extra* © 02/07/2010)

JANESVILLE — Sex education will be a topic at the Janesville School Board's meeting Tuesday.

**Unhealthy snacks restricted at Unified -- Soda, bake sales among casualties** (*Racine Journal Times* © 02/07/2010)

RACINE - An updated wellness policy limits candy, unhealthy snacks and home-baked goods in all Racine Unified schools.

**Day cares, parents use kids for profit** (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 02/07/2010)

Thousands of children from low-income families in Wisconsin are being kept out of kindergarten every year, and the state's subsidized child-care program is a driving factor, turning kids into valuable commodities, an investigation by the Journal Sentinel has found. The \$350 million Wisconsin Shares program lets parents keep their 4-, 5- and even some 6-year-olds in day care centers all day - at taxpayer expense - rather than enroll them in accredited kindergarten programs.

**Rates of STDs among teens reach epidemic levels** (*Madison Capital Times* © 02/06/2010)

She is here to fight an epidemic that will infect more young people at the center and in the rest of Wisconsin than H1N1, and Benson is one of the few people willing to take it on openly.

**Schools stress importance of CPR, first-aid training (*Marshfield News Herald* © 02/07/2010)**

While some schools require this type of training, the decision is local. The state requires districts to have emergency services plans in each district, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

**Plymouth School District adding two engineering courses in the fall (*Sheboygan Press* © 02/07/2010)**

The Plymouth School District will offer two new engineering courses in the fall — Biotechnical Engineering and Computer-Integrated Manufacturing.

**School Board looks at refinancing debt (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 02/07/2010)**

The Fond du Lac Board of Education will consider refinancing a \$7 million debt when it meets Monday, Feb.8.

**NEWS FROM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8:**

**Financial turmoil for school budget (*Oshkosh Northwestern* © 02/08/2010)**

A spike in the number of school districts absorbing deeper-than-required spending cuts implies an attitude change toward spending limits in light of financial turmoil.

**Bill would open up Wis. athletic association (*Madison.com* © 02/08/2010)**

No schools could belong to Wisconsin's school sports association unless the group abides by open government laws under a bill moving through the state Assembly.

**Farm to School program changes kids' views on food (*Madison.com* © 02/08/2010)**

The third and fourth graders at Sharon Elementary know where the veggies in their soup come from because they've visited the farms.

**Robotics in action in Valders (*Manitowoc Herald Times* © 02/08/2010)**

VALDERS — While some students are relaxing or getting their homework done for the next day, a dedicated team of 28 high school students voluntarily gathers every evening at Valders High School to put in four more hours of work.

**School spotlight: Students have all the right moves at Northside Elementary (*Madison.com* © 02/08/2010)**

MIDDLETON - When a teacher at Northside Elementary School taught students chess as part of a math enrichment class years ago, she was impressed by how much they enjoyed it.

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