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NEWS FROM SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:

Elcho school board reviews new goals (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 08/28/2010)

The Elcho school board reviewed goals for the upcoming school year and inked an agreement with its support staff union on Wednesday.

Janesville teachers, district, reach tentative agreement (*WJVL 99.9 Janesville* © 08/28/2010)

JANESVILLE — The Janesville School District and its teachers union have issued a short statement saying they have reached a tentative contract agreement.

Mukwonago school defends Indians mascot (*Stevens Point Journal* © 08/28/2010)

MADISON -- Mukwonago school officials made their case to state education officials Friday on why their Indians mascot is not discriminatory and should be allowed to remain in place.

Passing grade for Prairie Farm school budget (*Barron News Shield* © 08/28/2010)

It's early in the 2010-2011 budget cycle, but officials from the Prairie Farm School District are trumpeting what appears to be fairly strong financial standings for the district as another academic year approaches.

Proposed Sevastopol school levy passes (*Door County Advocate* © 08/28/2010)

Sevastopol School District voters on Tuesday night approved a proposed property tax levy of \$7.45 million at the district's annual meeting.

Sevastopol School Board considers bullying policy (*Door County Advocate* © 08/28/2010)

The Sevastopol School Board had the first reading of its updated bullying policy at Monday night's meeting.

St. Croix Central celebrates 50 year partnership (*New Richmond News* © 08/28/2010)

When school starts at St. Croix Central on Sept. 1, it won't be just another year.

3 Northern Door school districts shortchanged by school jobs fund (*Door County Advocate* © 08/28/2010)

A much-ballyhooed allocation of federal funds to help school districts preserve teaching jobs will do little for the three northern Door County districts.

Paris welcomes open enrollment families (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 08/28/2010)

At Paris School it isn't unusual to find students whose families have lived in the rural community for generations.

Split administration is working in area (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 08/28/2010)

In an experiment being watched closely by school boards across the state, the Elcho and White Lake districts, with a combined enrollment of 570 have chosen to share their administrator.

Teacher development program funds granted (*Beloit Daily News* © 08/28/2010)

The School District of Beloit will have some extra chances for teachers to receive professional development as part of a federal grant program.

Neenah mourns Wilson Elementary School principal Bill Pokel (*Post Crescent* © 08/28/2010)

NEENAH — Longtime elementary school principal Bill Pokel is being remembered by colleagues and friends as a devoted educator who was active in the community and a strong supporter of the arts.

Tentative agreement includes pay increases for Janesville teachers (*WJVL 99.9 Janesville* © 08/28/2010)

JANESVILLE — Janesville public school teachers will begin the new school year with the prospect of working with something they went without all last year: a new contract.

NEWS FROM SUNDAY, AUGUST 29:

Comparing districts: Do La Crosse's schools have too many administrators? (*Online La Crosse Tribune* © 08/29/2010)

The La Crosse School District has more administrators than 10 school districts statewide with similar student enrollments, according to 2009-10 state Department of Public Instruction data.

Sun Prairie High School Has Grand Opening (*Channel 3000* © 08/29/2010)

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. -- After eight years, \$96 million and Wisconsin's largest-ever referendum, residents in Sun Prairie are getting their first glimpse at the city's new high school.

Janesville students to view Obama speech (*Janesville Gazette Extra* © 08/29/2010)

JANESVILLE — Janesville public school students will see President Obama's back-to-school speech Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Madison Diocese won't stop teachers from airing Obama's back-to-school speech (*Wisconsin State Journal* © 08/29/2010)

Feedback from parents of Catholic school students has led the Madison Diocese to reverse its decision from last year directing teachers not to air the live broadcast of a national back-to-school speech by President Barack Obama, paving the way for more students to watch his second annual school pep talk planned for Sept. 14.

New year brings changes (*Rhineland Daily News* © 08/29/2010)

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 8 a.m., marks the first day of school in the Rhineland district. This past week, administrators and teachers began holding staff meetings and readying their classrooms.

NEWS FROM MONDAY, AUGUST 30:

Arbitration looks likely for stalled Ashwaubenon, Howard-Suamico teacher contract negotiations (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 08/29/2010)

Teachers in two local school districts — Ashwaubenon and Howard-Suamico — have been working without contracts for more than a year and talks could be nearing a standstill.

Are school district pay raises justified? (*WJVL 99.9 Janesville* © 08/29/2010)

JANESVILLE — Some will ask: Should teachers get raises when so many in the community don't have jobs or are seeing their pay cut?

Booster clubs, student fees keep activities going strong (*Manitowoc Herald Times* © 08/29/2010)

MANITOWOC — Lakeshore-area school districts haven't eliminated sports and music programs, but in today's era of tight budgets, they are relying on student fees and booster club fundraising to keep them going strong.

Committee delays proposed budget because of new federal funds - Sun Prairie Star - Sun Prairie, WI (*Sun Prairie Star* © 08/30/2010)

The Sun Prairie School Board's Finance Committee took no action on the proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year at its meeting on Monday, Aug. 23, because of information the district received on Friday.

Fortier is new Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School principal (*Minocqua Lakeland Times* © 08/30/2010)

Rich Fortier of Rhinelander has accepted an offer to be the new Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School (AV-W) principal.

Local school superintendents average \$130,000 (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 08/30/2010)

Public school districts in southeastern Wisconsin reported paying their top leaders an average salary of nearly \$130,000 in the 2009-'10 school year, data released by the state Department of Public Instruction shows.

LUHS implements enhanced academic study program (*Minocqua Lakeland Times* © 08/30/2010)

The Lakeland Union High School board unanimously authorized the recall of three staff members, resulting in costs of about \$118,000.

New Parkside principal ready for school (*Monroe Times* © 08/30/2010)

MONROE - Todd Paradis, Parkside Elementary School principal, understands how new students feel as they walk into school on their first day of class.

New principals at Kenosha Unified schools (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 08/29/2010)

When students return to classes at Kenosha Unified Wednesday, many can expect to see new faces at the helm.

Oshkosh schools work with \$3 million surplus (*Post Crescent* © 08/30/2010)

Oshkosh schools have \$3 million left over from the last school year, an unexpected surplus after the school board slashed \$5.5 million in spending to keep 2009 taxes low.

Oshkosh superintendent wants new approach to planning (*Oshkosh Northwestern* © 08/30/2010)

The new superintendent of Oshkosh schools kick-started strategic planning efforts in the district by suggesting the board of education allow others in the community to create the details.

School board approves loans; district gets good grades (*Dunn Connection* © 08/29/2010)

After a brief exchange regarding the difference between the committee of the whole and a regular school board meeting — raising the question of discussion vs. formal action — the Menomonie school board's first committee of the whole meeting commenced on Monday evening.

School district receives energy savings checks from WPPI, Focus on Energy - Sun Prairie Star - Sun Prairie, WI (*Sun Prairie Star* © 08/30/2010)

The Sun Prairie School Board and Sun Prairie Area School District were presented with two checks at the board's Monday, Aug. 23, meeting from Sun Prairie-based WPPI En energy and Focus on Energy.

School district will use \$1.8 million to plug budget holes (*Janesville Gazette Extra* © 08/30/2010)

JANESVILLE — A windfall of \$1.8 million in federal stimulus money will plug a budget hole for the Janesville School District, but it won't, at least technically, pay for teachers' raises.

Stateline-area parents struggling with proliferating school fees (*Walworth County Today* © 08/30/2010)

School fees and expenses for the Beloit mother of two and thousands of other Stateline-area families are climbing, and they're an increasing hardship for many families struggling in a stagnant economy.

Study: Unified central office move makes sense (*Racine Journal Times* © 08/30/2010)

RACINE - An internal study released last week recommends that Racine Unified officials sell the district's central office and move to a building on Racine's north side.

Teacher analysis: None fired in 5 years in Green Bay (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 08/30/2010)

When it comes to being a teacher in the Green Bay metro area, jobs have a lot of security.

Urban League president proposes charter school geared toward minority boys (*Madison Capital Times* © 08/30/2010)

Is the Madison Metropolitan School District ready to try a male-only charter school using a rigorous curriculum geared toward boys of color in grades 6 through 12?

Area students elevate ACT scores (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 08/30/2010)

Wisconsin students' average ACT test scores dropped to the lowest point since 1996 but still tied for third highest in the nation.

High school graduation rate climbs (*Oregon Observer* © 08/30/2010)

More seniors graduated on time last spring at Oregon High School than during the past two years.

Schools foster healthy eating (*Marshfield News Herald* © 08/30/2010)

Abbotsford and Greenwood school districts received Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants from the state Department of Public Instruction for about \$18,000 and \$13,000, respectively, to introduce healthier varieties of food in school cafeterias.

Campbellsport hires two administrators (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 08/30/2010)

CAMPBELLSPORT — The Campbellsport Board of Education took action last week to appoint two administrators to new positions for the upcoming school year.

Darlington school tax rate set to go up (*Monroe Times* © 08/30/2010)

DARLINGTON - Darlington Community School District residents could see a 1.86 percent property tax rate increase next year.

Menasha Joint School District officials consider facilities study of all district schools (*Post Crescent* © 08/30/2010)

MENASHA — The oldest portion of the Menasha High School building dates back to 1938.

New Glarus school district approves budget increase (*Monroe Times* © 08/30/2010)

MONROE - New Glarus school district residents approved a 3.21 percent budget increase for the 2010-11 school year at its annual meeting Monday.

Pokel, William Joseph (*Post Crescent* © 08/29/2010)

William Joseph Pokel, Neenah, 57, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 26, 2010. Bill was born June 28, 1953, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of William W. and Joyce (Goodfellow) Pokel.

Stimulus money to reduce Salem class sizes (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 08/29/2010)

Salem School will use federal stimulus money to hire teachers and bring down class sizes.

**Neenah awaits airing of MTV show 'If You Really Knew Me' featuring students (*Post Crescent* ©
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Neenah High School principal Colleen Doyle said the Sept. 14 show would be promoted to students when they return to school next week. Neenah has held Challenge Day four times in recent years.

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