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ACT scores up in 3 areas (*Monroe Times* © 09/01/2010)

MONROE - Monroe students improved in three areas of the ACT test from 2009 to 2010, according to Cory Hirsbrunner, director of instruction at the Monroe school district.

Algoma OKs transportation contract (*Kewaunee County News* © 09/01/2010)

The Algoma School Board at its Aug. 23 meeting approved a new transportation contract with Dworak Bus Service.

Back-to-school fanfare involves hand bells at 7:20 a.m. (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/01/2010)

First days of school can be subject to any number of publicity events staged by school district staff, but Milwaukee Public Schools has a particularly aural one planned for tomorrow.

Brown Deer teachers, board agree to new contract (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/01/2010)

Aug. 31, 2010 | Brown Deer — The Brown Deer Education Association and the School Board have agreed to a new two-year contract for the teachers.

Budget roller coaster continues for Janesville School District (*Walworth County Today* © 09/01/2010)

JANESVILLE — The Janesville School Board has jumped out of the budget frying pan and into the fire.

Despite losses, teachers eager to make best effort for students as school starts (*Stevens Point Journal* © 09/01/2010)

As high school social studies teacher Deb Kluz Baker prepared her classroom Tuesday for students to return today, she felt both excitement and apprehension.

Familiar territory: Two districts hire administrators from within (*Dunn Connection* © 09/01/2010)

It could be said they've come up through the ranks.

Fate of Waupun's Jefferson School sparks debate (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 09/01/2010)

WAUPUN — The sale of Jefferson School is on the minds of a lot of citizens in Waupun.

Johnson Creek schools eye Highway B site again (*Fort Atkinson Daily Union* © 09/01/2010)

JOHNSON CREEK - After considering eight options for expanding at the current site, the School District of Johnson Creek Board of Education decided Monday to look again at building on land the district owns along County Highway B west of the village.

Madison360: As school year starts, a pair of predicaments (*Madison Capital Times* © 09/01/2010)

It's the most exciting time of the year in the schools, says Superintendent Dan Nerad, as teachers and students enjoy fresh lesson plans and embark on new relationships.

New Elmwood principal knows area very well (*Pierce County Herald* © 09/01/2010)

ELMWOOD--Jennifer Alwin was born in River Falls and graduated from Prescott High School. Her parents now live in Spring Valley and her in-laws reside in Baldwin.

New teachers hired with federal aid grateful for opportunity (*Post Crescent* © 09/01/2010)

Appleton is spending nearly half its nearly \$3.2 million allocation to hire up to 14 elementary and secondary teachers to lower class sizes this fall.

Pewaukee referendum tries again for high school expansion (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/01/2010)

Aug. 31, 2010 | Pewaukee School District voters will get yet another chance to vote on renovation plans at Pewaukee High School, with the School Board approving a November referendum at its meeting Monday.

School Board Members To Be Paid For 1st Time (*WBIZ Z100 FM* © 09/01/2010)

School board members in Menomonie will now get paid for their work.

Schools ponder tax vote (*Beloit Daily News* © 09/01/2010)

The School District of Beloit is looking into the possibility of having a tax referendum to raise funds sometime in the future.

Some School Districts Offered Little Help from Federal Funding (*WSAW News Channel 7* © 09/01/2010)

The federal government has given the state hundreds of millions of dollars to allocate to area school districts. But some administrators are not happy with how the money was handed out.

Southern Door School District loses state aid (*Door County Advocate* © 09/01/2010)

Southern Door Superintendent Joe Innis informed that school board that the district is looking at losing \$486,546 in state aid for the current 2010-11.

Students return to construction at Trevor School (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 09/01/2010)

TREVOR — Students returning to Trevor Grade School Wednesday will experience some growing pains.

Unified remodels superintendent's office (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 09/01/2010)

Kenosha Unified Superintendent Michele Hancock will have a newly remodeled office come mid-September.

Unified, KEA approve new contract (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 09/01/2010)

The Kenosha Unified School Board on Tuesday approved a two-year contract that increases teacher salaries by 3 percent each year beginning July 1 and stabilizes health insurance costs for the next three years.

ACT scores continue to improve (*Menomonee Falls NOW* © 09/01/2010)

College-bound students at Germantown and Menomonee Falls high schools continue to perform above the state average on the ACT, the largest college admission and placement test. Recently released data indicates both schools improved, year-to-year. Participation also was up slightly.

As new school year begins, districts work to keep up with changing technology (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 09/01/2010)

As the new school year kicks off, a priority for many local school districts is to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in a wired world.

Back to school: School districts take aim at bullying (*Kewaunee County News* © 09/01/2010)

The bullying policies for Kewaunee, Algoma and Luxemburg-Casco all closely mirror the statewide policy, which defines physical, verbal, emotional and cyber bullying, outlines the districts' responsibility to address reports of bullying and provides consequences for students who bully.

Ellsworth school budget proposal includes mill rate hike of 1.92% (*Pierce County Herald* © 09/01/2010)

A mill rate of 8.87, an increase of 1.92 percent over last year, was included in the budget proposal presented at the Ellsworth School District's annual meeting Monday.

JHS bids in under budget (*Fort Atkinson Daily Union* © 09/01/2010)

JEFFERSON - Bids for Phase I of the Jefferson High School expansion and remodeling were approved unanimously by the School District of Jefferson Board of Education Monday night.

Madison school year begins First day preparations: Getting students to school and back home safely (*Wisconsin State Journal* © 09/01/2010)

As many students in the Madison School District head back to the classroom Wednesday, Sennett Middle School principal Colleen Lodholz hopes that upgrades outside her school will turn a "scary" traffic situation into a safer one.

New computers greet Unified students on first day (*Racine Journal Times* © 09/01/2010)

Jordan's new computers are seven of the 8,000 new computers that came in stages this summer to the Racine Unified School District through a new computer leasing program approved last spring.

They put the 'pal' in principal (*Mukwonago Chief* © 09/01/2010)

If your child goes to school in one of the Mukwonago School District's eight schools, you have a principal who cares about your child. Whether they've been in the district for 20 years or two years, each of these principals works hard to ensure every student's success.

With an eye on safety, schools ready (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 09/01/2010)

Summer planning in the Antigo school district involves far more than ordering textbooks and making sure staff is on hand when the doors open on Wednesday.

Algoma School District, Algoma Education Association sign 2009-11 teachers' contract (*Green Bay Press-Gazette* © 09/01/2010)

ALGOMA — The Algoma School District and the Algoma Education Association recently signed a 2009-11 teachers' contract.

ECASD switches to chocolate milk with less sugar (*WQOW ABC 18* © 09/01/2010)

Eau Claire (WQOW) – Students in Eau Claire now have a healthier drink option at lunch.

Elk Mound School District putting the finishing touches on remodel (*WQOW ABC 18* © 09/01/2010)

Elk Mound (WQOW) - Students in Elk Mound can expect some big changes when they return to school.

Failed referendum in Altoona affecting school year (*WQOW ABC 18* © 09/01/2010)

Altoona (WQOW) - As another school district heads back to school, the Altoona School District says the impact of a failed referendum will be felt district-wide.

Kromrey Middle School Closed Due To Mold Problem (*Channel 3000* © 09/01/2010)

MIDDLETON, Wis. -- There will be no school at Kromrey Middle School this week due to a mold problem in parts of the building.

Mold forcing area school district to use back-up plan for start of school year (*WQOW ABC 18* © 09/01/2010)

Augusta (WQOW) - Tomorrow is the first day of school for many area districts. Mold is forcing one area elementary school to go to its backup plan.

Mukwonago defends Indians logo (*Mukwonago Chief* © 09/01/2010)

The Mukwonago Area School District defended its use of its Indians nickname and logo at a hearing in Madison on Friday.

Schools find new way to communicate (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 09/01/2010)

The Antigo school district no longer relies on chalkboards, and it's now looking at new ways to inform families in the event of an emergency as well.

Schools getting more tech friendly (*Wausau Daily Herald* © 09/01/2010)

As most students across central Wisconsin begin a new school year today, they will use high-tech gadgets and Internet-based systems like no generation before.

Schools use stimulus funds to re-hire staff (*Kewaunee County News* © 09/01/2010)

While Luxemburg-Casco still is carefully considering how best to spend its \$373,200 share of stimulus funds awarded to the district through the Federal Education Jobs Act, the Algoma and Kewaunee school districts didn't hesitate to use at least some of their money to re-hire educational aides whose positions were cut due to budget constraints last year.

Unified plans to sell current office site for \$500,000 (*Racine Journal Times* © 09/01/2010)

RACINE - The Racine Unified School District is moving forward with a plan to sell their current central office site for \$500,000 and relocate to property and buildings on the city's north side that cost \$3.8 million, Unified documents show.

Back to school - and to bargaining (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/01/2010)

When teachers head back to their classrooms Wednesday for the first day of a new year for most public schools, they also will need to head back to their negotiating tables and attempt to settle contracts that expired more than a year ago.

Instructors get crash course on special ed in MPS (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/01/2010)

Special education has been a critical shortage area in MPS for years, exemplified by the fact that not one special-education teacher was included in the 482 layoff notices that went out in June.

To improve schools, big assignments need to be completed (*Wisconsin State Journal* © 09/01/2010)

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan issued three big assignments this week as millions of students return to classes across America.

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