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A new era begins with opening of new Sun Prairie High School - Sun Prairie Star - Sun Prairie, WI (*Sun Prairie Star* © 09/02/2010)

A new era began in Sun Prairie on Saturday, Aug. 28, as community members, Sun Prairie Area School District staff and faculty, students and the spirit of Sun Prairie, also called Curt the Cardinal, helped to officially open the doors of the new Sun Prairie High School.

Education jobs fund nets district nearly \$1 million - The Waunakee Tribune - Waunakee, WI (*Waunakee Tribune* © 09/02/2010)

When the Waunakee school board meets Sept. 13, one major topic of discussion may be what to do with the nearly \$1 million awarded in federal funds.

Lena School To Spend Federal Grant Cautiously (*Peshtigo Times* © 09/02/2010)

Lena School District will receive \$76,550 unexpected dollars this year from the recently passed Federal Jobs Preservation and Health Care Emergency appropriations, but Administrator David Honish has no plans to go on a spending spree.

New philosophy at Cardinal Heights raises the bar for education - Sun Prairie Star - Sun Prairie, WI (*Sun Prairie Star* © 09/02/2010)

An unveiling ceremony on Aug. 28 symbolically marked the start of a new educational philosophy in Sun Prairie, while officially opening Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School (CHUMS).

RF School District gears up for referendum (*New Richmond News* © 09/01/2010)

At its Sept. 20 regular meeting, the school board will take up the topic of a levy referendum, possibly for spring, that basically makes upgrades and improvements for all the local public schools so they remain functional for 30-40 years.

School budget calls for increase (*Fond du Lac Reporter* © 09/02/2010)

Fond du Lac School Board member Kathleen Nagle says taxpayers can't afford another increase.

School projects to go to referendum in Pewaukee (*Lake County Reporter* © 09/02/2010)

The Pewaukee School Board will once again present a referendum to district residents - this time on Nov. 2, seeking \$16.45 million improvements at Pewaukee High School.

Stimulus \$ bails out school district (*Lake County Reporter* © 09/02/2010)

Village of Hartland — As the Hartland-Lakeside School District begins another year, it starts on a much brighter note than was anticipated just two weeks ago.

Waukesha STEM Academy's party helps fight kindergarten blues (*Milwaukee JS Online* © 09/02/2010)

Waukesha — Outside, Mother Nature brought a drizzly start to the first day of school at the Waukesha STEM Academy; inside, some mothers of kindergarten students contributed a few water works of their own.

Almond-Bancroft joins with 12 other schools, UW-Platteville (*Stevens Point Journal* © 09/02/2010)

The Almond-Bancroft School District is partnering with 12 other Wisconsin districts and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to improve math and science test scores.

Beloit Turner seeking a testing turnaround (*WJVL 99.9 Janesville* © 09/02/2010)

BELOIT TOWNSHIP — The good news is more Turner High School students are taking the ACT test than ever before.

Big Foot sets highest ACT mark in 11 years (*Walworth County Today* © 09/02/2010)

WALWORTH — Big Foot High School's class of 2010 set the district's highest ACT average in 11 years, finishing slightly above the state mark on what's considered an assessment of college readiness.

Central, Wilmot reach out to freshmen (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 09/01/2010)

At Central, students in the Freshman Mentoring Program like Ware led new students as they got off the bus and later led them on tours, helping them find lockers and negotiate their class schedules.

Crews Cleaning Mold At Kromrey Middle School (*Channel 3000* © 09/02/2010)

MIDDLETON, Wis. -- Mold continued to be a problem Wednesday night at Kromrey Middle School in Middleton, delaying the start of the school year.

Economy a Concern for At-risk Students (*WBAY Green Bay* © 09/02/2010)

Even though Wednesday was just the first day of school for most students, school counselors have the economy on their minds.

Franklin makeover complete for new school year (*Manitowoc Herald Times* © 09/02/2010)

MANITOWOC — It might have seemed to students returning to Franklin Elementary School on Wednesday that they had walked into the wrong building when they saw the renovated interior and new gym.

Grant, Jefferson schools honored (*Stevens Point Journal* © 09/02/2010)

Two Wausau elementary schools have been honored for their success in educating students from low-income families.

High Tech School (*WTMJ Channel 4 TV* © 09/02/2010)

St. Catherine's Middle School in Racine may be the first I-Pad school in Wisconsin.

Local schools receive Wisconsin School of Recognition awards (*Online La Crosse Tribune* © 09/01/2010)

Spence and Summit elementary schools and Logan Middle School in La Crosse, as well as several schools in the Coulee Region, have been named Wisconsin Schools of Recognition for the 2010-11 school year.

McKinley Middle kicks off year as IB school (*Racine Journal Times* © 09/02/2010)

RACINE - At McKinley Middle School, Wednesday marked not only the first day of class but also the first day of International Baccalaureate programming.

Menasha schools look at staff options, recall teachers (*Post Crescent* © 09/02/2010)

MENASHA — As classes resume in Menasha Joint School District today, officials are scrambling to verify enrollments and possibly add teachers in large classrooms with a new influx of federal funds.

New, enlarged Indian Trail opens its doors (*Kenosha News (WI) © 09/01/2010*)

Indian Trail High School and Academy was suffused with an air of controlled confusion Wednesday.

Onalaska works to keep smaller class sizes (*WXOW ABC 19 La Crosse © 09/02/2010*)

ONALASKA, Wisconsin (WXOW)-- Small class size is a priority in the Onalaska School District. Eagle Bluff Elementary School added a new second grade teacher last week to help achieve that goal.

Pittsville High School freshmen ease in on transition day (*Marshfield News Herald © 09/02/2010*)

PITTSVILLE -- Wednesday was the first day of the school year for Pittsville High School, but only about a quarter of the students showed up.

Report raises concerns about Wisconsin's educational support (*Milwaukee JS Online © 09/02/2010*)

Per-pupil spending on K-12 education has remained fairly flat in Wisconsin over the past seven years, increasing the student-teacher ratio and dropping the state's national ranking in support for public schools, according to a new report.

Smooth first day of school eases Oshkosh district's budget fears (*Oshkosh Northwestern © 09/02/2010*)

Thousands of area youths poured into Oshkosh classrooms Wednesday bringing summer vacation to a close. High school officials said they experienced one of the easiest beginnings in recent years despite absorbing the brunt of district layoffs last spring.

State honors Janesville schools for test scores (*Walworth County Today © 09/02/2010*)

JANESVILLE — Adams and Lincoln elementary schools got the job done on test scores last year, even though large numbers of their students are from low-income homes.

Student from Kenya among those heading back to school in Green Bay School District (*Green Bay Press-Gazette © 09/02/2010*)

The Green Bay School District hosts an increasing number of students from around the world.

Three Madison schools get state School of Recognition award (*Madison Capital Times © 09/01/2010*)

Three public schools in Madison are among 154 schools in the state receiving honors for success in educating students from low-income families.

Viroqua High Schoolers do well on ACT test (*Vernon County Broadcaster © 09/01/2010*)

Viroqua High School students' ACT scores soared above the state average this year.

Back to school (*WDJT CBS 58 © 09/02/2010*)

MILWAUKEE -- More than 82,000 students are heading back to school Wednesday.

Engineering & Global Leadership Academy opens in Wausau (*Stevens Point Journal © 09/02/2010*)

Rudolph and 35 other high-schoolers looking for a different kind of learning experience spent the first day getting to know the layout of the school, which is in a suite of classrooms in a corner of Wausau East High School.

Get to know Westside's new principal (*River Falls Journal © 09/01/2010*)

There was very little homework preparation before Rita Humbert became acting principal at Westside Elementary School.

Rhineland district expects lower interest rates with bond rating (*Rhineland Daily News © 09/02/2010*)

Word this summer from financial services firm Robert W. Baird & Co. that the School District of Rhinelander has received the highest possible rating on its bond anticipation notes is good news, according to Superintendent Roger Erdahl.

Students welcomed back to classes (*Antigo Daily Journal* © 09/01/2010)

The Antigo school district welcome about 2,500 students back to the classroom today, with hundreds more returning to the books at Elcho, White Lake and the area's parochial schools.

Teachers' unit ratifies new Hayward contract (*Sawyer County Record* © 09/02/2010)

A two-year contract covering wages, benefits and terms of employment was approved Aug. 25 by the Northwest United Educators (NUE) on behalf of approximately 160 teachers in the Hayward Community School District.

Area middle school administrators helping sixth graders make smooth transition (*WEAU NBC 13* © 09/02/2010)

Middle school administrators in La Crosse are helping students make a smooth transition.

Freshmen get a jump on high school (*Kenosha News (WI)* © 09/01/2010)

Freshmen are starting their first school year at Wilmot and Central, but many of them already have gotten a start on high school.

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