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**October 17 | 5:30pm**

CRESKE AUDITORIUM

Listen to a short presentation,  
visit information stations, and take a tour  
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Check out the 2024 Facilities Referendum  
webpage at:

[www.mosineeschools.org/district/2024-facilities-referendum.cfm](http://www.mosineeschools.org/district/2024-facilities-referendum.cfm)



**LOOK FOR**

District newsletters, flyers, and articles  
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share referendum information.

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Email: [info@mosineeschools.org](mailto:info@mosineeschools.org)  
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## Facilities Referendum 2024: Why Now, and How Will It Impact the District?



**Greg Doverspike**  
Superintendent of Schools

I am honored to introduce myself as the new district administrator for the Mosinee School District. After spending over a decade serving as district administrator in Durand, and before that as middle/high school principal in Abbotsford, my family and I are thrilled to have joined this community. Over the past few months, we have experienced the warmth and kindness of the people here, and we deeply appreciate how welcome you've made us feel during this transition.

Taking on the role of district administrator is a responsibility I hold in the highest regard. In the coming months and years, I am committed to earning your trust and respect by adhering to three core principles: transparency, hard work, and fiscal responsibility. These values are foundational to my leadership approach. My motto is simple: we will provide the best educational opportunities in the most fiscally responsible manner.

At the forefront of the district's agenda is the upcoming referendum. During the August Board of Education meeting, the board voted to pursue a \$19.75 million referendum to make vital additions and renovations to Mosinee High School. This project, which has a tax impact of \$0.17 per \$1,000 of property value, breaks down to \$17 per year for a home valued at \$100,000 or \$34 for a home valued at \$200,000.

This referendum is the result of a comprehensive process that began during the district's Strategic Planning initiative in the 2019-2020 school year, where improving district facilities was identified as a top priority. Since then, the district has successfully completed several projects, such as the high school science wing and the middle school cafeteria, without seeking referendum approval. However, the scope of the current project necessitates a referendum.

Last spring, we engaged the community through a survey to gather feedback on preferred projects and acceptable tax impacts. Based on those results, the district has developed a detailed list of proposed improvements, including expansions and renovations to the Career and Technical Education areas, a new safe and secure entrance, upgrades to technology infrastructure, a new commons and kitchen area, new locker rooms, and the conversion of vacated spaces into educational areas.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to provide detailed information regarding the referendum through various channels, including *The Mosinee Times*, the district website (<https://www.mosineeschools.org/district/2024-facilities-referendum.cfm>), social media, and Skylert. Additionally, a mailer will be sent to all district residents, and we invite you to attend an Open House on October 17th at 5:30 pm in the Creske Center Auditorium.

## FCCLA Members Earn Gold at Nationals



Mosinee FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) had five students qualify for the **2024 FCCLA National Leadership Conference**. This summer, **Jena Bartnik**, **Dustin Brooks**, **Macey Mielke**, **Ruby Sliwicki** and **Sophia Knetter**, along with their adviser **Mrs. Susan Swinick**, traveled to Seattle, WA where they attended leadership workshops and competed on the national level.

Mosinee FCCLA members were incREDibly successful at the conference – all earned gold medals while competing in different STAR events. Jena, Dustin and Macey competed as a team in Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Ruby participated in Focus on Children, and Sophia competed in Entrepreneurship and placed 1st in the nation!

When they weren't busy at the conference, the group explored Seattle. They visited the Space Needle and Chihuly Garden and Glass, and rode The Seattle Great Wheel. Pike Place Market was a favorite shopping spot and they also took a boat tour of Puget Sound and went whale watching. They saw the Seattle Mariners play the New York Mets and toured Washington State University. The students also spent a morning packing nearly 12,000 lbs. of food for a local food bank.

This trip would not have been possible without the support of the Mosinee community. The students and their adviser would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations toward their fundraising efforts: **Olson Tire and Auto Service**, **Olson Auto Body and Paint**, **Foundation Finance Company**, **Casa Mezcal**, **Wiggly**, **The Seven One Five Tattoo Collective**, **Gordon Aluminum**, **Mosinee Smiles Dental**, **I.K.A.D. Kustoms**, **Mosinee Family Dental**, **Be. Massage Therapy & Bodywork**, **Charlie's Hardware**, **Hog Creek Grill**, **Roadready Transfer Service**, **Ryan Hanson Insurance Agency**, **Sternot Auto Repair**, **Swatloski Trucking**, **TRW Auto Body**, **Valley Communities Credit Union**, **Gorski's**, **Luke Fenhaus Racing**, and **Central Wisconsin Vending**.

*Pictured above (l to r): FCCLA National Leadership Conference gold medal winners were Macey Mielke, Ruby Sliwicki, Adviser Susan Swinick, Jena Bartnik, Sophia Knetter and Dustin Brooks.*

## A Successful Spring Sports Season for Mosinee Athletics

Last spring, Mosinee Softball competed in the 2024 WIAA State Softball Championship in Madison. In Game #1 against Lake Mills, **Maggie Woller** drove in a run for Mosinee on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh inning, advancing **Amber Gonzalez** for the game winner. The final score was 10-9.

In Game #2 versus Waupun, Mosinee struck first as **Taelyn Jirschele** found her way home in the first inning after a barrage of errors. Mosinee held the lead until the 4th inning. The team had several base runners over the course of the game but could not string together the hits they needed and eventually lost in the D2 State Championship game 7-3, finishing as State Runners-up.



Mosinee Baseball beat La Crosse Logan in Game #1 in Appleton last spring, winning its first WIAA State game in school history. Mosinee scored six runs in the second and third innings, and provided all the runs needed with **Garrett Shupe** on the mound, as they cruised past La Crosse Logan 8-1. They then took on Edgewood in the 2024 WIAA State Baseball Division 2 Championship Game.

Mosinee jumped out to a 3-0 lead just three batters into their half of the first inning. After **Keagen Jirschele** reached base on an error to open the inning, he scored on **Taylor Lemanski's** RBI single. **Gavin Obremski** followed it up with a two-run home run for the three-run inning. Edgewood came back and went up 4-3 as Mosinee's pitch count climbed, sidelining Jirschele. Edgewood eventually won 12-6, however Mosinee still had its best finish to a season in program history.

Mosinee Track and Field had several athletes compete in the 2024 WIAA State Meet in La Crosse.

**Madison Orlovsky**, **Katelyn Baars**, **Britt Fitzgerald**, **Taelyn Jirschele**, **Alannah Wolfgram**, and **Macie Hartle** competed in the 1600M Relay; **Britt Fitzgerald** ran the 200M Dash; and **Omar Ingram** took third place in the Division 2 Boys High Jump!

Congratulations to all on an outstanding season!

*Pictured top: The Mosinee Softball team gathers in the Badgers locker room before Game #1 in the WIAA State Tournament.*

*Pictured middle: The Mosinee Baseball team finishes their season as State Runners-up.*

*Pictured bottom: Omar Ingram proudly displays his 3rd place medal in high jump.*



# Mosinee School District Welcomes Four New Administrators

The Mosinee School District is pleased to introduce four new administrators this year:



**Brian Grill** is the new director of student services and special education for the Mosinee School District. He is replacing John Sample who was the interim director for the 2023-24 school year. Brian received his bachelor's degree in special education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and his master's in educational leadership and policy analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Brian is entering his 20th year in education. He was a special education teacher at the middle school level for eight of those years and the last eleven years were spent serving as a director of special education and student services, most recently in the Nekoosa School District.



**Rod Huther** is the new business manager for the district, replacing Michelle Brown who left to pursue a new professional opportunity outside the district. Prior to coming to Mosinee, Rod served as Stratford School District's business manager for over 22 years. In his free time, Rod enjoys walking with his dog, reading, watching movies and following all the state sports teams. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children that are old enough to have left the nest.



After serving as associate principal for Mosinee High School for the 2023-24 school year, **Tom McCarty** is excited to serve as the new principal at MHS. Tom replaces Daniel Halvorsen who left the district to pursue other professional opportunities. Before returning to Mosinee, Tom was the middle/high school principal for the Edgar School District for four

years. Before taking on the role of principal in Edgar, Tom taught social studies and alternative education in Mosinee for nine years. Tom and his family have been residents of the community for the past 15 years. Tom's wife, Allison, teaches 1st grade at Mosinee Elementary School and their three children all attend school in the district. Max (7th grade), Clara (4th grade) and Kyler (4K) are active in many events around town making it likely that you will see part or all of their family throughout the year around Mosinee. Tom is excited to work with the families and community of Mosinee to build a high school and school district known for preparing all of its students to reach their potential and better their communities.



**Kurt Vanden Heuvel** is the new associate principal at Mosinee High School. He is excited to begin his 15th year in education, returning to a district that holds a special place in his heart. Kurt's journey began as a physical educator and coach in the Mosinee and Merrill School Districts, where he spent 11 wonderful years shaping young minds and fostering a love for education and co-curriculars. After obtaining a master's in administration, he continued his career as the activities director in the Wausau School District where he was proud of collaborating with students, coaches, and families to reinstate 11 player football at Wausau East, along with implementing transformational coaching strategies.

Now, Kurt is thrilled to be back in Mosinee, a community his family deeply cherishes. His wife, Jenna, along with their daughter Lakyn (13) and son Wyatt (9), are proud to be a part of this district. He looks forward to reconnecting with familiar faces and working alongside the community to make this year one of growth, success, and memorable experiences for all students.

## 2024 Facilities Referendum Financial Impact

If the \$19,750,000 referendum were approved by voters on November 5th, the estimated annual tax increase (over the current tax mill rate) would be \$0.17, representing \$17 for every \$100,000 of property value.

Visit the district website to calculate your tax estimate based on the fair market value of your property listed on your tax bill: [www.mosineeschools.org/district/2024-facilities-referendum.cfm](http://www.mosineeschools.org/district/2024-facilities-referendum.cfm)

\*Assumes a multi-phased approach with total amortization of 22 years using planning interest rates of 5.00%-5.25%. Tertiary Aid Impact: 15.70% (2024-25 July 1 Estimate). Mill rate based on the 2023 Equalized Valuation (TID-OUT) of \$1,609,054,203 with annual growth of 2.00% thereafter.

\*\*Impact represents the estimated change in mill rate for levies outside the revenue limit over the 2023-24 base rate of \$1.00.

Note: Planning estimates only. Significant changes in market conditions will require adjustments to current financing plan. Rates subject to change.

Property Value	Per Year	Per Month
\$100,000	\$17	\$1.42
\$200,000	\$34	\$2.83
\$300,000	\$51	\$4.25



## MES Freedom Walk



Mosinee Elementary students participated in the annual Freedom Walk to honor both the heroes of September 11th and those who currently serve the Mosinee community. Classes also participated in activities to learn the meaning of freedom, read books, made American flags, and wrote letters to veterans. They also wore red, white, and blue to show their patriotism.



*Pictured above top: Mrs. Sirianni's 1st grade class takes a picture by the fire truck after the Freedom Walk.*

*Pictured above right (l to r): Colton Christian, Lydia Christiansen, and Hudson Draheim participate in the Freedom Walk.*

## Community Pool Info Available Online

For information on water exercise classes, swim lessons, course offerings, birthday parties and events, and the latest pool schedule visit:

[www.woodsonymca.com/mosinee](http://www.woodsonymca.com/mosinee)

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Mosinee Community Pool & Programs

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Mosinee Elementary School

Mosinee Middle School

Mosinee High School

@MosineeHigh



## Mosinee High School Hosts Foreign Exchange Student



**Marek Kijonka**, seventeen, is the only foreign exchange student attending Mosinee High School this year. He is from Náměšť nad Oslavou in the Czech Republic. At home, Marek plays hockey all the time for a club team that travels to many different towns. He is a center and his younger brother Petr is a goalie. The Sandy and Steve Lewens family is hosting Marek, which is awesome since his host brother, Isaac, is a defensive player for the MHS hockey team. Marek thinks the weirdest part of America is our love of air conditioning because no one uses it in the Czech Republic. His favorite food at home is "fried cheesy fries" and here in America he loves pizza and burgers.

## MHS Choir Members Receive Top Honors

Two talented choir students from Mosinee High School earned top honors this past spring!



**Sophia Knetter** was accepted into the **2024 Wisconsin State Honors Music Program**.

She and over 400 high school students from throughout the state auditioned for the Wisconsin State Honors Choir by preparing a vocal solo and exhibiting other necessary skills such as sight reading and aural training. As a member of the 2024 Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Treble Honors Choir, Sophia attended a summer music camp, where she had the opportunity to work with other choral students from Wisconsin

under the direction of the selected conductor of the Treble Honors Choir, Dr. Mary Hopper, Professor Emeritus of Choral Music at Wheaton College. The culmination of this experience will be the choir's performance during the Grand Concert at the Wisconsin Music Educators Convention in Madison in October at the Overture Center for the Arts.



**Brylee Schwartz** was selected to receive the **Exemplary Performance Award** for her Musical Theater solo performance at the WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival held at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point on May 4, 2024. This award acknowledges students who exhibit superior performances compared to other student performers at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival. Brylee's selection for this honor is a well-earned acknowledgment from her adjudicator as well as the Wisconsin State Music Association. As an exemplary award

winner, Brylee was formally invited to audition for the 2025 WSMA State Honors Music Project in February, 2025.

Congratulations, Sophia and Brylee on these outstanding accomplishments!

## LeaderinMe® Monthly Minute

Students are leading the way at Mosinee Elementary School this school year with the district's social emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, *Leader in Me*. Part of this school-wide SEL philosophy is having a Student Lighthouse Team which allows students to have a voice and be leaders in their school. The Mosinee Elementary School Student Lighthouse Team is made up of four 2nd grade and eight 3rd grade students. These students completed a written application and were chosen at random to be part of the team. The students participated in a summer work day and have already been leading the way around school, greeting students at the doors, meeting weekly, and participating in the school assembly. These students look forward to modeling the 7 *Leader In Me* habits on a daily basis and planning other activities to make the school a more enjoyable place for all students!



*Pictured above (l to r): Mosinee Elementary Leader In Me members are (Back row): Co-Advisor Kelsey Rennie, Payton Wimpe, Emmi Wojcik, Aunalise Espinoza, Piper Nowinsky, Lydia Cole, Owen Ver Velde, (Front row): Calvin Schmidt, Jettson Draheim, Charlotte Huckbody, Colton Nichols, Kaylyn Nest, Cooper Wollersheim, and Co-Advisor Alyssa Garlie.*

## Merrill Steel Donates To MHS Metals Shop



The Mosinee High School metals and manufacturing classes were the grateful recipients of much needed helmets and weld jackets donated by **Merrill Steel**. Last spring, Danielle, an employee from Merrill Steel, sat in on an Introduction to Metalworking class. She then asked metals teacher **Mr. Paul Bartnik** what equipment he needed to enhance his students' learning. In September, Merrill Steel donated items on his wish list – 30 new fixed shade helmets adorned with a Mosinee Indians decal on one side and a Merrill Steel decal on the other, and 20 fire retardant weld jackets for students to wear while welding to prevent burning holes in their clothes. Thank you, Merrill Steel, for supporting Mosinee students and the trades!

*Pictured above: Mr. Bartnik's Introduction to Metalworking class with the donated helmets.*

## Mosinee Board of Education Notes

At the September 17, 2024 regular Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the following:

- minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on August 20, 2024
- donation from Merrill Steel
- school and district improvement plans for the 2024-25 school year
- Creske Center hours of operation during school day
- August's monthly voucher list and treasurer's report
- Annual Meeting Agenda for September 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- policy updates, coaches hired, job descriptions, Act 20 updates, and budget publication

The next Regular Board of Education and Budget meeting will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the District Educational Service Center. The public is invited to attend.

## PTO Notes

Highlights from the September PTO meeting:

- Fall Fundraiser orders can be picked up October 30th from 3:15 pm - 6:30 pm in the MHS cafeteria.
- The student prize for the Fall Fundraiser will be a party at Sawmill Adventure park.
- The PTO donated school supplies for the 2024-25 school year for students in need at the elementary and middle schools.

The next PTO meeting is Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Creske Library.

## Care Solace

The Mosinee School District has partnered with **Care Solace**, a service that quickly and confidentially connects individuals to available mental health and substance use providers. The service offers multilingual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of insurance coverage. There is also a self-serve website to find providers and services on your own. Care Solace is provided to Mosinee students, staff, families and community members at no cost.

Call: 888-515-0595 or visit: [caresolace.com/mosinee](https://caresolace.com/mosinee)

*Please note: Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health service provider. In the event of a life threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline 9-8-8.*



The Mosinee School District shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in the educational programs or activities which it operates or in employment practices. All inquiries or complaints regarding discrimination under Title II, Title IX, Section 504 or other state or federal law shall be directed to Greg Doverspike, Superintendent of Schools, Mosinee School District, 146001 State Highway 153, Mosinee, WI 54455 at 715-693-2530.

## October Calendar of Events

### MOSINEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7 PTO Meeting - Creske Library.....5:30pm

### MOSINEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

29 Butterbraid Fundraiser Delivery.....2:00pm-6:00pm

### MOSINEE HIGH SCHOOL

- 1 Cross Country - Invitational (A - Edgar) .....4:30pm
- Volleyball - Tomahawk (H) .....7:00pm
- 3 Girls Swim - Meet (H - Lakeland).....5:30pm
- Soccer - Lakeland Union (A).....7:00pm
- Volleyball - Antigo (A).....7:00pm
- 4 Football - Rhinelander (A).....7:00pm
- 5 Volleyball - Quad (A - Edgar).....9:00am
- 8 Cross Country - Meet (A - Auburndale) .....TBD
- Soccer - Northland Pines (H).....7:00pm
- Volleyball - Lakeland Union (H).....7:00pm
- 10 Girls Swim - Meet (A - Rhinelander).....5:30pm
- Soccer - Rhinelander (H) .....7:00pm
- 11 Football - Antigo (H).....7:00pm
- 12 Cross Country - Meet (A - Tomahawk) .....10:00am
- Volleyball - Conference Tournament (A - Medford).....10:00am
- 15 Picture Retake Day
- Soccer - Newman Catholic (A).....4:30pm
- 17 Girls Swim - Meet (H - Antigo).....5:30pm
- Soccer - Medford (A).....7:00pm
- Volleyball - Marathon (H) .....7:00pm
- 18 Football - Medford (H).....7:00pm
- 19 Cross Country - GNC Meet (A - Northland Pines).....11:00am
- 22 Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 24 Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 25 Cross Country - Sectionals (A - Colby).....TBA
- Girls Swim - GNC Meet (A - Colby).....5:00pm
- 26 Soccer - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Regionals (TBD).....TBA
- 31 Soccer - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA
- Volleyball - Sectionals (TBD).....TBA

For a complete list of activities and events, visit [mosineeschools.org](http://mosineeschools.org).



## Community Outreach Classes

To register, contact: Michelle Pozorski at [mpozorski@mosineeschools.org](mailto:mpozorski@mosineeschools.org)

CLASS	BEGINS	DAY	TIME	SESSIONS	LOC.
Beginners Knitting	10-3	Thurs	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Zumba	10-5	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Paint Your Own Gnome - Fall Outfits	10-7	Mon	5:30-7:30	1	MHS FabLab
Zumba	10-10	Thurs	6:15-7:15	1	MES Gym
Acrylic Painting - Tropical Fish	10-15	Tues	5:00-8:00	1	MHS Cafeteria
DIY Leather Earrings	10-15	Tues	6:00-9:00	1	Creske Library
iPhone Basics	10-16	Wed	6:00-8:00	1	Creske Library
Knitting a Hat	10-17	Thurs	6:00-8:00	2	Creske Library
Paper Mill Tour	10-17	Thurs	2:00-3:30	1	Ahlstrom
Zumba	10-19	Sat	9am-10am	1	MES Gym
Strength Training for 50+	10-22	Tues	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center
Forcing Bulbs	10-23	Wed	6:00-7:30	1	Creske Library
Strength Training for 50+	10-24	Thurs	4:30-5:30	6	Fitness Center

### ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTICE AND INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### ASBESTOS NOTICE

This notice is to inform the staff and students of the Mosinee School District that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has amended the 1982 Asbestos Rule.

The 1982 rule required school districts to conduct an inspection of school buildings for all friable (easily crumbled with hand pressure) asbestos-containing materials and, if present, notify employees and parents of their existence. This rule placed no continuing responsibilities on the districts.

In 1987 the rule changed. Districts are now required to have their school buildings inspected by an accredited inspector for all friable and non-friable asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM), conduct reinspections, and develop a management plan for dealing with asbestos.

In 1988, the Mosinee School District contracted Twin City Testing Corporation of Wausau, Wisconsin, to inspect and develop a Management Plan for each building in the district. The Management Plan was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services on October 12, 1988, as required by the new law.

The Management Plan had a mandatory implementation date of July 9, 1989. After that date, all asbestos-related work had to be conducted according to the Management Plan, unless altered by a

certified management planner. Periodic surveillances are conducted every six months to document the condition of asbestos-containing building materials.

All asbestos-containing building materials will be maintained with an operations and maintenance program, unless conditions warrant other action. Anyone interested in additional information about the location of asbestos containing building materials may contact the principal of the respective building or the district office to view a copy of the Management Plan for all district buildings.

#### INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

This notice is to inform staff and students of the Mosinee School District that, as directed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, (2009 - Wisconsin Act 96) has adopted these standards.

The Mosinee School District will continue to give annual written notice to all parent and employee organizations about the availability of the Management Plan and any scheduled abatement activities.

Steven Kaiser is the District Asbestos Coordinator and appointed IEC Coordinator for all district facilities and can be reached at 715-693-2530 for all questions and concerns.

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