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RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN APPROVED

The Board of Education approved the proposed Return to School Plan for the 2021-2022 school year at their regular meeting on Monday, July 19.

The Return to School Plan calls for scaled back mitigation strategies such as optional masking but maintains current level of sanitation efforts and use of seating charts as the new school year begins. "Optional masking means that parents and students will have the option to wear a mask if they so choose. Our district data from last school year and even this past month of summer school when we incorporated situational masking, indicate that students are not spreading the coronavirus at school. While we will continue to monitor the growing concerns surrounding the Delta Variant, we believe that we can start the school year without mandatory face coverings while still maintaining the health and safety of all students and staff", commented Mrs. Nichole Schweitzer, District Administrator.

Mrs. Schweitzer also noted that the plan is considered fluid and flexible. "The Plan includes provisions that allow us to implement mitigation measures based on developing circumstances, data, and research. Parents should be aware that, if circumstances dictate a change in strategies, we will move in that direction, even if that means a return to mandatory face coverings. For now, though, we will begin the school year without such and heavily monitor the data."

The Return to School Plan for 2021-2022 is posted on the District's website (<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/>) under "DISTRICT HOME" option in the right hand column. Mrs. Schweitzer can be reached for questions at (920) 986-3351 x761.

OPEN HOUSE

The School District of Shiocton is pleased to offer parents and students an opportunity to visit their classroom and put away their school supplies during our Open House:

**Wednesday, August 25
from 4:30PM—6:00PM**

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

In-person Learning Planned; Virtual Offered

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year with run August 3—13, 2021. The online registration can be completed through Skyward's Family Access. Instructions for the online registration can be found on the Registration Information link under the "DISTRICT HOME" option on the website (<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district>) or by visiting <https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district/registrationinformation.cfm>.

IN PERSON ASSISTANCE

For parents seeking assistance with the registration process, including families new to the school or those in need of interpreter support, in person assistance will be provided:

Tuesday, August 10: 3:00pm—6:00pm
Wednesday, August 11: 8:00am—12:00pm

Click on this link to sign-up for a time slot:
<https://signup.com/go/CWEmOvL>

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM OPTION

As part of our Return to School Plan, the District will once again offer parents the opportunity to request their child(ren) be enrolled in a virtual instruction program due to concerns with the coronavirus. This is a semester-long commitment that requires much support and oversight from parents on a daily basis.

- For middle and high school students, parents are required to provide oversight and guidance for students in conjunction with courses provided through Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS).
- For elementary students in kindergarten through Grade 6, parents are required to provide 3-4 hours of hands-on instructional support in conjunction with the lessons provided through Calvert Learning.

If you have a concern for your child related to the coronavirus pandemic and want to learn more about the virtual instruction program, please contact your child's principal after August 2.

FREE MEALS

A reminder that the District will again be participating in the free meals program offered for the 2021-2022 school year through the USDA. Enrolled students, regardless of income, are all eligible for a free breakfast and lunch during the school day. The free meals program does not include milk for classroom milk breaks nor ala carte or side menu items. There is no enrollment or sign-up needed. Any questions, contact Mrs. Danke at ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

FREE and REDUCED MEALS

Please continue to complete the application for Free and Reduced Meals. This way, when the free meal program ends, your family will seamlessly roll into whichever status you qualify for. Additionally, many of the federal programs base the funding we receive on the number of families that qualify for free and reduced meals, so your application is "doubly" beneficial. To learn more, visit:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/program-requirements/free-reduced-meal-eligibility/applications>

QUESTIONS

Please contact the school office with questions: Elementary Office x721; MS/HS Office x782.

School Year 2021-2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are committed as ever to the academic success of all of our students. The School District of Shiocton needs your help to make sure all of our students are fully prepared for academic success. We all know that hungry children have a more difficult time doing their best work. That is why we encourage all students to begin the school day with a nutritious breakfast.

The School Breakfast Program is available to all students to purchase every school day from 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m. You do not have to register your child in advance. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or occasionally. School breakfast makes good sense-it provides ¼ of your child's nutritional needs, meets Dietary Guideline recom-

mendations, and offers children a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

School Breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when kids are running late or parents have to be at work early. Oftentimes, kids are not hungry when they first wake up, but are ready to eat when school begins. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please have your child take advantage of breakfast here at school. Studies have shown that children who eat a nutritious breakfast have better behavior, better attendance, and improved test scores. Thank you for helping us to make sure that all of our students start the day alert, well fed and ready to learn.

Sincerely,
Debra Danke
Nutrition Program Director

IMPORTANT DATES

- 8/2 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00PM
- 8/3 Online Registration Opens
- 8/10 In-person Registration Assistance
3:00PM—6:00PM
- 8/11 In-person Registration Assistance
8:00AM—12:00PM
- 8/13 Online Registration Closes
- 8/16 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING—6:00PM
- 8/25 Open House 4:30PM—6:00PM

- 9/1 First Day of School
- 9/6 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day Holiday

Schmidt Wins Recycled Garden Contest



Ms. Robin Schmidt, Shiocton Elementary second grade teacher, recently received word that Shiocton Elementary School was the winner of the 2021 Brita and Meijer Recycled Garden Contest. The contest was open to schools nation-wide and ran from March to July.

"I found out about it (the contest) through Terra Cycle, which has been our recycling in the cafeteria for the last few years," said Ms. Schmidt. Terra put out this contest and automatically entered any school that had participated in the recycling program. The next thing I knew, we were in first place. So I started sharing it out and asking people to vote. And, we were able to hold on and win."

Ms. Schmidt has a history of implementing recycling efforts. A few years ago, SPICE supported efforts to recycle by collecting plastic shopping bags and similar items. In the lunch room, Schmidt has spearheaded collection of plastic-based wrappers and containers. She saw the contest as one more way to support recycling while also bringing learning opportunities to the students.

As the awardee, Ms. Schmidt said the Elementary School will receive three 4'x8' raised garden beds, two 8' picnic tables, three 5' high benches, and a garden waste receptacle. All of these products are made from repurposed, recycled materials.

"This is an amazing opportunity for someone to utilize raised garden beds." When asked about her vision for the use of these new resources, Schmidt commented, "Originally, I thought 'what a cool opportunity for the summer school or the daycare, especially since we're not in school during the usual growing season.'" Schmidt noted that many teachers and others have reached out about possible uses including planting foods used in FACE classes, using the beds in conjunction with the FOSS science lessons, starting a garden club, and even simply planting flowers to beautify the school grounds.

While the actual use and location for these items has not yet been determined, Schmidt is excited about the opportunities that exist

as a result of everyone's effort to help Shiocton Elementary School win the contest.

A big THANK YOU to Ms. Schmidt for orchestrating the voting effort. We appreciate her strong advocacy for recycling and are thankful for the opportunities these resources will provide for our teachers and learners.

If you would like to learn more about how you, too, can join TerraCycle's efforts to recycle, visit:

https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/about-terracycle/recycle_your_waste



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All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.

The Link is published monthly, from September through June and can be viewed at www.shiocton.k12.wi.us.

If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

The Shiocton School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

**ANNUAL NOTICE to Parents and Guardians per 2015 Act 55
 For the 2021-2022 School Year**

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The School District of Shiocton will continue to implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards and Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. Details on these standards can be viewed at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards> and <http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fscfp/pdf/ec-wmels-rev2013.pdf> respectively. Specifically, for the following content areas where revisions have been made or are pending, the District will implement standards from the year noted:

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| Mathematics—2010 | Physical Education—2010 |
| English Language Arts—2010 | Reading—2011 |
| Personal Financial Management—2006 | |

You will find additional information at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards/guiding-principles> and <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards/literacy-all-subjects>.

SCHOOL/DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

Each year, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction provides report cards and public performance reports for all public schools and districts in Wisconsin. Parents/guardians can request copies of these reports. Assessment results from the Forward Exam, the ACT, ACT Aspire, and others are available for review through the WISEdash Public Portal (<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>).

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

The School District of Shiocton is focused on providing a quality education with a variety of options to all students enrolled. The District’s traditional pathway of education begins with 4-year-old kindergarten and ends with 12th grade; all course work planned meets state standards and is designed in a comprehensive manner to lead the student towards earning a high school diploma.

The District’s schools include Shiocton Elementary School (Grades ECH – 8) and Shiocton High School (Grades 9 – 12).

In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms, Shiocton School District seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students. Options include:

- CAPP/PIE courses (college credits) through St. Norbert College, UWOC, UWW, and other UW system schools
- Transcript and Advanced Standing courses through FVTC (tech college credits or advanced standing)
- Microsoft TEALS Computer Science courses
- Career Pathway courses and Industry-standard certifications through CTE courses
- Telepresence, Blend-ed, and Virtual courses
- Youth Options & Part-time Enrollment
- Youth Apprenticeships
- 66.0301 enrollment agreements between school districts
- Other: open enrollment; private schools within 5-mile radius; part-time enrollment for homeschooled students

If you are interested in learning more about these educational options, please contact Mrs. Sandee Cornell, MS/HS Counselor (x711); Mrs. Dannielle Kern, ES Counselor (x762); Mrs. Kim Griesbach, ES Principal (x747); Mr. Nick Ortlieb, MS/HS Principal (x751), or Mrs. Nichole Schweitzer, District Administrator (x761).

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The School District of Shiocton hosts an on-site child care center for children ages 6-weeks to 8-years-of-age. Parents seeking a balance of pre-academic learning with social, emotional, and interpersonal development are encouraged to enroll their child(ren) in Shiocton Child Care Center (SCCC). To learn more about SCCC, visit the District’s website (<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/child-care/>).

SPECIAL EDUCATION VOUCHER PROGRAM (Special Needs Voucher Program)

For details regarding the State’s special education voucher program, visit <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>.

**2021-2022 PUBLIC RELEASE FOR SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION (SSO)
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM**

This is the public release that we will send to: Seymour Advertiser, The School News Paper, Colowitz Gas Station, Mini Mart Gas Station sent on July 23 2021

RELEASE STATEMENT

The School District of Shiocton is participating in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during COVID-19, a free breakfast and lunch program for the 2021-22 school year. All students enrolled at the following school(s) are eligible to **receive school meals at no charge**:

Shiocton Elementary School, Shiocton Middle School and Shiocton High School

USDA Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications are not required to receive free meals under SSO. However, applications may be distributed by the school to collect household income data for other programs that require this information, such as the Special Milk Program, Pandemic FoodShare Benefits (P-EBT), educational funding and additional benefits.

For additional information please contact: School District of Shiocton, Attention: Deb-bra Danke, Nutrition Program Director, N5650 Broad Street P.O. Box 68 Shiocton, WI 54170, 920-986-3351 x816, ddanke@shiocton.k12.wi.us.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price benefits. A student still needs to be eligible to receive free milk if a split session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

**FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE
For Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk**

Family (Household) Size	ANNUAL INCOME LEVEL		MONTHLY INCOME LEVEL	
	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>	Free <i>Must be at or below figure listed</i>	Reduced Price <i>Must be at or between figures listed</i>
1	\$16,744	\$ 16,744.01 and \$23,828	\$ 1,396	\$1,396.01 and \$1,986
2	22,646	22,646.01 and 32,227	1,888	1,888.01 and 2,686
3	28,548	28,548.01 and 40,626	2,379	2,379.01 and 3,386
4	34,450	34,450.01 and 49,025	2,871	2,871.01 and 4,086
5	40,352	40,352.01 and 57,424	3,363	3,363.01 and 4,786
6	46,254	46,254.01 and 65,823	3,855	3,855.01 and 5,486
7	52,156	52,156.01 and 74,222	4,347	4,347.01 and 6,186
8	58,058	58,058.01 and 82,621	4,839	4,839.01 and 6,886
For each additional household member, add	+ 5,902	+ 5,902 and +8,399	+ 492	+ 492 and + 700

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price benefits or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price benefits or free milk for children in a household where one or more household members receive FoodShare, FDPIR, or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, list the FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 case number, program name, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price benefits or free milk of households not receiving FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 cash benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, total number of household members, and the adult signing the application form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the box to the right of "Check if no SSN". Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price benefit/meal and free milk policy Deb-bra Danke Nutrition Program Director N5650 Broad Street P.O. Box 68 Shiocton WI 54170 920-986-3351 x816

will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the deter-

mining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: *Nichole Schweitzer District Administrator N5650 Broad Street O.O. Box 68 Shiocton, WI 54170 920-986-3351 x761* _____.

If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the household eligible for free or reduced price benefits or free milk if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above, and they may reapply at that time.

Children formally placed in foster care are also eligible for free meal benefits. Foster children may be certified as eligible without a household application. Households with foster children and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income available to the foster child, on the same application that includes their non-foster children.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 limits the release of student free and reduced price eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs. Consent of the parent/guardian is needed for other purposes such as waiver of textbook fees.

Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or

retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

*Delete the references to the Breakfast Program or the Split-session Special Milk Program if you do not offer these programs.