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Dear Parents and Family Members,

I trust that each of you weathered Winter Storm Alexander and are bracing for the cold arctic blast headed our way this week. As we look to the week ahead, we are monitoring the temperatures, as much as the wind chills. Please send your kiddo to school bundled up and ready for the walk to the bus or all the way to the school building, as I anticipate we will have school every day this week, unless the temperature, with windchill, harkens back to January 2018 when we saw -40 degrees.

As we think about bundling up and going out, a quick reminder that our final **Referendum 2021** meeting is scheduled for this **Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30PM in the school cafeteria**. I have included another Referendum Talking Point at the end of this letter, the details that support this information will be discussed at the meeting. The heat is on in the school, so consider joining myself and the School Board to learn more before the **February 16 vote date**.

We are hoping that our Seniors will brave the cold weather this Tuesday and Thursday as we welcome them in for **"Seniors as Fans in the Stands" nights**. The GBB team plays their final home game tomorrow against NEW Lutheran while the BBB team takes on the Thunderbirds from Iola/Scandinavia in a showdown for the Conference title on Thursday night. Face coverings and social distancing will be required as we welcome the seniors into the stands to support their teams. [Seniors must have a ticket; emails have been sent reminding them of the need for the ticket and how to get one.]

On the opposite end of the learning spectrum, we will be holding our **Four- and Five-Year Old Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-2022** during the week of **March 1 – 5 from 7:30AM to 4:00PM** each day. Enrollment packets will be mailed home later this month or sent home with those 4K students currently enrolled in our program. During the week of March 1, parents are asked to drop off the completed enrollment packet and to bring along the child's birth certificate. Please contact the elementary school office. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Referendum Talking Points

- The mill rate in 2018 was \$10.65 and \$10.23 in 2020
- The mill rate in 2019 was \$9.39 and \$9.95 in the current 2021 year.

These figures demonstrate the District's willingness to decrease the impact on taxpayers whenever possible despite the approval of a three-year referendum back in 2018.

Lunch Account Refunds

As mentioned in previous parent letters, the Free School Lunch program has been extended through the end of the current school year.

Many families have a positive balance on their lunch account. While this money will stay on your account for next school year, many families may benefit from having those dollars to use at this time. Learn more on how to request a refund by reading the related article on Page 5 of the February edition of The Link.

(https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/departments/the_link.cfm).

Wishing each of you a great week- Stay warm!

Mrs. Schweitzer

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