

COLLEGE, CAREER, and LIFE READY

Collaborative Partnerships

Priorities Identified:

- Partner with neighboring school districts for specialized courses, access to particular teachers, and access to specific equipment. (55 votes)
- Community based learning: business/industry partnerships, local career exploration, internships (on and off campus), and community mentorships. (42 votes)
- Develop systems of support: life support such as medical, mental, social-emotional, behavioral, recreation, etc. with community partnerships and additional staffing. (42 votes)
- Strategically engage parents for all 14 years: parent orientation, skill fairs, communication with parents via video tech, employers offer time off for parent engagement. Enable school to be a hub for family engagement and community connections. (32 votes)
- Mentorships: peer, community, parent, and intergenerational. (31 votes)
- Increase alumni support and involvement. (15 votes)
- More adults in the classroom. (6 votes)
- Maintain and increase Bulldog Pride (3 votes)
- Focus on two-way community engagements: increase hands on learning, utilize community talent as in-school volunteers. (2 votes)
- Scholarship opportunities and endowments for district success and stability (2 votes)

Actions Taken:

- The District partnered with the Peshtigo Chamber of Commerce to provide a Community and Career Expo (February 25, 2020) for students and community members. Business, civic, and industry leaders shared insight on the opportunities for small business, manufacturing, recreation, education, and others with students.
- Collaborative effort between the Marinette County Public Libraries and the District to register and distribute library cards to children. This partnership provides accessibility and convenience for families to obtain a library card without having to travel to a local library.
- Expansion of Peshtigo High Vocational School's to a total of 54 partnerships with local businesses to provide work experience opportunities.
- Collaborative efforts between Marinette County and CESA 8 schools to develop effective and safe school learning models through the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Partnered with the City of Peshtigo in the writing of a grant to improve the traffic flow and pedestrian safety on West Park Street. However our project was not awarded the grant.
- Staffing/Programming: a high school counselor with Substance Abuse Training and an assistant principal with a school counseling background have been hired to better support students and families experiencing trauma in the household.

What is next?

- Kayak Launch: a collaborative community effort to raise funds and install a Kayak Launch on Trout Creek. This will provide safe access to the river for our students, residents, and visitors.
- Facility Use: the district is seeking offsite space for concerts and/or living skill courses due to our own limited space.
- Virtual Tutors: volunteers from the community will provide tutoring opportunities for students who need additional support.
- Systems of Support: our student services team is reviewing our current services and identifying student needs. Follow-up meetings with potential community partners have been held, however the lack of personnel resources in the private industry is preventing this project from moving forward.
- The Happiness Advantage: a researched based positive psychology program that leads to increased engagement, levels of optimism and well-being, and learning outcomes.
- School District Collaborations: researching Ashley Furniture's partnership with Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall and determine if/what can be done in partnerships with neighboring districts.