

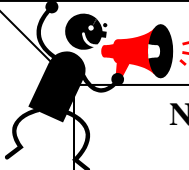
## Note from the School District Administrator

Rick Cardey

School is well underway and off to a very good start as we approach the midpoint of quarter one. Academics, athletics, music, and teamwork have all been on display and once again given us something to be very proud of. Hopefully, you will be able to join us at one of these activities during the wonderful fall weather that blesses the northwoods this time of year.

The process of developing and managing the annual budget is a year round task that finally comes together for the current school year with the annual meeting on the fourth Monday of October each year. This is the time when enrollment, state funding, property valuations, and levy determinations come together to help us finalize an annual budget. This year's proposed budget is built on the following priorities that our Board of Education has continued to endorse over the past several years. 1) Work hard to continue all existing programs and services for students 2) Evaluate staffing needs while balancing costs 3) Pursuing grants to help fund opportunities for all students, and 4) Spend fund balance if needed to balance the budget.

The budget information being presented is a preliminary budget summary until the State of Wisconsin finalizes all budget numbers on October 15. Although this may seem a little like the "cart before the horse", this remains the budget process in the state of Wisconsin. As a result, we have made "educated assumptions" about the numbers with the



### NOTICE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Rib Lake, that the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting of said District for the transaction of business will be held in the Rib Lake Elementary School on the fourth Monday of October, being October 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Please be advised that it is anticipated that more than one half of the board members will be in attendance.

*Administrator Note Continued...*

preliminary budget summary. By the time we meet for the annual meeting, we will have the final numbers so that the budget and levy can be adopted by the Board after the annual meeting.

Even though we received more in state aid, the district's revenue is limited by the State Revenue Limits. Our budget is extremely tight, with the loss of grant dollars at the state and federal level resulting in additional costs to the district to support established programming. These expenditures can make purchasing large cost capital items from the fund balance a necessity. This was the case in 2017-18, when the district purchased much needed special education equipment and a phone system (due to an outdated, non-supported system). Much more than ever before, the district budget is influenced by items like student membership numbers, open enrollment losses, special education costs, and college options programming.

In spite of the budget constraints, we are cautiously optimistic as we move forward. On the bright side, the elementary school debt is now paid off and the debt levy amount needed to cover the 2015 referendum improvements is considerably lower. The state budget also allocated more state aid, which will help taxpayers due to less reliance on local funds. The district will also receive approximately \$84,000 in School Safety Grants which will allow us to address safety, security, and mental health trainings outside the school budget.

### FACTS

#### Rib Lake District 2018-19

(715) 427-3222 – District Office  
(715) 427-3220 – High School  
(715) 427-5446 – Middle School  
(715) 427-5818 – Elementary School

Schools: **4** (includes RVA) Support Staff: **25**  
Administration: **3** Professional Staff: **43**  
Pk-12 Enrollment: **486** students  
Rick Cardey, District Administrator  
Kirsten Budimlija, Secondary Principal  
Jon Dallmann, Elementary Principal





I truly think that the Rib Lake District is a special place to live, learn and grow. Our initial 2017-18 test scores, participation rates, and number of college credits earned by our students attest to this. We have students who represent us very well, whether measured by test scores, success of our graduates or by the character of our students. When combined with the outstanding efforts of our parents and staff, good things happen on a daily basis. The Rib Lake Schools are also the heart of our community due to the support of the district residents. Whether it be volunteering, raising money for our facilities, taking test rides, helping fund scholarships, or supporting school activities, the district residents share a special bond with the school that is not always the case in other districts.

Your views as a stakeholder in the local educational process are valued. Please join us at the Rib Lake School District Annual Meeting on Monday, October 22 at 7 pm as we set the course for the year. The annual meeting allows residents an opportunity to focus on the needs of the district, student achievements, and helping create a vision for our district. I also encourage you to call me with any questions you may have throughout the year concerning school operations.

**PROPOSED 2018-19 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES (FUND 80) BUDGET**

PURPOSE	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Fitness Trail Maintenance/Improvement	500
Fitness Center (coordination, equipment, upkeep)	2,000
S.T.E.P. (Senior Tax Exchange Program)	3,000
Field Maintenance	4,000
Rib Lake Community Programs (RLCP)	5,800
School Resource Officer	4,200
Community Newsletter	1,000
Hockey Rink Maintenance/Improvement	1,500
Hall of Fame	500
<b>TOTAL 2018-19 Property Tax Levy</b>	<b>22,500</b>

**2018-19 Preliminary Budget Summary**

Values below are preliminary and will change when state aid is finalized later this month.

	2016-17 Audited	2017-18 Pre Audit	2018-19 Proposed Budget	Budget Difference from 2017-18 to 2018-19
Levy for General Fund (Fund 10)	\$1,683,598	1,708,463	\$1,696,462	-12,001
Levy for Debt Service Fund 38	\$51,806	\$51,806	\$39,783	-12,023
Levy for Debt Service Fund 39	\$736,425	\$719,500	\$518,800	-200,700
Levy for Community Service Fund (Fund 80)	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500	0
<b>Total All Fund Tax Levy (state aid) *</b>	\$2,489,599	\$2,502,269	\$2,277,545	-224,724
Mill Rate^	9.61	9.76	<b>8.90^</b>	-.86
Equalized Value*	\$259,001,721	\$256,479,692	\$256,493,592	13,900
Total Fund 10 Expenditures	\$5,529,639	\$5,826,099	\$5,837,352	11,253
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$699,702	\$635,991	\$635,991	\$0

^amount per \$1000 of property value

## Rib Lake Community Program (RLCP)

The Rib Lake Community Program was developed to enhance community involvement in the Rib Lake schools by offering outreach programs to the community. Our goal is to bring activities to the adults and families of our community while using the resources of our school facilities.

We had a successful year in 2017-2018 during which we offered 14 activities and had 469 participants! We are looking forward to increasing participation even more this year.

**We are excited to offer these Fall activities:**

**Yoga Class** -- *this is an 8-week class for adults -- class is still open to join.*

- Mondays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19
- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Rib Lake Elementary Music Room (Enter at the District Office at the far end of the building.)
- Fee: \$60 (includes all 8 sessions) with \$10 reimbursed if 6 of the 8 classes are attended. Fee will be adjusted based on number of classes attended.
- Bring your own yoga mat
- Certified instructor: Pam Peterson

**Zumba Class** -- *8-week class for adults and their children who also want to participate.*

- Tuesdays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Rib Lake Elementary Gym (Enter at the District Office at the far end of the building.)
- Fee: \$32 (includes all 8 sessions). Fee will be adjusted based on number of classes attended.
- Certified instructor: Shanna Mann

**Coming activities:**

- **CPR/AED Certification Course**
- **Orientation to the School Fitness Center**
- **POUND Classes**
- **Pickleball**
- **Grand Theater trip**
- **Family Movie Nights**

To register for the Yoga and Zumba classes, please visit the Rib Lake School District website: [www.riblake.k12.wi.us](http://www.riblake.k12.wi.us). If you do not have computer access, register by calling Judy LeMaster, Community Outreach Coordinator at 715-427-3222 and leave a message including your name and phone number.

**Note:** If you have questions or are unable to pay the fee or any part of the fee, please contact Judy.

# Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Month

The School District of Rib Lake extends its deepest appreciation to our local school board leaders during the month of October. We salute these public servants whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible:

- Jerry Blomberg, Board President
- Steve Martin, Vice-President
- Stacy Tlusty, Clerk
- Jason Dananay, Treasurer
- Amanda Treffinger
- Jackie Mohr
- Nicole Scheller



## Rib Lake Fitness Center

Come join the Rib Lake Fitness Center! The facility features cardio equipment such as treadmills, ellipticals, stair stepper, bicycles, **and our newest piece of equipment, the stepmill.** The weight equipment includes free weights, weight machines, and hand weights.

The annual fee schedule is as follows:

- Resident Family \$90
- Resident Individual \$50
- Resident College Student \$25
- Senior Citizen\*-Individual \$40
- Senior Citizen\*-Family \$75

\*Senior Citizen rates apply at age 60.



Fitness room hours are Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Contact Jim Dobbs at 715-427-5446 or [jjimdobbs@riblake.k12.wi.us](mailto:jjimdobbs@riblake.k12.wi.us).

Members: Electronic access for members to the fitness room has been changed from a fingerprint reader to a key fob system. Please see the high school office if you have not already picked up your fob.

The **VISION** of the School District of Rib Lake is that every student will develop a passion for learning and graduate with skills and knowledge to achieve personal success.

# LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

The **MISSION** of the School District of Rib Lake is to provide the highest quality education for every student in a responsive and enriching environment.

### Volunteering in the RL Schools

The Rib Lake School District views volunteers as a valuable resource in assisting students in the learning process. If you have an interest in helping on a weekly basis or on an as needed volunteer, call the Rib Lake Elementary Office at 715-427-3361. Volunteers who are 62 or over can receive a credit towards payment of their property tax bill through the Senior Tax Exchange Program (STEP) program

### School Safety

Like all school districts throughout the nation, school safety is at the forefront of our focus. The Rib Lake School District has been working for the past 3 years on the following initiatives to help prevent school threats

- Establishing secure entrances with visitor protocols.
- Focusing on improving building, staff and parental notification communications systems.
- Providing training to the staff and students in the ALICE method of crisis decision making.
- Partnered with the village for school resource officer hours.
- Focusing on mental health trainings, developing mental health and school safety teams, and non-violent crisis intervention programing.

### Energy Efficiency Report

The School District of Rib Lake has been tracking baseline energy use data since the referendum project of 2015. Electrical, gas, water, and wood usage has been tracked using pre-referendum data to current usage with the energy improvements. During the 2017-18 school year, reports showed the district saved \$20,685 in utility costs.

### CONNECT WITH US!



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This is just a reminder that the District creates and distributes a newsletter to all Rib Lake School District (RLSD) stakeholders 2-3 times each year. These newsletters reach all mailing addresses within the RLSD boundaries. Whereas additional information is communicated regularly to parents through the schools' monthly newsletter posted on the school website.