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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Welcome to the newest edition of Papermaker News. The District had another great year of success in academics, arts and athletics while continuing to be a low-spending district. Our five-year strategic Plan for Excellence is complete and provides clear priorities based on thousands of parent and community responses to our focus groups and surveys; thank you for your feedback. Our staff will work hard to reach the goal of helping students reach their potential. We have a community that truly supports children and I am proud to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Robert Mayfield, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## QUALITY EDUCATION AND FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

### An Update on Your Investment

Kimberly Area School District is a high-achieving, low-spending District and recently the district was allowed to increase its revenue ceiling. For the first time in 10 years inflation and increased operating expenses such as heating, cooling, busing and salaries will cause a rise in the mill rate. Another significant factor driving the tax rate higher is the increase in vouchers. Vouchers have seen a 20% surge, costing taxpayers in the Kimberly Area School District almost \$1 million annually. As a public school district, we strive to provide the best quality education to students while also being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds. Taxpayers' investment in the District helps the next generation prepare for life after graduation and positively impacts home values.

Low Spending		High Achieving	
<b>Tax Rate</b> (Mill Rate) <b>\$5.66</b>	↑ <b>FIRST INCREASE</b> In 10 Years	<b>District Test Scores</b>	↑ <b>ABOVE</b> State Averages
<b>Revenue Limit</b> <b>\$11,000</b>	↓ <b>LOW SPENDING</b> Less than State Average	<b>Academic and Career Planning</b>	↑ <b>IMPROVED</b> Students prepared for their future
<b>Private School Vouchers Cost Taxpayers</b> <b>\$3,595,997</b>	↑ <b>INCREASED 20%</b> in the last year	<b>Tuition Savings</b> <b>\$1.3 Million</b>	↑ <b>HIGH SAVINGS</b> Advanced Credit Coursework
<b>Tax Levy</b> <b>\$18,149,514</b>	↑ <b>ALMOST \$1 MILLION</b> in private school vouchers	<b>Arts and Activities Recognition</b>	↑ <b>MORE</b> Local, State and National Honors

*OUR VISION: Students will grow as problem solvers to reach their potential in academics, arts and co-curriculars.*



We encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns, go to our website, or scan the QR code for more information.

# PLAN FOR *Excellence*

The District's Plan for Excellence is a five-year plan outlining our commitment to developing community, college, and career-ready students.

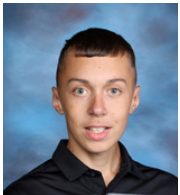


This plan was shaped by school district staff, students, families, and community members through a series of listening sessions, classroom observations, and surveys. At the heart of our plan lies a

commitment to aligning our efforts with the following key objectives: raising achievement and growth, preparing students for career pathways, developing problem solvers, and investing in student wellness. To view the Plan for Excellence in full, please visit [bit.ly/plan-for-e](https://bit.ly/plan-for-e). You can also receive a printed copy at any of our School offices or request a copy by calling (920) 788-7900.



## Good News FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Four Kimberly High School (KHS) students, Maeghan Wilkes, Gavin Stoeger, Ruby Zoromski, and Duc La, were recognized by ARTS of ALL Wisconsin as winners of the 2023 Creative Power Awards.



The Supermileage Vehicle (SMV) team at KHS had an outstanding 22-23 season. The students won their first-ever season champion award in addition to their gas-powered car being named event champion twice.



Twenty-five students from the Kimberly Area School District have been selected for the 2024 All-State Choirs by the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association. Congratulations to these students for pursuing excellence in the arts!



Congratulations to KHS seniors Aubrey Woodrow and Madelyn Strebel for their 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program accomplishments. Aubrey has been selected as a Semifinalist, and Madelyn received a Letter of Commendation.

## ***KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL SHINES WITH STATEWIDE ACADEMIC HONOR***

Kimberly High School (KHS) is thrilled to announce its exceptional achievement of receiving the Level 1 Advanced Placement (AP) Pacesetter Award from the Wisconsin Advanced Placement Advisory Council (WAPAC) along with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Of the more than 500 public high schools in Wisconsin, KHS is one of only 17 bestowed with the distinguished Level 1 AP Pacesetter Award.

*One* of only 17 public high schools in the state recognized

The Advanced Placement program allows students to tackle college-level work while still in high school and, through taking AP exams and courses, students can earn college credit and placement. There is also a financial advantage to earning AP credits while in high school, which helps students and families lessen the costs of higher education.

The Pacesetter Awards are unique to Wisconsin and are earned based on the percentage of students participating in college courses combined with each student's AP Exam scores. To be recognized as a Pacesetter Level 1 School, more than 30% of students at the school must take AP exams and more than 70% of those test-takers must receive a score of 3 or higher (students must receive a three or above to receive Advanced Placement credit).



The 4K Center welcomed the Kimberly Fire/Rescue Team in observance of the 2023 Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign theme was "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention."

## **10 REASONS WHY** **Your child should attend the 4K Center for Literacy**

- 1.** Highly skilled and accredited teachers
- 2.** Experience activities that grow their brains
- 3.** Experience new, exciting, hands-on things
- 4.** Make lots of friends
- 5.** Learn to love learning
- 6.** Get an outstanding foundation for the rest of their educational experience
- 7.** Learn how our language works
- 8.** Master routines and structure
- 9.** Build self-confidence
- 10.** "Work" by playing





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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

KASD community members ages 55 and over can join us at Community Connections!

What you'd miss!

- Breakfast
- Bingo
- District News
- Guest Speakers, Performances & more

Upcoming Dates

- December 15, 2023
- February 16, 2024
- April 19, 2024

Requires reservations to attend. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/40aEL1m>



## Upcoming Productions



**MARCH 15-23, 2024**

**A Chorus Line  
Teen Edition**

**JUNE 13-22, 2024**

**SIX  
Teen Edition**

Tickets at [kimberlytheatre.com](http://kimberlytheatre.com)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Mary Pribbenow
- Brad Siebers
- Penny Hoh
- Deb Roberts
- Kell Bales
- Ammie Ebben
- Tim Handrich

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for November 27, 2023, December 11, 2023, and January 8, 2024. View upcoming meeting dates, agendas and minutes online at [www.kimberly.k12.wi.us](http://www.kimberly.k12.wi.us).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Welcome to the twelfth edition of this publication from the Kimberly Area School District. Contact Jill Peeters, Marketing & Community Coordinator with questions or concerns at (920) 788-7900 or [jpeeters@kimberly.k12.wi.us](mailto:jpeeters@kimberly.k12.wi.us).

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