



Union Community School District

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“Education to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”

Greetings from the Union Community School District! The summer has come and gone. As we begin another school year, I wanted to (once again) say how proud I am to be the superintendent of this tremendous school district. As in previous years, my objective is to provide this newsletter as another form of communication in regards to district happenings. .

Start of School

Our first day of school is Monday, August 25th. There is no doubt we are going to have an excellent year. Further, as I have stated multiple times, in probably hundreds of settings, we have great students and excellent staff at Union.

School Calendar

Early last spring,, the Union Board of Education approved the school calendar for 2025-2026 This year’s calendar is very similar to last year’s. There is no school for students on the following dates:

- September 15, 2025
- October 20, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- January 19, 2026
- February 16, 2026
- March 9, 2026
- March 16-20, 2026
- April 20, 2025

Summer Projects

Since the start of the summer, the district has completed multiple facility improvements— in all buildings. Here are most of them:

- Repaved the parking lot at DG
- Painted some of the interior at DG
- Painted the walls and window sills in the upper gym at UHS and well as the main hallways
- Redid the sidewalk outside the main entrance at UHS
- Installed new carpet in multiple classrooms (across the district) and in the district and high school offices
- Put in new lights in the UHS gym
- Installed a completely new floor in the weight room at UHS

Thank you to all the companies and district personnel that completed/helped with these projects. Also, thanks to the board of education for their support in making these facility improvements a reality.

New Teachers

This year the district is welcoming three new teachers.. Here is the list:

Denali Jacobson- Elementary Music
Madison McKenna- High School Science
Levi Temple- High School Band

If you have an opportunity, please welcome them to the district. There is no doubt these three will do an excellent job for our district.



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Thank You

I want to publicly thank all our full-time and summer custodial staff. Their commitment and hard work are both shown by how great the buildings, buses and grounds look! I am very proud of them!

Bond Issue

On Monday, July 21, 2025 the board of education accepted 197 signatures from eligible voters and voted to call an election for a general obligation bond for this coming November. **This number (197) was almost twice what is needed by law, which was outstanding.**

The referendum calls for voters to approve \$18.5 million dollars, which is 2 million dollars less than the previous one, to address the following:

Union High School- HVAC, Fire Alarm, Electrical, Lighting, Ceiling, Roof and Sidewalk/Parking lot and greenhouse replacements, renovation of FCS and Life Science rooms as well as boys’ locker room, Addition of a wrestling room and a new kitchen, Revamping the current media center to a commons/cafeteria and relocating the media center.

Union Middle School- Completing Roofing repairs and replacements, Installing air conditioning in the gym, Renovating restrooms to allow access for all students and visitors

DG Elementary- Complete HVAC repairs and regular maintenance, Replace PA system and install updated fire system

LPC Elementary- Complete HVAC repairs and regular maintenance, Replace PA system

District- Add a new Bus Barn on LPC Elementary campus

All buildings will also have safety and security updates.

Please go to <https://www.uknighted4u.org> for additional information regarding the November 2025 bond referendum.

Fall Activities

Good Luck to all our fall activity coaches, sponsors and participants. There is no question all will represent themselves, the district and our communities well.

Thank you, once again, for your support, and may we all work together to have the best school year possible. Go Knights!

John Howard, Superintendent



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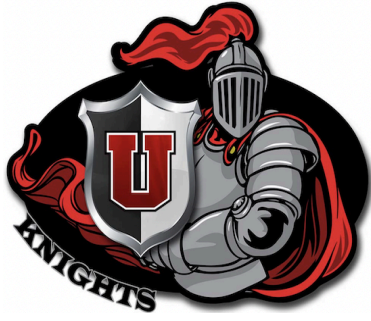
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