



# EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A small school community delivering BIG on education.*

Our ETCSD has provided both in-person and virtual learning since the first day of the 2020 - 2021 school year. These opportunities continue to be possible thanks to the strong commitment of the ETCSD and dedication of the staff toward meeting all student and family needs, along with the strong partnerships with our families and community.

## 97% of family survey

respondents stated they are extremely satisfied or satisfied with our East Troy Community School District's approach to providing in-person learning and virtual learning as options for this school year.



95% of family survey respondents stated they strongly agree or agree our district is focused on the social and emotional well-being of their child(ren).



## 92% of ETHS student

survey respondents stated they were extremely happy or happy that our district provided opportunities for extracurriculars and athletics.



Over the past 14 years, our district has implemented \$8.2 million in budget balancing efforts. While we are proud to have maintained a balanced budget and continue to work diligently toward meeting our student needs, **we recognize the negative impact that addressing ongoing structural deficits has on programming, staffing, and ultimately our students.** This spring, residents will have the opportunity to vote on TWO questions that will serve as both short-term and long-term investments for our community,

**businesses, property values, school district, and children.**

 **VOTE APRIL 6, 2021**

### District Goals

- Ensuring a year to a year plus of learning growth for each child, each year.
- Ensuring programming opportunities through systems and practices that develop the talents of each child in an era of globalization.
- Ensuring individualized learning by empowering students with a personalized learning environment.
- Employing the highest quality professional staff.
- Adapting facilities for current and future educational needs.
- Demonstrating fiscal responsibility through efficiency and effectiveness.

# Continued Celebrations



Virtual art shows were created for Little Prairie, Prairie View, Middle School, and High School students in order to display their incredible work from this year.



Two teams comprised of ETHS Seniors took both first and second place against regional schools in the Finance & Investment Challenge Bowl.



ETHS choir students, partnering with Hometown Sausage Kitchen, Yuppie Hill Poultry, and Simple Bakery produced a virtual Brunch with a Side of Broadway fundraiser that raised over \$2,700 - their most successful fundraiser yet!



ETHS Jazz students performed, filmed, and edited a virtual holiday concert.



5K students produced a heartfelt video of what the word "community" means to them.



Several Prairie View students broke pacer records this year! Some records were over 15 years old.



Our ETMS Bands continue to display impressive skill through numerous virtual performances: all of which can be viewed on our YouTube channel.



All four buildings have been recognized for their successful implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) system. (Left) 4K students recently earned a classroom glow stick party for positive behaviors. (Above) ETMS students earn various rewards throughout the year for their positive behaviors.



10.8% of our teaching staff are National Board Certified, and 55.8% hold a Master's Degree as of the 2020-21 school year.





ETHS Choir students collaborated with singer & songwriter, Wade Fernandez, through several virtual workshops in the fall.



Little Prairie & Prairie View students practice good literacy habits in school and at home as they complete their monthly reading calendars. Over the past two years, a significant increase in literary achievement has been seen within students graduating from Prairie View.



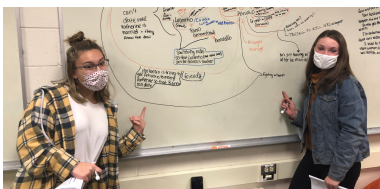
Extracurriculars such as LEGO Club, Ski Club, and STEAM Club have continued for our elementary students to participate.



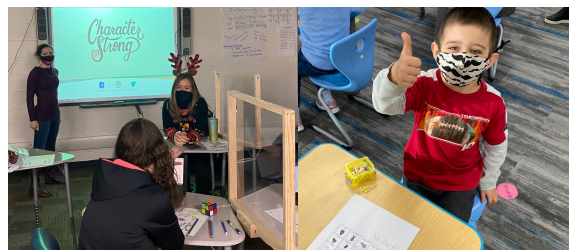
Athletics and extracurriculars such as Student Council, Ski Club, Art Club, and ASL Club have also continued for our ETMS students.



Thanks to strong community participation in the mitigation and safety measures, East Troy was able to continue providing athletic opportunities throughout the 2020-21 school year. Not only do we take pride in our high levels of athletic performance, but we understand the important role athletics play in the social-emotional health and academic success of our students.



Over 25 transcribed college courses are currently offered to ETHS students in addition to brand new coursework that has been approved for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.



All four building levels have remained committed to the social-emotional well being of our students. Two examples include the implementation of Regulation Stations in all 5K-2nd classrooms, and a brand new Character Strong program at our ETMS.



James R. Taylor, Lakes Area Painting, and our custodial staff recently worked together on a makeover for our ETHS Foods Lab.



115 ETHS students took 187 Advanced Placement exams at the end of the 2019-20 school year with 80% earning scores of 3 or higher.



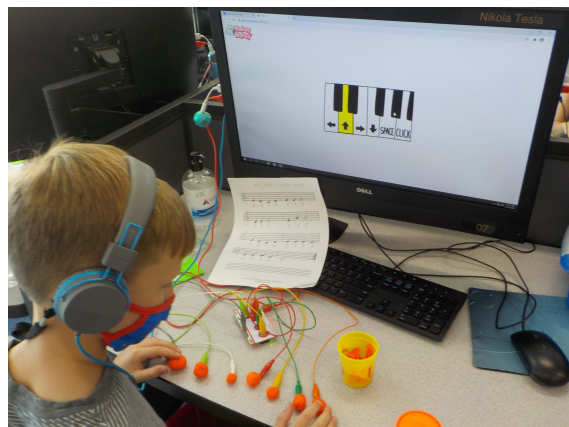
Our students K-12 did a fantastic job collaborating with the East Troy Chamber of Commerce in their presentation of the 2020 ET Lights Show.

### See More Photos and Celebrations!

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Prairie View students continue to foster community relationships from a distance - such as sending Valentine cards to residents at The Heritage.

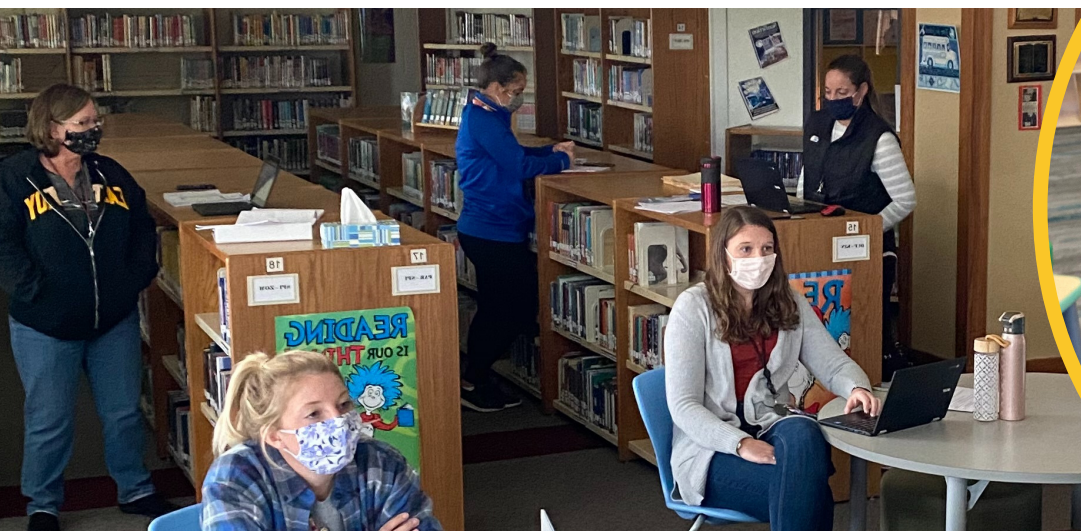


Our youngest students have been learning about robotics, animation, circuitry, and simple machines in our Little Prairie STEAM Lab!



# THANK YOU TO OUR EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

...for all that you've done and continue to do for our students, families, community, and fellow staff members! In all circumstances you display your TALENTS and WILLINGNESS TO SERVE our community by providing SAFE and HIGH QUALITY learning environments. We appreciate you!



"I would recommend ETCSO to anyone. There are so many opportunities available to their students whether it be the vast course offerings, clubs or athletics. The staff is fantastic and really forms relationships with their students. Again, bigger is not always better!"

- J. Ramlow

"Each one of you play such an important roll in our "littles" lives and for my husband and I, it does not go unnoticed! We cannot thank you all enough for how you are putting yourselves out there and being great humans for these kiddos. Please let your staff know how much they are appreciated and know that it has to be hard on you all personally and professionally, but we do appreciate all you do!" - S. Patz

## Thoughts from our East Troy Parents

"ETCSO has provided an excellent high school experience for our child.

Besides being a very welcoming atmosphere, our son has thrived academically and has enjoyed extra curricular activities, even during a pandemic. We are impressed by the variety of course offerings for a smaller high school.

Our son has enjoyed the class content as well as the staff members. We've experienced great communication and have been very pleased with ETHS's response to the pandemic."

- T. Krajnek



"ETCSO is a great district. Amazing teachers who take the time for your kids. I cannot say enough good things about my experience, I know without a doubt it was the right choice for my family."

- L. Gest

"My family had recently come in contact with someone who tested positive. We had to quickly change to virtual. Both schools were amazing and the process was so easy. I know it is not easy for the teachers, but they did a wonderful job engaging them and making them feel part of the class. Well done!"

- PVIETMS Parent

# JOIN OUR TEAM!

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Classroom Aides
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Summer School Teachers

- Opportunity to serve our students alongside our talented and supportive staff.
- HIGH LEVELS of safety and mitigation measures to keep our staff and students safe.
- FLEXIBLE options available to fit personal schedules.

Need more information? Please view our employment page at

[www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/employment-opportunities.cfm](http://www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/employment-opportunities.cfm) or contact our district office:

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## CAPITAL & OPERATIONAL REFERENDA: PLEASE VOTE

The East Troy Community School District is proposing two questions to voters on the April 6, 2021 ballot. The following information is intended to explain more about each question.

### QUESTION 1: OPERATIONAL REFERENDUM

The non-recurring, five-year operational referendum would provide \$8 million over the next five years to address projected budget gaps.

#### WHY?

The state funding formula (called the Revenue Limit or Revenue Cap) limits what any Wisconsin school district can collect in revenue. It affects all school districts differently, but over the past ten years approximately 87% of school districts\* have sought additional revenue through referendums.

In East Troy, like many school districts, state aid and local revenues are not keeping pace with costs. After 14 years of budget-balancing efforts, the District has come to a critical point where it no longer can sustain current programs, services, and staff.

#### HOW WILL THIS IMPACT LEARNING?

The operational referendum seeks voter approval to exceed the revenue limit to maintain current:

- Educational programs
- Student services
- Class sizes
- Staffing levels

If the referendum is not approved, the District must annually make significant reductions to programming, services, and staff.

\*Source: WI Department of Public Instruction

### QUESTION 2: CAPITAL REFERENDUM

The capital bond referendum would provide the district with \$8 million to address high-priority maintenance, building safety, and infrastructure needs.

#### WHY?

An essential responsibility of the Board of Education is to properly maintain the facilities and grounds of the School District within the annual operating budget. When costs for major repairs and replacements of equipment exceed what a limited budget can handle without sacrificing educational programming, the Board of Education may seek voter approval for a capital referendum. **An approved capital referendum gives the Board authority to borrow money for specific projects.**

#### The Capital Referendum, if approved allows:

	East Troy High	East Troy Middle	Prairie View	Little Prairie	Doubek
Roofing	✓	✓	✓		✓
Asphalt	✓	✓	✓		✓
Boilers/Mechanicals	✓		✓		✓
Windows		✓	✓		
LED Lighting Updates	✓	✓	✓		✓
MS Secure Entrance & Offices		✓			
MS Science Classrooms Remodel		✓			

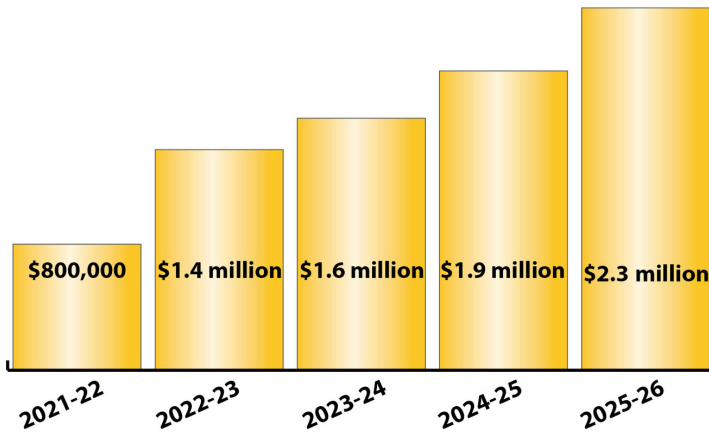
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# WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Without approval of the two referendum questions, the District will not be able to maintain educational programming and services, staffing, or address high-priority building repairs and replacements.

The non-recurring Operational Referendum requests funds to address the compounded projected budget shortfall.



## Estimated Tax Increase If BOTH Referendum Questions Are Approved

Assessed Property Value	Estimated ANNUAL Tax Increase	Estimated MONTHLY Tax Increase
\$100,000	\$94	\$7.84
\$200,000	\$188	\$15.67
\$300,000	\$282	\$23.50
\$400,000	\$376	\$31.34

If both questions are approved, the estimated mill rate tax increase is \$0.94 per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

## High-Priority Maintenance & Replacement Examples



Evidence of roof leaks can be found inside several buildings.



Repair damaged lintel at older single pane windows, which causes water and air infiltration issues.



Aging equipment poses difficulties in obtaining parts prolonging and increasing costs of repairs.

## **CAST AN INFORMED VOTE APRIL 6, 2021**

Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) to learn about voting absentee, polling locations, and sample ballots. Absentee ballots must be requested before April 1, 2021 and must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8:00PM on April 6, 2021.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2040 Beulah Avenue

East Troy, WI 53120

## School Board Meetings

**March 15** - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

**April 12** - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

**April 26** - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

**May 17** - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

**June 7** - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

\*Additional/Special Board Meetings may be scheduled as needed.



### Watch Board Meetings LIVE

Watch meetings LIVE via our district Facebook page, or watch it later on our YouTube channel. (Just search "East Troy Community School District" on YouTube to find our channel.) Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes from prior meetings are also available on our website:

[www.eastroy.k12.wi.us/district/board-of-education](http://www.eastroy.k12.wi.us/district/board-of-education)

## Open Enrollment

The 2021-22 regular open enrollment period is February 3, 2021 - April 30, 2021

### What is public school open enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live.

### Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school district to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment in other districts.

### How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2021-22 school year is from February 3 through April 30, 2021. Application forms and additional information can be found on the Wisconsin DPI website at [www.dpi.wi.gov](http://www.dpi.wi.gov).

### My family just moved to East Troy. How do I enroll my child?


Students who reside within the boundaries of the district may enroll anytime by visiting our district website or by contacting the building in which they will be attending.

### How can I request a tour?


Visit our district website to schedule a tour online, or give us a call. We would love to meet you!


## Connect with ETCS D via phone, online, and social media!



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