



EAST TROY

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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.

East Troy Middle School Students Stand Out

Our ETMS students are shining a spotlight on the Middle School after the recent Southern Lakes Advanced Learner Network Academic Bowl and Battle of the Books competitions.

Hosted by the Washington-Caldwell School District, five students from each grade were nominated to represent ETMS at the Academic Bowl in the areas of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Their fantastic performance earned our ETMS an overall ranking of first place!

The annual Battle of the Books competition also proved to be a huge success. One ETMS team, the Book Ends, was the first group to represent East Troy at the State Competition. Team members Matthew Markham, Holden Dierks, Isabel Banks, and Maya Bong, earned 360 points and brought home first place!



Several ETHS students, along with their peers from the St. Peters Brickbusters, recently became intellectual property patent owners.



Mrs. Arpin, along with the 5th Grade Art Club, recycled COVID barriers to create beautiful works of art now hanging in the PV cafeteria.



The recent Literacy on the LP Town Square event was a big success! Over 150 students and their families participated in a night of activities involving reading and writing! #EastTroyReads



Dear ETCSD Community:

I hope that you are able to take time to read about the wonderful accomplishments and celebrations of our East Troy Community Schools. The information within this newsletter once again demonstrates the many talents of our students and staff that each of us should be proud of. Enjoy the read and images!

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher G. Hibner, District Administrator

East Troy Earns National Yearbook Design Recognition

East Troy High School's yearbook has been recognized for excellence and is featured in the Walworth's *Possibilities* book, celebrating the best-of-the-best in yearbook design and coverage. The ETHS yearbook was one of only 342 college, high school and middle school yearbooks selected from thousands of schools and one of only three schools in Wisconsin that are featured in the book.

The Trojan yearbook was created by the 2020-2021 yearbook staff under the direction of editors Aliyah Malzahn and Thayne Schmitt.



The 2020-2021 Yearbook Staff: Zachary Eickhoff, Hannah Meyers, Natalie Bertschinger, Emily Aleckson, Maggie Donegan, Aubrey Erdmann, Jordyn Gulig, Aliyah Malzahn, Ben Buchholz. (Not Pictured Thayne Schmitt)

ETCSD Building Profiles

We are a small school community delivering **BIG** on education!

See what makes each of our buildings unique by viewing our building profiles.

Using the camera on your smart phone, take a photo of one QR code and it will take you right to the online building profile!



Little Prairie Primary & Prairie View Elementary



East Troy Middle School



East Troy High School



ART DAY, hosted by our National Art Honors Society students was a fun-filled event for all grade levels!



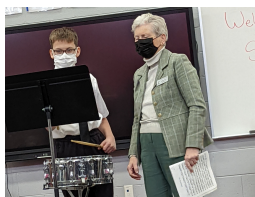
Second graders stand by the scarecrow they made to guard the seeds that were planted in the prairie while they learned about insects and plants.



Families, friends, and students brought their chairs and blankets to enjoy an evening together when our Little Prairie and Prairie View PTO recently hosted a movie night.



National Business students took home first, second, and third place in the Finance Challenge Bowl. Our top two teams now qualify for state in Madison on May 18th.



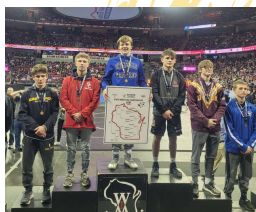
Our ETHS band and choir students participated in the recent district Solo & Ensemble earning 107 first place ratings and 18 second place ratings.



Prairie View students Ali Zwirgzdas (poetry), Aiden McBurney (poetry), George Heimos (art), and Jude Meighan (art) will have their work published in the upcoming Southern Lakes Anthology.



Jonah Edwards (120 LBs) finished in 5th place and Max Hudson (285 LBs) finished in 4th place at the WIAA State Wrestling Championships.



ETHS choir students visited the Grand Ole Opry, performed at the Cathedral of Incarnation, learned about music history and also participated in music history on their recent trip to Nashville, TN.



ETHS AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students continue to build skills and have fun through collaboration and inquiry.



Over spring break our ETMS students took part in a trip to Washington DC. In four days they visited many sites, experienced a wide array of American history, and took part in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Daniel Olsen from Snap Raise! came to ETHS to celebrate the choir's HUGE success in raising \$12,000 for our March performance tour to Nashville, TN.



Our ETHS Dance Team qualified for the State Dance Competition in both Hip Hop and Jazz.



Our ETHS Health Careers students were able to visit the East Troy Fire Department as they explore future career options.



Our ETHS Intro to Service students earned certifications as part of the American Hotel & Lodging Association Certified Guest Professional course.



Congrats to our ETHS Esports Team who recently took home 2nd place at state in Super Smash Bros!

See More Photos and Celebrations!

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Gateway V.O.I.C.E. Mini Grant Awards

Several of our ETHS staff members put in extra time and effort to apply for the Gateway VOICE grants. Together these grants have earned approximately \$42,777 to support our dual credit programs!

- Jinnesa Pluess: \$4,947.25 for electronic babies
- Mike Hoff: \$4,994.05 for welding PPE and portable welder
- Mike Mass: \$4,914.15 for portable hand tools and PPE
- Mike Hoff & Mike Mass: \$9,306.59 for manufacturing and construction supplies
- Deb Leising & Ryan Vlies: \$9,075.98 for laptops and accessories
- Kelly Anderson: \$4,939.38 for sets of manipulatives and hands-on learning tools for math students
- Nolan Pawelski: \$4,600 for laptops and accessories

ETHS Regional Career Pathway Certifications

The East Troy High School CTE Department is proud to announce that they received Regional Career Pathway certifications in the areas of Construction, Digital Technology, and Business Administration/Finance. The Wisconsin Regional Career Pathways (RCP) approach is a statewide effort to deliver high-quality career pathways in high schools that reflect the needs and vision of a regional collaborative group of employers, education, and economic and workforce development.

For schools to become eligible for these certifications, they must meet the following requirements:

- Taking a sequence of aligned courses,
- Earning an industry-recognized credential,
- Enrolling in dual college credit classes,
- Participating in career-based and work-based learning experiences, and
- Accessing related Career and Technical Education (CTE) student organizations

There are several benefits to the Regional Career Pathways. For high school students, regional career pathways align education and training with the needs of the local job market, provide a range of postsecondary options, result in a high school diploma with at least one industry-recognized credential, and help students enter or advance within an occupation.

For schools, career pathways provide a specific ACP plan for occupations that are in demand in Wisconsin. This allows schools to focus on student and curriculum activities with input and support from regional employers and higher education.

For employers, regional career pathways make partnerships with a greater number of schools possible. This allows employers to shape the future talent pipeline, foster young talent, and highlight local career opportunities across an entire region.

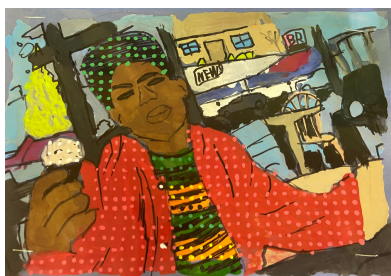
Prairie View Partners with Kiwanis

This year, Prairie View Elementary students (grades 3-5) have partnered with our local East Troy Kiwanis club. As a school district we value community partnerships and support students' desire to positively impact their school, community, and world. This partnership helps foster key character traits such as generosity, teamwork, empathy and kindness.



Currently, we have nearly 60 K-Kids (Kiwanis Kids) helping to identify and select local service learning projects that directly benefit our community. Students meet every other week during their lunch time with Mrs. Marolyn Komperud (Kiwanis member) and Mr. Mark Weerts (Principal) to develop projects based on student interest and community needs. For example, supporting food pantries, animal shelters, and residents at East Troy Manor. Our K-kids are also extremely passionate about helping others and our environment!

District Goals Realized in the ETMS Art Room



Painted triptychs, clay vessels, and cardboard sculptures: on any given day you will see ETMS students working on a wide variety of projects using mediums based upon their interests and skill sets. This is all part of the TAB (Teaching Artistic Behaviors) classroom facilitated by Mrs. Augustiniak.



Given a set of four standards to achieve, students are free to plan, watch demonstrations on techniques, and collaborate with their teacher and peers resulting in an exciting array of final artworks.

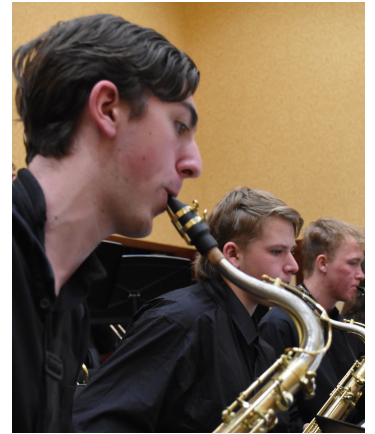
Student voice and choice, paired with critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, content, and curiosity paints the perfect picture of the educational experience that East Troy strives to provide.

ETHS Jazz Ensemble Earns 1st Place in Eau Claire Jazz Festival

At the end of April our ETHS Jazz Ensemble traveled to UW Eau Claire for the annual Eau Claire Jazz Festival. Students performed on campus for both the combo and big band competitions and were judged on their performance and ability to sight read.

The winning bands in each class perform at the night concert at the Pablo Center for the Performing Arts with the nationally known UW Eau Claire Jazz I Ensemble as well as other nationally known guest artists.

We are proud to say our ETHS Jazz musicians took 1st place in their class and earned a spot in the night concert performance!



Middle School Outdoor Reading Garden Project



This past fall our East Troy Middle School received a grant from the National Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. Led by Tracey Gross, ETMS Library Assistant, the grant awarded funds that were used to create an outdoor reading area for our students, teachers, and community to enjoy.

In September, twenty-eight yards of soil were delivered and shaped into two large berms. Seventh grade Agriculture students were introduced to Bob Kugach, Master Gardener, who volunteered many hours to instruct students on planting and maintaining perennials. Students planted nearly two hundred perennials and afterwards, five yards of leaf mulch were applied as the top layer. ETHS Agriculture students then edged the berms and later our ETHS Botany class planted one hundred and sixty spring bulbs. As spring approaches, the remaining funds will be used to plant at least two trees.

By late May and beyond, we anticipate students will enjoy reading and learning under the dappled shade of trees while gazing among colorful spring bulbs and perennials. Students from the East Troy Middle and High Schools will be maintaining the perennial berms and trees so this was a great learning project to benefit our current AND future students.

THANK YOU to Northwind Perennial Farm, Benchmark Landscaping, and Witte Supply Company for their partnership and donations toward this project. We also want to thank the ETHS Woods class for the constructed benches and tables!

Prairie View & Middle School Students Compete in Math Meet

Many 5th through 8th graders recently participated in the Southern Lakes Advanced Learner Network MegaMath Meet. East Troy Middle School and Prairie View students hosted our neighbors from Palmyra-Eagle to participate in five events which included individual and team events, a fun ice breaker, and a pizza party.

A total of 29 regional districts coordinated with their neighboring districts and participated in these events simultaneously, to have a fun and friendly math competition that recognized math talent and engaged learners. Scores were submitted and compared against peers when all was completed.



Great job to all our East Troy students for their fantastic performance, and good luck to the 5/6 Team as they continue on to the state competition at UW-Madison in May!



Team results:

- 5/6 Team - 2nd in Division
- 7/8 Team - 3rd in Division

Individual leaders by grade:

- 5 - Zach Hoff & Aria Kmiecik (Tie for 4th)
- 6 - Lyle Scanlan (3rd)
- 7 - Isabel Banks (3rd)
- 7 - Matt Markham (4th)
- 8 - Caitlyn Preiser (6th)



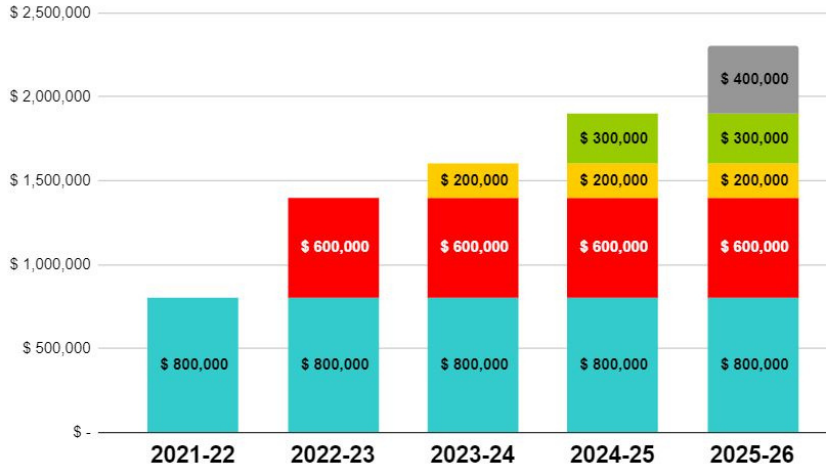
From 2020 Referendum to 2022-23 Budget Planning

Similar to predicting the weather based off current climate information, our East Troy Community School District will use current economic information in order to predict future budgets. Also similar to the weather, the accuracy of these forecasts is never a guarantee. Circumstances outside of our control can change, causing discrepancies between predictions and reality. This discrepancy increases the further you look into the future. It is always the hope that any discrepancy will be in the positive direction and for the benefit of our district, but best case scenarios do not always come true. Case in point, the difference in predictions seen from our November 2020 forecast compared to the current April 2022 forecast, are worse.

Based on the revenue limit formula, projections prior to the 2021 Referendum indicated compounding structural deficits of **\$800,000, \$1.4 million, \$1.6 million, \$1.9 million, and \$2.3 million over the next five years**, respectively, in order to support the maintenance of current programming, services and staffing in future years. A graph of this projection (created in November 2020) is shown to the right.

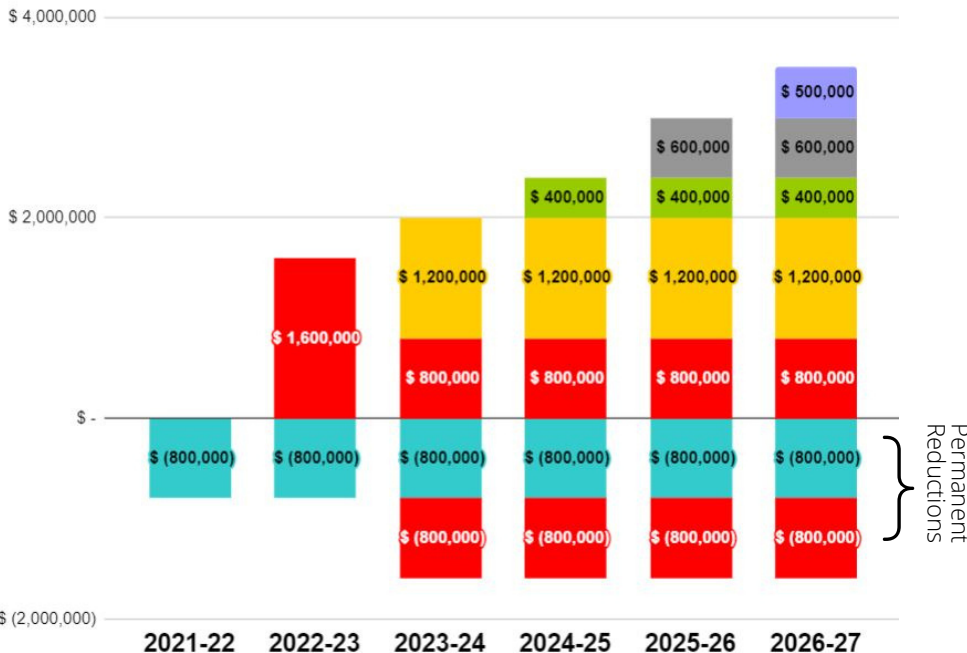
Since the Referendum did not pass, \$800,000 in permanent reductions (graphed in blue) were made for the 2021-22 budget and beyond. Without additional funding, another \$600,000 (graphed in red) in permanent reductions were expected for the 2022-23 school year and beyond. This graph shows a snapshot of the amount of permanent reductions predicted for each year in order to maintain a balanced budget.

Projected Deficits Compounding by Year to Support Current Programming, Services, and Staffing (Created Nov 2020)



Fast forward to April 2022, however, and we see that predictions have changed. Due to the enrollment not restoring in 2020 (100 student loss), a \$0/\$0 revenue limit and per pupil biennial budget, and inflation, our current projections indicate compounding structural deficits of **\$1.6 million, \$2.0 million, \$2.4 million, \$3.0 million, and \$3.5 million over the next five years**, respectively, in order to support the maintenance of current programming, services and staffing in future years.

Projected Deficits Compounding by Year to Support Current Programming, Services, and Staffing (Created April 2022)



The graph to the left shows the updated predictions with the completed permanent reduction of \$800,000 shown in blue. For the 2022-23 school year, there is a total deficit predicted of \$1.6 million. Of that amount, \$400,000 comes from positions added for district action plans, health insurance renewal and CPI higher than original projections. Currently we plan to permanently reduce \$800,000 from the 22-23 school year and balance the remaining \$800,000 using ESSER funds. It is not certain if ESSER funds will be available for future years.

Overall, **without additional funding**, our future forecasts are showing a higher chance of bad weather for our district. This information and more can be found on our district webpage and is discussed within our public Board Meetings.

THANK YOU to Our Scholarship Donors

Each year our ETHS seniors benefit from the generosity of local businesses and community members as they pursue their career and education goals. Join us in thanking our current donors for the 2021-22 school year for the many ways they support our schools and students!

- AAUW Geneva Chapter STEM Scholarship
- Alice Ludtke Scholarship - East Troy Alumni
- Allan Integrated Control Systems, Inc. Technology Scholarship
- American Legion
- American Legion Loomis Martin Post 188/Billy B. Gray Award
- Aurora Lakeland Medical Center Medical Staff Scholarship
- Beulah Wolline Trust Award
- Brad Mysliwski Scholarship
- Bret Miller Scholarship
- Citizens Bank Scholarship
- East Troy All Sports Booster Club Scholarship
- East Troy High School Achievement
- East Troy High School Alumni
- East Troy High School Alumni Tech School Scholarship
- East Troy High School Student Cabinet Scholarship
- East Troy Lions Club Award
- East Troy Music Boosters Scholarship
- East Troy School Employees Scholarship
- East Troy Women's Club - General Scholarship
- East Troy Women's Club - Medical Scholarship
- Elaine Peterson Memorial Music Scholarship
- Elizabeth J. Voght Scholarship
- General Federation of Women's Clubs - Wisconsin
- Howard/Cox Memorial Scholarship
- James R. Taylor and Sons Scholarship
- Jeffery Clyde Kreft Scholarship
- Julius Garber Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club Award
- Kiwanis Key Club Scholarship
- Kiwanis Rische Service Scholarship
- Knights of Columbus Award
- Laflin/St. James Masonic Lodge #247 Award
- Leona Doubek Memorial Teacher Scholarship
- Maud Key Memorial Scholarship
- Nubbinz Open Scholarship
- SC43
- The Haeger Foundation Scholarship
- Tom Manley Memorial Scholarship
- Triangle Sportsmen's Club Conservation Scholarship
- Wisconsin Oven Scholarship



It is easy to become a donor! Scholarship donations of any size may be submitted in person or through our district website by visiting: <https://www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/community/support.cfm>

Wish to donate towards other programs? Donations of any size may also be submitted in person or online to areas including our Angel Fund, Athletics, Facilities, Fine Arts, General, Playground, and Technology.

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School Board Meetings



May 9 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

June 6 - 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.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/board-of-education

#EastTroyReads

Our students, staff, and community have been so excited to participate in our first #EastTroyReads event!

From April 21st - May 25th, all of our Little Prairie and Prairie View families are encouraged to read the book *A Boy Called Bat* together to promote literacy and fun at home!


Thank you to our wonderful PTO for buying 530 books, and to our elementary staff for making this event a success.

Check out the event website at <https://etreads.weebly.com/>





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