



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER



ZM Schools has a school board and a bond referendum election scheduled for November 5. On the ballot for school board is Stephanie Miller, who was appointed last fall to fill a vacancy on the board. As per state law, schools are required to run an election the following year to fill the appointed

position. Also on the ballot are three questions for the renovation and expansion of existing facilities at ZM. After hearing from over 800 district residents, a majority of which indicated they would like a new plan put to vote, the district has proposed three questions. Below is the Notice of Special Election:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2805 (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), Minnesota, on November 5, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following questions:

### School District Question 1 Approval of School Building Bonds

Shall the board of Independent School District No. 2805 (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$38,585,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, safety/security and heating/ventilation improvements, technical/trades education learning space expansion, auditorium upgrades, classroom additions and renovations, Zumbrota cafeteria expansion and Mazeppa kitchen and cafeteria code compliance upgrades and expansion?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

### School District Question 2 Approval of School Building Bonds

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 2805 (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,350,000 for acquisition

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#### WHAT'S COMING UP?

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- 11/11 - Veterans Day Programs
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## VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE

ZM students and staff will commemorate Veterans Day on Monday, November 11 with three programs designed to help students understand the meaning behind Veterans Day at their appropriate age levels.

The public is welcome to attend any or all three of the events. Honored guests are members of the Mazeppa and Zumbrota VFW and Legions and the Mazeppa Honor Guard.

**Primary School—8:30 am,  
Primary Gym, Zumbrota**

**Elementary School—12:30 pm,  
Large Gym, Mazeppa**

**Middle/High School—2:30 pm,  
ZMMS/HS Gym, Zumbrota**





and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, Mazeppa gymnasium construction to replace WPA gym which will become a dedicated school cafeteria?

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**School District Question 3  
Approval of School Building Bonds**

If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the board of Independent School District No. 2805 (Zumbrota-Mazeppa), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,945,000 for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, Zumbrota gymnasium construction, track facility improvements, baseball field renovations to accommodate new gym and enhanced child safety bus parking, and accessibility upgrades to athletic fields including spectator seating?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

The polling places and precincts served by the polling places for the special election will be as follows:

**COMBINED POLLING PLACE:** Mazeppa Community Center , 278 1st Avenue North, Mazeppa, MN

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2805 located in Chester Township; Zumbro Township; Mazeppa Township; the City of Mazeppa; Wabasha County, Minnesota and Oronoco Township; Olmsted County, Minnesota.

**COMBINED POLLING PLACE:** Zumbrota City Hall , 175 West Avenue, Zumbrota, MN

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2805 located in the City of Zumbrota, Ward 1 and 2; Belle Creek Township; Minneola Township; Pine Island Township; Roscoe Township; Zumbrota Township; Goodhue County, Minnesota.

All qualified electors residing in the School District may cast their ballots at the polling places designated above during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: August 19, 2019.  
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
Angie Bredehoft, Clerk

# Vote ONE OF TWO WAYS:

★ **At the polls Nov. 5 between 7:00 am & 8:00 pm**

Goodhue County residents vote at Zumbrota City Hall

Wabasha or Olmsted County residents vote at the Mazeppa Community Center

## ★ Or vote by absentee ballot

Complete an ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION (available on school website [www.zmschools.us](http://www.zmschools.us) or from the MN Secretary of State website)

Return application to ZM District Office, 343 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956 or via email to [brendaw@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:brendaw@zmsch.k12.mn.us) OR vote at the District Office in Mazeppa between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm. weekdays.



## HEALTH CARE FESTIVAL AT RCTC

ZM high school students recently had the opportunity to attend a health care career festival at Rochester Community and Technical College where they had the opportunity to learn about the many health care careers available in the work world. Hands-on exhibits were offered giving students an idea of what a career in the growing health care field could offer.





## WILD WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR

Dear Parents:

We want to remind parents that we will be implementing Weather Impacted Learning Days (WILD) days again this year. In the event that weather keeps us from having school, the first day will not be a WILD day. Please have your child check Schoology for assignments on WILD days or in the case of younger students have them complete the predetermined activities.

Although the type of learning looks different for different age groups, Online Learning remains a good option for a majority of our students when traditional face to face learning cannot take place.

Parent Choice: Often times predicting weather and road conditions is not a one size fits all decision. Parent opinions on the topic vary from: we should never shut down to, call it off at the first flake of snow. The district weighs a lot of circumstances when making the decision. As a parent, you also weigh in on decisions when weather becomes questionable. If you have a young driver, have them ride the bus and if you ever question the safety of travel in your area of the school district, you as a parent can decide to keep your child home. Our district covers several municipalities and many townships. If the majority of these roads are plowed and a few are not, we may hold school. This is where we rely on you to make the best decision based on your circumstances.

School Notification: In addition to Text Messaging, E-mail, and Facebook, school notifications will also go out via WCCO 4, KTTC 10, KMSP 9, KARE 11, KAAL 6. Let's not hope for snow too soon!

Thank you,  
Mike Harvey , Zumbrota-Mazeppa Superintendent of Schools



## SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Small Business Entrepreneurship class visited Nelson Screenprinting to learn about their business and the process of screenprinting shirts. Each student made their own shirt using the design the class had created for this year's Cougarwear. Watch for opportunities to order starting November 4. Many additional items will be available.



*"The more I live, the more I learn. The more I learn, the more I realize the less I know." Michel Legrand*

## FFA FRUIT SALES

**The ZM FFA Chapter is selling fruit and other items for their annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the sales are used to help community members in need. Contact a FFA member or ZM High School FFA Advisor, Andrea Siewert by November 5.**



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The school board held their monthly work session on October 14. Items discussed included the following:

**2018-19 School Audit.** CliftonLarsonAllen representative, Craig Popenhagen, reviewed the 2018-19 school audit. He informed the board that the audit was considered a very clean audit and they found no financial issues. He reviewed the financial statements and graphs with the board. The audit was approved as presented.

**Kennedy Transportation SPED Contract**  
Mr. Harvey reviewed the cost of running the special education routes during the school year. It costs \$3,795 per vehicle for nine months. Other costs include \$1.25 per mile for extra-curricular trips, \$18.25 per hour from time of departure to return per trip, and \$20 per trip in the city limits. The contract will be on the October 28 board agenda for possible approval.

**Girls Track Uniforms**  
Jared Andring, track coach, was in attendance to request that the board move up the girls uniform purchase as he does not have enough uniforms for the track members. This will be on the board agenda October 28.

**Maintenance of Effort Information from GCED**  
Mr. Harvey reviewed with the board what maintenance of effort was and answered questions from the board.

**Referendum Update**  
Mr. Harvey gave the board the new flyer that will be mailed this week to all district households. He noted that the information that has been sent has been favorably viewed by residents.

Lane changes for the following were presented to the board for approval: Mary Kleese MS+32, Megan Nelson BA+10, Stephanie Adams BA+20, and Abigail Purmal BS+10.

The following district policies must be reviewed by the board annually. They will be on the October 28 agenda for possible approval. #410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, #413 Harassment and Violence, #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglects or Physical or Sexual Abuse and Form, #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, #506 Student Discipline, #514 Bullying Prohibition Policy, #522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination #524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, #616 School District System Accountability, #806 Crisis Management Policy #417 Chemical Abuse. This policy was revised, and #648 Students at Risk removed from policy guide as per MSBA recommendation and board recommendation at the last meeting. #533 Wellness. This policy should be reviewed prior to the state food review in December.

The board held a Review and Comment meeting at 6:00 pm on October 28 to review the Commissioner's statement on the proposed building bonds. The Commissioner's statement was as follows: "Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment."

Mr. Harvey reviewed the scope of the project and reviewed information from the public survey. An opportunity for the audience to

ask questions and comment was held.

The regular board meeting followed the Review and Comment special meeting. Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school, Mr. Rasmussen for the primary/elementary school, and Ms. Ahern on special education. Mr. Harvey reviewed the building project and the treasurer's report was available for review.

**Old Business:** The 2019-20 teacher and probationary teacher and non-certified seniority lists were approved as presented. The Kennedy Transportation special ed contract was approved as well as the purchase of girls track uniforms. The following district policies were approved after review at the October work session: #410 Family and Medical Leave, #413 Harassment and Violence, #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse and Form, #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, #506 Student Discipline, #514 Bullying Prohibition Policy and Form, #522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination, #524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, #616 School District System Accountability, #806 Crisis Management Policy, and #533 Wellness.

**New Business:** The consent agenda was approved including approval of minutes from 9/23, 10/2, 10/9, and 10/14. The following new hires were approved: Kaitlyn Finstuen, Program College/High School Assistant, Beginning 9/19/19, Kailey Cooper, Program College/High School Assistant, Beginning 9/17/19, Samantha Kleese, Long-term Substitute Teacher, beginning 10/21/19 - 1/17/2020, Benjamin Bryant, Paraprofessional Substitute, Beginning 10/14/19, Jessie Flaaen 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, beginning in the 2019-20 School Year  
Darin Nelson, 9th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, beginning in the 2019-20 School Year. The following resignations were approved: Samantha Kleese, Teacher Ass't Bright Beginnings & Cougar Care, Last Day 9/27/19, Madisyn Timm, Cougar Care, Last Day 10/9/19, Nikki Yusten, Assistant Softball Coach, and Derek Hatten, 7th Grade Baseball Coach. FMLA childcare leave was approved for Mae James beginning 4/10/20 until the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. A special meeting to canvass election results was set for 11/12 at 7:00 pm in the ZMES Media Center in Mazeppa with the regular work session to follow. The use of therapy dogs in the classroom was approved. The PEIP health insurance renewal rates for 2020 were approved and a resolution supporting the school district's application to the MSHSL for grant money to offset student activity fees was approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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## BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

It is time for the annual Book Fair—stop in either of the media centers in Mazeppa or Zumbrota on November 12 or 14 from 4-8 pm and browse through hundreds of great reads.

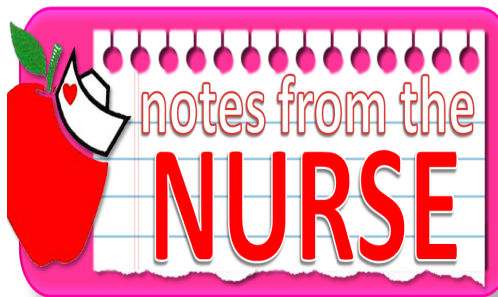
Online shopping begins November 11 and runs through November 14. Use the following links to order or browse online: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=zumbrotamazeppeaelementary1>

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- ◆ November 12—PreK-12 Conferences 4-8 pm
- ◆ November 14—PreK-6 Conferences 4-8 pm

## STUDENT DAYS OFF:

- ◆ November 1—teacher workshop
- ◆ November 13—Early Release Day
- ◆ November 27—No School
- ◆ November 28—Thanksgiving Holiday



**Health Offices:** The month of September recorded a total of 850+ visits to the health offices. This included illness, injuries, medication administration and health conditions. Please be sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal.

### When to Keep Your Child Home:

One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school. The following information is intended to help guide you with making that decision.

\* If a student has a fever of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (**without the use of a fever-**

### reducing medication.)

\* If a student has diarrhea or has vomited, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hours.

\* If a student has a rash that may be related to disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school. Please report the symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

**Hearing and Vision:** With the help of some excellent volunteers, we screened grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 for hearing and vision. Rescreens were completed and referral letters have been sent home. Remember that you may refer a student at any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening.

**Scoliosis screening:** Studies estimate that two to five of every 100 children develop scoliosis (abnormal curve in the back), and some require treatment. Early detection and treatment help prevent or minimize the development of severe spinal problems. We will be screening all 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the beginning of November and plan to screen 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the spring of 2020. Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any of the health offices with questions or concerns @ [tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us](mailto:tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us)

## INFLUENZA SEASON IS UPON US:

Influenza is a contagious respiratory infection that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Symptoms can vary by age, but can include: fever/chills, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose. Flu can also lead to pneumonia and worsen other medical conditions. Protect yourself and others by getting your influenza vaccine. If you missed the opportunity to get your immunization in Zumbrota at the student/community clinics, Goodhue County has the following community clinics available:

- KENYON-WANAMINGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Nov. 4, 3-6 pm Community
- KENYON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – Nov. 4, 3-6 pm Community
- PINE ISLAND MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – NOV. 7, 3-8 pm Community
- RED WING HIGH SCHOOL – NOV. 5, 3-6 pm Community
- RED WING TWIN BLUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL – Nov. 7, 3-6p m Community
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL – NOV. 7, 3-4 pm Community

### Get your Flu Shot!





# OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



A few members of the Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School SADD Chapter freshened up the BUCKLE UP signage in the parking lots at school. Officer Wallerich and SRO Clemenson also assisted with the project. Make sure to look for the brightly colored signage next time you visit ZM Schools!



Wall of Kindness in the primary social skills class. The K-2 students wrote down different ways to be kind and shared ideas with one another and other classes.



Students in high school language arts interviewed Zumbrota Health Care residents on their life experiences. A great way to bridge the generations.

The Mazeppa Fire Department spent the day with elementary students teaching them fire safety and how the fire department works. It's a lot of work to roll the hoses back up!



**NOTICE OF CONCERT CHANGES:** Due to MCA testing, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band/music concert will be held Tues., April 21 and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band/music concert will be held Tues., May 5. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!