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Dear Prospective Family,

I want to personally thank you for your interest in the Merton Community School District and welcome the opportunity to discuss the great things we do for kids every day. You selected Merton as a possible choice for your child's school next year. We are excited about the opportunity to showcase our district. I want to highlight some characteristics of our schools that you may or may not be familiar with.

- Continued support of our one to one (1:1) initiative to have **every** student 3rd-8th grade with a personal technology device (Chromebook)
- A 2:1 ratio of student to technology device (Netbooks, iPads, iPods, Google Nexus Tablets, Desktop Computers) in the Primary School (4K-2)
- Focus on the Core Subject areas while infusing 21st Century teaching and learning strategies.
- Utilization of Google Applications (Apps) by our students and staff. By using Google Apps, we continue to allow our students ways to collaborate and create together. As our staff capacity and learning grows, so will our students knowledge of using Google Apps. All of our teaching staff is Level 1 Google Certified.
- Strong commitment to Response to Intervention (Rtl). Every grade level (4K-8) has time devoted to meeting the individual needs of our diverse learners. This gives grade levels and resource teachers opportunities to remediate and extend our students in the areas of math and literacy.
- Required STEM coursework for all students 5K-8th grade with a heavy focus on Project Lead the Way programming.
- Focus on individualized programming and growth. Our district uses Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments to showcase your child's growth in math and reading. The district also uses a common reading benchmark (Fountas and Pinnell) to see progress on the College and Career spectrum. Our literacy and mathematics curriculums are personalized to meet kids where they are at. Our district uses Everyday Mathematics in conjunction with the personalized learning of TenMarks and Dreambox to ensure students access concepts they are ready for beyond our rigorous curriculum. Our literacy program is built around Columbia University's and Lucy Calkin's Units of Study. These programs and results are used to give us details of what your child is doing well, and areas of growth. We use these results to differentiate instruction as part of our Rtl commitment.
- Communication across all stakeholders
 - Weekly Electronic Communication from the Building Principals
 - Monthly Updates from the Superintendent including:
 - Upcoming Board of Education Agendas



- Summary of Board of Education meetings
- District updates and reminders
 - Teachers report grades, homework, and messages using Skyward
 - Board of Education meetings are viewable online
- Our district has common behavior expectations across all grades 4K-8 (Positive Behavior Intervention Support, PBIS) - “The Merton Way”

These are just a few highlights about the Merton Community School District. More information can be found on our web site at www.merton.k12.wi.us. With a focus on student achievement, our Board of Education is committed to keeping our class sizes low as a benchmark to ensure greater student engagement, teacher relationships, and continued social, emotional, and academic growth. My commitment of strong communication to our families and community will continue as we need to make sure our parents understand what is happening in all phases of our district.

If you have any questions regarding the open enrollment process, please contact Barb Emmerich at (262) 538-1130. A link to the DPI’s Open Enrollment page is below.

[DPI Open Enrollment Information](#)

To learn more about our district, feel free to contact:

Mike Budisch – Primary School Principal: 4K-4th

Jay Posick – Intermediate School Principal: 5th-8th

Lori Larsen – Director of Special Education/Rtl Coordinator/School Psychologist

Ron Russ - Superintendent

As deadlines approach for Wisconsin’s Open Enrollment process, every parent’s decision about where their child should go to school is on his/her mind. Every parent has the choice to make any school district their district of choice. As you think about what next year might bring for your child, please keep the Merton Community School District as a possible choice. If you have any questions or would just like a chance to sit down and talk with me, please let me know and I will certainly be more than willing to discuss the great things we continue to do for our students. I can be reached at (262) 538-2227, or via email at russr@merton.k12.wi.us. I wish you and your family a great rest of the school year.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Russ, Ph.D

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