



# Tomorrow's News Today

*News From the Tomorrow River School District*

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## **Planning for Success (and a Parking Update)**

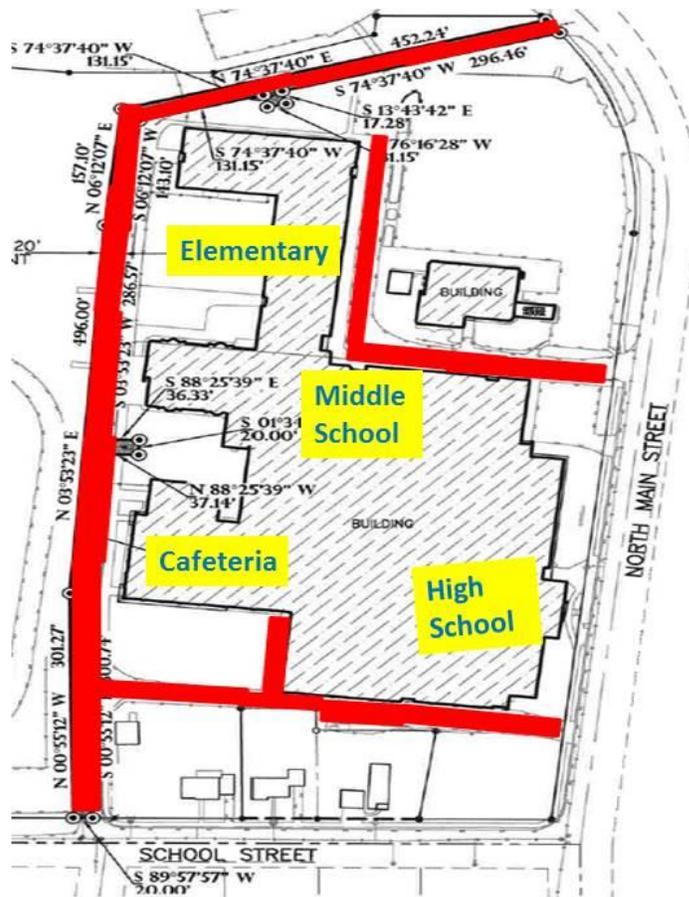
Good planning is an integral part of any successful organization. While planning has taken place in a number of different forms within the Tomorrow River School District over the past few years, the Board of Education felt it was time for a new and more comprehensive plan to be put in place. After several months of discussion, the board selected Al Brown from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards to facilitate the process to create a Strategic Plan for the district. His expertise with educational research and strategic plan development along with his affiliation with the Wisconsin School Board Association were key in his selection.

We will be utilizing the talents of many local community members, teachers, administrators, and staff during the process of creating this strategic plan. All community members will be asked to take a survey to start the process. A balanced strategic planning committee will be created, and an invitation will be extended to several community members to serve. The planning committee will meet several times to give guidance on developing the plan. Your individual contribution through the completion of the survey will be invaluable to the committee and the district in the overall development of the plan.

The strategic plan will be a dynamic, living document, and will be used to guide us in decision making at both the school and district levels and help evaluate current programs for effectiveness and contribution to our district goals, mission and vision. The plan will create measures for our initiatives and programs that will become tools to monitor our success and illustrate areas for improvement. As Benjamin Franklin said, "By failing to plan, you are planning to fail." This plan will guide the Tomorrow River School District in our quest to provide the highest quality of education that our students and community expect and deserve.

On a different note, parking has been a topic of interest this month, so clarification is needed. To ensure the safety of the students, staff, and community members, we work hand-in-hand with the fire and police departments. For several years, parking in the fire lanes (please see bold lines in map), especially the areas designated as the parent drop off loop, has been an issue. At some games and events we've had up to 20 cars parked in the parent loop/fire lane, where it's designated as a 15 minute parking area. This fall we increased the amount of signage to fully designate the fire lanes, made announcements at events, put a written notice on event rosters/booklets, and issued warnings. At our December 20th Building and Safety Committee meeting, in conjunction with local law enforcement, the decision was made to start issuing

tickets to vehicles parked illegally. Issuing tickets to local residents isn't something we like doing, but for the safety and security of those in the building during events, it is necessary. The parking lot is slightly further away but is a reasonable walking distance. Please abide by all signage whether you're at school during the day or for an evening event, and use either the front or back parking lot.



*Bold lines designate our posted fire lanes.*

As always, feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about closing school, school activities, curriculum, or just have a general question. Please remember: my door is always open, my computer is on, and my phone is available to help make the school experience for every child the best possible.

Spring is in sight. It's time to start spring projects and garden plans. Until next month, enjoy the snow while it lasts.