



POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Update | October 26, 2026

Dear Pottersville Families and Community Members,

As we continue through an exciting fall at Pottersville Public Schools, I want to take a moment to share some wonderful news, highlight opportunities for our students and families, and provide a few important reminders.

I continue to be grateful for the tremendous support of our families, staff, and community partners. Together, we are creating meaningful opportunities for our students while strengthening the relationships that make Pottersville such a special place to learn and grow.

Exciting News! Pottersville Awarded Over \$40,000 Safe Routes to School Grant!

I am excited to announce that Pottersville Public Schools has been awarded a two-year Safe Routes to School grant totaling more than \$40,000!

This funding will support several exciting initiatives focused on student safety, physical activity, healthy lifestyles, and community engagement. Our goal is to provide students and families with additional opportunities to develop healthy habits while promoting safe routes to and from school.

Walking School Bus — A New Way to Start and End the School Day!

One of the most exciting additions will be our new Walking School Bus Program! This initiative will provide families with an alternative drop-off and pick-up location at City Park (Imagination Station).

- Morning: Students will meet at City Park at 7:30 a.m. and begin walking to school at approximately 7:45 a.m.
- Afternoon: Students will walk back to City Park, arriving at approximately 3:00 p.m.
- Safety: Students will walk together under adult supervision, utilizing the pedestrian tunnel to safely travel between the park and school.

This program will provide a convenient alternative for families while giving students an opportunity to enjoy physical activity and positive social interaction at the beginning and end of their school day.

Student Safety Patrol — Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

The grant will also support the establishment of a Student Safety Patrol Program for students in grades 4–8.

Under the guidance of a staff member serving as Safety Patrol Chief, participating students will have opportunities to develop leadership, responsibility, and teamwork while assisting younger students along designated walking routes and supporting the Walking School Bus Program.

What a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop leadership skills while making a positive difference in our school community!

Building Healthy Schools — Wellness and Physical Activity

Both our elementary school and middle/high school will benefit from a Healthy Communities and Wellness Coordinator who will help support our Building Healthy Schools initiatives.

These efforts will include the development of a Mileage Club, encouraging students to stay active, track their progress, and celebrate personal accomplishments.

Additional activities will promote physical fitness, nutrition education, and healthy lifestyle choices throughout our school community.

Safe Walking and Biking Workshops for Families

The grant will also provide opportunities for students and families to participate in walking and biking safety workshops, with at least one presentation planned during each of the next two school years.

These events will offer practical safety education and access to helpful equipment, including bicycle helmets, lights, and locks.

We look forward to sharing additional information regarding program implementation, participation opportunities, and upcoming events as these exciting initiatives take shape!

Support Our Potterville Band — Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser!

Please join us tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, from 3:00–10:00 p.m., as Texas Roadhouse partners with our Potterville Band for a special fundraising event!

Location: Texas Roadhouse — Delta Township
8114 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI

Families and community members are encouraged to stop by for dinner or place a to-go order to support our talented student musicians.

Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of qualifying food purchases to the Potterville Band when you present the attached fundraiser flyer!

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a great meal while supporting our students and the continued success of our band program.

Thank you to Texas Roadhouse and everyone who helps support our Potterville musicians!

Important Reminder — No School for Students Monday, November 2

Please remember that Monday, November 2, 2026, is a full-day professional development day for our teachers. There will be no school for students.

Our teaching staff will spend the day participating in professional learning and collaborative planning focused on strengthening instructional practices and supporting student achievement.

We appreciate your continued support of these important opportunities for our educators.

Thank You, Potterville Families!

As we continue through the school year, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our students, families, teachers, support staff, and community partners for their ongoing commitment to Potterville Public Schools.

Whether through new grant-funded opportunities, supporting our student programs, or partnering with our schools each day, your involvement makes a meaningful difference.

We remain committed to providing a safe, supportive, rigorous, and engaging learning environment where every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership with our school community.

Go Vikings!

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