



School District of Onalaska

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During a press briefing last Friday it was announced that the county has discontinued use of the Coulee Compass and its related guidance document. We heard that a replacement to the compass is being developed and would be available in the near future. We also heard during the press briefing input from Dr. Rathgaber (Gundersen) and Dr. Mueller (Mayo) that they are not advising local schools to change their plans and that the plans for a virtual start have merit.

With less than a month before the start of school and with no replacement guidance from the county, the need to provide a level of certainty for our families and staff has led our School Board to affirm their commitment to a virtual start to the school year.

We have heard that in addition to the new guidance from the county that the WI Department of Health Services is also releasing additional guidance for schools sometime this week. As always, we will respond to new information to provide a safe educational environment for students and staff. We will continue to send out updates as we learn more. Please see information below from the YMCA concerning our ongoing efforts to assist in providing affordable school-aged daytime programming.

Thank you,

Todd L. Antony
Superintendent

FROM THE YMCA:

We are very excited about our partnership between the Y and local school districts, and thankful we are able to offer this temporary solution to local families enrolled at Holmen, La Crosse, and Onalaska school districts for in-person schooling. This care is not available for children enrolled in the Coulee Region Virtual Academy.

On Thursday, August 13th, <https://www.laxymca.org/temporary-school-day-care/> will contain information for families who are not already enrolled or currently waitlisted in our before and after school programs.

It will include:

- *Programming outline based on district 'school day' hours*
- *Pricing Structure*
- *A link to submit a Registration Request form*

The School Age Program is working with their current families to update registrations and will begin filling additional capacity the week of August 17th - 24th, with families who request temporary 'school day' care.

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