

SOUTHWESTERN

INVESTING IN OUR **STUDENTS**



REFERENDUM

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APRIL 4TH

INVESTING IN OUR **COMMUNITIES**

SCHOOL DISTRICT

INVESTING IN OUR **FUTURE**

REFERENDUM FACT SHEET #3: What are the benefits of extracurricular activities?

The MISSION of the Southwestern School District is to:

- **Offer all students the opportunity to achieve an excellent education;**
- **Prepare students to be life-long learners through cooperation of staff, parents and community;**
- **Graduate academically and socially well-rounded students to be productive members of society;**
- **Consider the long-range financial effect on the community.**

Southwestern encourages and strives to create well rounded students who are successful in school, are provided opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, and have built lasting and trustworthy relationships. Our mission and goals allow our children to leave our district academically sound and highly capable in many different areas and can assist in career and college ready decisions. The April 4th referendum contains benefits to both academics and extracurricular activities.

1. Time management and prioritization—Extracurricular activities teach children how to manage their time, prioritize commitments, meet deadlines, and complete various tasks.

2. Diverse interests and building Self-esteem—By allowing children the opportunity to explore diverse interests, Southwestern gives them the ability to develop life-long skills and hobbies for years to come. Many of these opportunities can also build confidence and self esteem for our students.

3. Giving back to the community—Many of these activities allow our students to help others and make a contribution in their school and their community, which is an important step in preparing them for today's society.

4. College readiness—Many colleges look at the activities students are involved in as a way to fully understand the commitment and ability to participate in multiple activities and balance school academics successfully.

5. Setting and meeting goals—Extracurricular activities present opportunities for the children to develop and set goals. Many times these clubs or groups help encourage students to exceed the goals while working together and having fun.

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6. Teamwork and building relationships—Sports teams, clubs, and activities require children to work together towards a common goal. By participating in these activities, our children can develop the skills they need to successfully work with each other. In addition, extracurricular activities allow children to communicate and build relationships with those who share the same interests.

7. Academics—Studies have shown a correlation between improved grades, behavior, and work habits as a result of students' involvement in extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular activities currently offered at Southwestern:

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| Sports | Chorus | Student Council | Spanish Club |
| Forensics | Band | Musical | Yearbook |
| Future Farmers of America (FFA) | National Honor Society (NHS) | Leadership, Experience, Opportunity (LEO Club) | SWAL Math Contest (conference contest) |



“Music has been the driving force in my life. A form of expression which without I cannot imagine, nor do I ever want to imagine life. It has taken me places, introduced me to people and brought me more rewards than I can count. The time I was able to invest into music as a drummer at Southwestern was key to my growth as a musician, and the support to pursue it was invaluable. I was lucky enough to have the facilities and instruments at my disposal as well.”

—Kris Goodendorf, Class of '98

Kris currently sings in a band called *Steel Iron*, is the bassist for *Maiden Milwaukee*, and is involved in multiple projects as a drummer in the Milwaukee area.

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