

Results from February 11th Brown Bag
Topic: Education

Resources & Programs

- Online educational resources
- Public libraries
- Employers who provide education and tuition reimbursement
- Earth Day Activities
- 4-H
- Theater/music/art programs
- School funding
- Discussion as part of the Wisconsin Way
- Madison Area Technical College
- Stewards of the Dells
- Sustain Columbia
- UW-Extension
- Look at how Montello and Westfield have reduced fuel consumption
- Aldo Leopold Foundation Legacy Center
- Senior volunteers
- Visiting lecturers, natural step study groups
- Internet
- Volunteers are Human Capacity
- Local organizations such as: ARCH, Elks, Lions, PAC, AM Vets, VFW, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, State Historic Society, Surgeons Quarters, Civic League
- Public Schools
- Private Citizens
- Non Profit Groups
- Utilities
- Taxes
- American Legion and Auxiliary
- Business Associations
- Digital Content
- Parent/Teacher groups
- Department of Public Instruction
- K-4 programs, Early childhood education
- High school students, college classes while still in HS.
- F.L.A.G. (Future Leaders Active in Government)
- River Crossing is a model (initiative for sustainable education: teaching, sustainable, do not use throw away utensils, work with what they have, curriculum
- Charter Schools
- A different approach to education
- High School technical offerings in some areas
- TIF District impacts taxes of those outside of TIF (Tax Incremental Financing)
- Department of Natural Resources
- Home schooling and home schooling consortiums
- Agriculture Education in schools
- Game farm (Mackenzie in Poynette)
- Alternative schools in some areas: Fresh Start
- CESA 5 (Cooperative Educational Services Agency #5)
- Child care and Head Start

Gaps & Needs

- Job education
- Classroom size
- Aging population, less kids in families, personal need
- Fine arts classes, music, drama
- Long term goals and philosophy of sustainability beyond political office terms
- Funding to keep schools going
- Funding/Cooperation-not all programs in all schools
- Communication between public and private
- Declining taxes

- Fort Atkinson: schools use geothermal, solar pool, wind power
- More educators and administrators who are of color, especially Native Americans in Dells system
- Home school educated students- Need a simple system to make sure these students are meeting basic education criteria
- Broadband to connect to educational opportunities
- Expand curriculum
- Transportation to MATC
- State funding formula, taxes and how to address funding shortfalls in revenues needed to operate
- DNR- not acting on promises
- We need people working together and fighting for our needs
- Clear goals and agreement with goals
- Need money to work at state level to reform education funding
- Current gaps exist in gifted programs
- Spending money on prisons rather than schools
- Support leadership coordination, address sustainability across services
- Build family- youth capacity
- School- energy costs
- Non-lapsing budget
- Lack of general awareness of sustainable education
- Percentage of people with college degree is significantly behind state and surrounding area, but percentage of 18-24 year-old

people enrolled is hugely behind. So... it's getting worse in the future?

- Fiscal literacy
- Charter between those with goals for learning and those with vocational skills
- We need training for sustainable agriculture, big and small
- Biofuels technicians, wind power tech and maintenance, Community Supported Agriculture, local foods production, processing, marketing and local foods in local schools
- Cooperation and communication between public and private
- Allow students to utilize programs in other schools
- Action, not talk
- Portage school has maintained its buildings, programs and budget.
- Link between people who have time to give and those who need time and attention
- Life skills classes: Budgeting, credit management, check book usage, money management, personal responsibility of money/debt.
- Listening sessions
- More job education as people lose jobs
- Public trust
- Better communication between county leaders and citizens
- Selling the value of education to all members of society
- Enhanced school to work opportunities