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Joint School Board Meeting Approves Whole Grade Sharing

Forest City, IA — July 14, 2010 -- Forest City and Woden-Crystal Lake School Boards took formal action at a meeting held Wednesday, July 14, 2010 by reading and approving a motion to announce the intent of each of the school districts to pursue negotiation of a whole grade sharing agreement to begin the 2011-12 school year.

As part of this negotiation process, the *Whole-Grade Sharing Agreement Draft* was presented for review and discussion. A highlight from the discussion was that the intent for Woden-Crystal Lake Community School District to maintain preschool through grade four in Crystal Lake. Students in grades five through twelve will attend Forest City Community School District in Forest City. This agreement is to begin the 2011-12 school year. This initial agreement is established for a three-year period.

“We are very pleased with the steps that have been taken and look forward to continuing the process,” said Dwight Widen, superintendent of Woden-Crystal Lake School District.

Both school boards agreed to a timeline that includes a review of the *Whole-Grade Sharing Agreement* at their next regular school board meetings, a hearing to be scheduled regarding the agreement and the anticipated action to approve the *Whole-Grade Sharing Agreement* at a regular school board meeting mid to late fall.

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