

**Subject:** Update 2-7-25

**From:** Bob Jaszczak <[bjaszczak@rwps.org](mailto:bjaszczak@rwps.org)>

**Date:** 2/7/2025, 9:25 AM

**To:** Jennifer Tift <[jdtift@rwps.org](mailto:jdtift@rwps.org)>, Jim Bryant <[jrbryant@rwps.org](mailto:jrbryant@rwps.org)>, Jeremy Koenig <[jmkoenig@rwps.org](mailto:jmkoenig@rwps.org)>, Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder <[rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org](mailto:rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org)>, Ryan Riester <[rriester@rwps.org](mailto:rriester@rwps.org)>, Terese Bjornstad <[tbjornstad@rwps.org](mailto:tbjornstad@rwps.org)>, Kayla Anderson <[kanderson@rwps.org](mailto:kanderson@rwps.org)>

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**Subject:** Re: Update 2-7-25  
**From:** Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder <rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org>  
**Date:** 2/7/2025, 11:58 AM  
**To:** Bob Jaszczak <bjaszczak@rwps.org>  
**CC:** Ryan Riester <rjriester@rwps.org>, Jeremy Koenig <jmkoenig@rwps.org>

Good morning.

Couple questions/concerns with content in your email.

1. In regard to some people from the Sheldon touring Jefferson, are we giving anyone tours who may have potential interest in buying the building before we technically have it listed? My opinion is we need to get this building listed for sale ASAP and provide equal access to potential buyers.

2. I am very concerned about Keith Ellison coming to speak to our student body. He is highly political and very controversial. There are parents who may be very opposed to this and I think we should focus on bringing in a speaker less politically charged. It will otherwise set a tone that our district does not need right now and I imagine some parents will not allow their student(s) attend his speech.

(FYI-The group that spoke last year during black history month caused quite a commotion with kids leaving, not being let back in, and parents upset with the content and not being informed on what was being presented).

3. Finally, I think universal 4 prek in Red Wing is a discussion the entire board should be engaged with on the front end since it is not currently mandated or funded. Is this the direction the board wants to move forward with before plans are being made or are there other thoughts on how to bring kids along? I'd be interested in knowing what other districts are doing or other jump start ideas. While potential can outweigh costs, financial decisions are going to continue to be difficult and involve cuts.

I am hoping that the state at some point mandates and funds this. It would be a great discussion to have with our representatives. We should invite them to a workshop for a question and answer session for the board and public.

Thanks,  
Rachel

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**From:** Jennifer Tift <jdtift@rwps.org>  
**Date:** 2/7/2025, 3:43 PM  
**To:** Bob Jaszczak <bjaszczak@rwps.org>

Thank you so much, Bob, for all you are doing!!

**Jennifer Tift (she/her)**

Clerk

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**Date:** 2/9/2025, 9:08 PM  
**To:** Kayla Anderson <kanderson@rwps.org>

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