

How Can you help?

- Call a school board member and tell them you support your teachers.
- Speak at a school board meeting. (We can pair you up with a teacher.)
- Email or write a letter to the school board.
- Send a letter to the editor of Wauwatosa NOW, snord@cninow.com, and send a copy to Lori Weiss, lweiss@cninow.com.

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Tosa Schools in Crisis, Year 2 Without a "Settled" Contract

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Wauwatosa School District

**At the center of
every community is
a great school – and
great teachers make
great schools!**

Did you know..?

FACT:

Your strong commitment to education in Wauwatosa has produced some of the nation's best schools.

- ◆ Wisconsin ranks 1st or 2nd in the nation with a composite average score of 22.2 on the ACT/SAT. **Wauwatosa students scored an average composite score of 23.5.**
- ◆ Wisconsin schools rank among the top five states in the nation in elementary school reading scores. **Wauwatosa's elementary schools scored 7% higher than the statewide average on the WKCE reading subtest for 4th graders.**
- ◆ Wisconsin annually graduates 90% of its students, one of the highest rates in the country. **Wauwatosa's graduation rate is 95.7%.**

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction 2006-2007 school year data

FACT:

The success of Wauwatosa's schools is no accident. The teachers you have invested in are some of the state's best-trained and most experienced professionals.

- ◆ 63% of Wauwatosa teachers have advanced degrees.
- ◆ 48% of Wauwatosa teachers have been teaching for 10 or more years.
- ◆ Most of your school district's teachers pursue professional development beyond their degrees – and they do it on their own time and at their own expense.
- ◆ Wauwatosa school successes are helping Wauwatosa's property values to remain strong. The city continues to be a "Destination District" of families looking to move here, in part, because of the excellent reputation for quality schools.

Help maintain the success and value of Wauwatosa's Great Schools!

We're losing BOTH teacher candidates and experienced teachers.

- Wauwatosa is losing BOTH teacher candidates and experienced teachers to other districts, losing many of the new teacher hires within the first five years, creating consistency problems with staff and curriculum.

- Starting and career salaries are lower than 31 surrounding comparable districts.

- Starting salaries in 1993 ranked 6th and in 2007 ranked 22nd.

- Career salaries in 1993 ranked 4th and in 2007 ranked 28th.

Wauwatosa's school costs are among the lowest in the area. The tax levy rate for Wauwatosa during the 2005-2006 school year was 6.80. The statewide average was 8.40. The 2005-2006 tax rate is 2.8% **lower** than it was in 1993-1994.

The district "CAN" afford to strengthen teacher pay and maintain current level of benefits "without raising taxes OR cutting programs." The Wauwatosa School District currently has \$20 million in their Fund 10 balance (reserve funds), which continues to be added to each year, and is one of the highest in the state.