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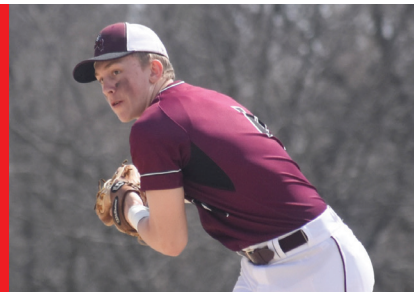
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### CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 'No new revenue': Cambridge schools cut back on budget

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With the impending start of the school district fiscal year in July, the Cambridge administrators have ramped up budget planning with no new revenue anticipated and rising costs, discussed during a June 20 meeting.

Armed with a slight, temporary increase of .5% in revenue resulting from the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) II grant

funds, CSD is tackling a tight projected budget. But, as the grants are one time funding, they are little comfort to districts when the funding ceases in 2024, which is the deadline to use the last of the funding.

Pointing to Green Bay School District, which is anticipating a \$36 million deficit once ESSER funding runs dry, Cambridge Superintendent Marggie Banker said Cambridge has been hesitant to use the funding beyond its viability.

"Essentially, when you look at it, the ESSER funding was the legislature's rationale to give no new aid to schools in the state in the state budget," Banker said.

New financial aid for public schools, Banker explained, is generally found in Title I funding, which is extra funding allocated to schools based on the number of students from low-income families, or from an increase in enrollment.

With 29% of its student population considered low-income,

Banker said, Cambridge schools do not see very much support from Title I funding. The district is also experiencing a slight decline in student enrollment, so there will likely be no new funding from that route either.

Cambridge, similar to districts across the nation, is seeing a rise in operational and staffing costs, including a 4.7% raise for contracted staff, and support staff raises, due to the current economic climate. And with several other planned expenses,

including updating the HVAC system at Nikolay Middle School, the district's expenditures overshadowed its revenue.

The projected total expenditures for the 2021-22 fiscal year is \$16,426,000 while the predicted expenditures for the 2022-23 fiscal year is nearly \$415,000 more, at \$16,840,500, while the expected revenues only increased by about \$100,000.

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## MAD CITY JUG BAND



By Ryan Spoehr

The Mad City Band held their second performance in their summer series on Friday June, 24. Their next concert is this Friday at Twisted Grounds Coffee in Madison at 6 p.m. **See more photos on A3.**



### DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Help wanted: District seeking more community input

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After hiring consultants to help guide planning for a possible referendum, the Deerfield Community School District is looking to expand the community committee tasked with that planning.

The district recently hired Bray architectural firm for community outreach and Vogel Bros. Building Company for construction management services to work with the district's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on planning for a possible renovation to one of the Deerfield schools, potentially funded through referendum.

Formed in 2020, the CAC is a group of community members, parents and staff exploring the district's future financial and facility needs.

The district is looking for several community members to join this task force, Deerfield Superintendent Michelle Jensen said.

"We are continuing to seek residents without children in the district so that we can have their voice and feedback in our process," Jensen said in an email. "The goal for the initial CAC meetings is to gather feedback and ideas to build the community survey which will be sent to all district residents in the fall."

The CAC will work with Bray to shape community surveys, which will be used to determine the community's priorities for a possible referendum to update, or possibly completely reconstruct, the aging Deerfield Middle-High School.

The scope of the project has not yet been determined, but a July 2020 building study determined \$7.7 million of possible building updates may be needed. The study also shared costs of a potential performing arts center, estimated at an additional \$8 million to \$10 million, and a new kitchen at \$746,000.

The district, according to business manager Doreen Treuden, plans to get pre-referendum work done in time for a January resolution and an April 2023 referendum.

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### CAMBRIDGE

## CHS alum, former exchange student continue fundraising for Ukrainian effort

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A former Cambridge High School exchange student from Ukraine has raised more than \$10,000 for medical supplies and ambulances in Ukraine following the Russian invasion, thanks to support from Cambridge residents and a fellow CHS alum.

Kyrylo Beskorovayny, "Ky," was one of four exchange students to live in Cambridge in 2011 for a year-long residency, as part of the Future Leaders Exchange Program.

Ky, a lifelong resident of Ukraine, is now working to support the Ukrainian effort following the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began in February 2022.

For more information on Ky's experience living in Cambridge, check out our website at [www.hngnews.com/cambridge\\_deerfield](http://www.hngnews.com/cambridge_deerfield).

After spending a year long exchange year in Wisconsin, Ky went on to move from his hometown to Kyiv.

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Kyrylo Beskorovayny, a former exchange student at Cambridge High School, continues to fundraise to support his hometown of Chernihiv, providing ambulances and medical supplies to the Ukrainian defense effort.

# DOT to build interchange at U.S. 12/18 & CHW AB

## Says new intersection will improve safety

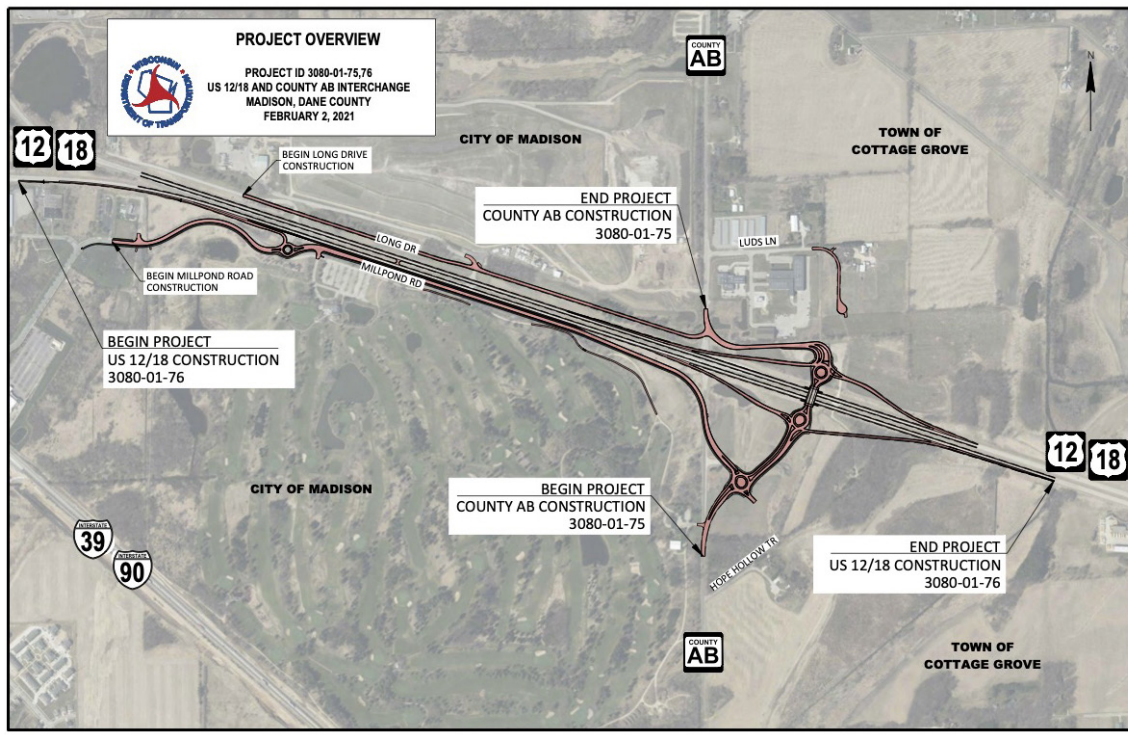
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Construction could begin as early as this August on a new interchange at two of the most dangerous intersections in Madison.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation posted on Tuesday, June 7 an advertisement for bids from construction companies for the project at the intersection of U.S. Highway 12/18 and County Highway AB.

The \$33 million project includes a diamond interchange at the U.S. 12/18 and County AB intersection. A new bridge will span U.S. 12/18 connecting County AB north and south of the highway. The project also includes a series of roundabouts and a multi use path along the south side of Millpond Road near the Yahara Hills Golf Course.

The current intersections at County Highway AB and Millpond Road will be removed. New frontage roads will connect Millpond Road and Long Drive



An overview of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's planned interchange at U.S. Highway 12/18 and County Highway AB, presented February 2021

to the interchange at County AB that will give local traffic access to U.S. 12/18.

The plans also include a new biking and walking path along the south side of Millpond Road.

The DOT listed the Ho-Chunk Nation, the city of Madison, and the town of Cottage Grove as partners on the project. Derek Potter, a project manager for the DOT, said

### Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Cottage Grove provided input on the project.

Cottage Grove Town Board Chair Kris Hampton said the town ensured Luds Lane would be extended to provide access to

Copart Yard at 3100 U.S. 12/18. "I think it's going to make that intersection a heck of a lot safer," Hampton said.

The new interchange is intended to improve safety along that corridor of U.S. 12/18. The DOT identified U.S. 12/18 intersections at Millpond Road/Long Drive and County AB as the second and fourth worst intersections by accident severity, respectively, in the city of Madison. Between 2015 and 2019, the Millpond Road/Long Drive intersection had 43 crashes and 46 total injuries, and the County AB intersection had 38 crashes and 33 total injuries, which included one fatality, according to a DOT report.

"If I'm leaving McFarland and heading north, if my kids are in the car, I won't use AB," Potter said. "I'll avoid that area just to be more safe."

DOT estimates traffic along the corridor will increase by almost 70% from 2018 to 2043.

Potter said the new interchange will improve safety by controlling traffic merging on and off of the highway.

He said in an email that DOT anticipated completing the interchange in October 2023.

## Ky

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He founded a popular science media company, Kunsht, which started as a print magazine and migrated online in 2019.

Following his exchange year, Ky also kept in touch with fellow CHS classmate Augie McGinnity-Wake of Cambridge. The pair have remained friends for more than 10 years, visiting each other in Cambridge, Washington D.C. and Kyiv.

On Feb. 24, the start of the Russian invasion, Ky and his wife were living in Kyiv. They fled their home to Lviv, a city in the western part of Ukraine. They have since returned to Kyiv.

"Unless you experience it, you will never fully understand it," Ky said. "I spoke with our friends, different people who had to flee, had to leave their whole lives back there. You couldn't quite imagine it fully for yourself, until you've experienced it yourself."

"It's very traumatizing just to see how your friends are dying, how people you know are dying," he added.

Ky began fundraising for medical supplies to support his hometown of Chernihiv, in the northern part of Ukraine, which sits close to the Russian border and was hit hard during the invasion. His family still lives in Chernihiv.

"I was very worried for my parents, for my grandma. 70% of the city is destroyed to the ground," Ky said. A stadium and library, a 2 minute walk from his home, became holes in the ground, he said.

"My parents were there, they were hiding in the basement," during the invasion, Ky said. "They didn't have electricity, water, heating, nothing."

While his parents left his hometown briefly, "my grandma refused to leave," he added.

Ky began fundraising with McGinnity-Wake, and a group of alumni from his exchange program, for medical supplies and cars. My hometown needed



Kyrylo Beskorovayny, a Ukrainian man who spent an exchange year in Cambridge, has partnered with CHS alum Augie McGinnity-Wake to fundraise for medical supplies in Ukraine.



Kyrylo Beskorovayny, a former exchange student at Cambridge High School, continues to fundraise to support his hometown of Chernihiv, providing ambulances and medical supplies to the Ukrainian defense effort.

very much during those scary days a medical car," Ky said, adding that there was no electricity in the city and the hospitals had been bombed by the Russians.

Ky has now raised more than \$10,000, purchasing two ambulances, medical supplies and night vision scopes.

It was "all the more

impressive," McGinnity-Wake said, because "he was living out of a bomb shelter for a lot of this time."

"It's pretty wild, all credit to Ky," said McGinnity-Wake. "Figuring out what was needed and taking action and getting it done."

One ambulance went to his hometown of Chernihiv,

while another went to the eastern part of Ukraine where fighting is particularly intense. The vehicles, Ky said, were purchased in Germany and driven all the way to Ukraine.

"It's very important to understand that so many people are...not very comfortable with donating for territorial defense, rather

donate for refugees," Ky said. "In order to stop the flow of refugees, we need to stop war. In order to stop war, you know once and for all... our medical people, they need to have good supplies, we need to protect their lives, we need to have them cover."

McGinnity-Wake has been helping Ky coordinate the flow of donations from the United States, specifically Cambridge and Washington D.C., where McGinnity-Wake now lives, to Ky. Usually, McGinnity-Wake said, people will send him virtual payments over Venmo or other cash apps, which then are transferred to Ky and put toward supplies immediately.

"The internet has kind of changed the whole dynamics here, it's really incredible," McGinnity-Wake said. "I really wanted to help, it was kind of hard to know what is helpful in a moment like that."

Ky and McGinnity-Wake are continuing to collect donations. To donate, people can send money over

PayPal to Ky at kirilbeskorovayny@gmail.com, or on Venmo to McGinnity-Wake at @augie-mcginnity-wake.

People can also donate to several bigger foundations as well: <https://savelifeline.in.ua/en/>, <https://www.koloua.com/en/>, or <https://prytulafoundation.org/en/>.

"No donation is small," Ky said. "For \$15, 20, you can buy one tourniquet, which can stop the bleeding... You can save lives with that sum of money."

"I hope some folks in the community still remember Ky. He was a very charismatic kid when he was around."

Ky added that transparency when it came to fund uses was important to him. He keeps a log of all his donations and expenses on his Facebook page.

"We are very ready to be accountable for each cent and penny. We are very strict with the reporting thing, because we...understand we need to show our donors...where their money went," Ky said.

Ky said that he's received an outpouring of support from friends he made during his year in Cambridge, and that donating isn't the only way to support the Ukrainian community.

"We feel that we are not alone in this," Ky said. "It's not only the battle for Ukrainian freedom, it's a battle of democracy and the freedom of the whole democratic world. If Russia wins, it won't stop with Ukraine. That's the scary world that no one wants to live in."

"So many people learned about our country," because of the war, Ky said. "So many people know that we're an independent country with very strong culture, very brave people, so I think this will boost Ukrainianism the world, in the eyes of the world. I think that's something good that we can take out of this terrible situation," he said.

## Input

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The CAC, Jensen said, will meet approximately every three weeks over the next six months, and will likely have a break between October and November.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

June 29 at 6 p.m. in the high school Sewing room, 301 Simonson Boulevard. The schedule from there will vary depending on committee member availability.

Those interested in participating in the CAC should contact the district by Friday, June 24 via phone at 764-5431, extension 1148, or email cac@deerfield.k12.wi.us.

## Budget

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"With stable and slightly declining enrollment, there is no new revenue for Cambridge schools," Banker said in an email. "Consequently, we made reductions in staffing and

expenses to balance our budget."

Banker added that the goal is always to minimize the impact on students in the classroom and that the district remains "committed to the highest quality educational experiences as possible for our students."

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