



The School District of New Richmond SOAR (Student Opportunities with Agricultural Resources) Educational Center is a unique partnership with the City of New Richmond and the New Richmond Airport Commission. The School District of New Richmond is proud to introduce to you our 20 acre educational center that will provide hands on agricultural and STEM opportunities for students of all ages.

This educational center will be the only 4K-12 educational center of its kind in the state of Wisconsin. This concept is a true community collaboration as we educate all involved on how food gets from the field to the table along with the hands on agricultural and STEM learning opportunities that will be explored.

Food produced at the SOAR Educational Center will supply school lunches with an array of edible products through the partnership with our District's School Nutrition Department. Students and community members will actively participate in raising animals for meat and growing vegetables while they work side by side exploring agricultural and STEM topics. Surplus products will be sold to staff members and community members.

Programming will be facilitated by the School District of New Richmond Staff, High School Agriscience Department, and FFA Chapter along with other partnerships yet to be discovered. With managerial and leadership roles directly involving students, we are excited about everyone's input into the planning stages of this project. A SOAR Educational Center Advisory Council will assist in developing connections with the community and beyond.

District students at all grade levels will learn about agriculture and STEM related topics through this hands-on learning opportunity. Each grade level and content area will have programming at the SOAR Educational Center taught by District staff, high school students, and outside community STEM and agricultural experts.

A future commercial kitchen will afford students and community members the chance to learn about food processing and preservation. This location will also be able to host community events and activities which will be held throughout the year.

Opportunities will exist to contribute financially through a tax deductible donation process, participate in hands-on experiences at the site, and/or donate supplies/materials/equipment.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the following: Mrs. Rachel Sauvola-Agriscience Instructor (rsauvola@newrichmond.k12.wi.us); Mr. Tom Wissink—High School Principal (twissink@newrichmond.k12.wi.us); Mr. Patrick Olson-District Administrator at (polson@newrichmond.k12.wi.us)



Growing and Learning Today: Feeding and Leading Tomorrow

School District of New Richmond SOAR Educational Center
"Student Opportunities with Agricultural Resources "



Question: What does School District of New Richmond SOAR Educational Center stand for?

Answer: SOAR stands for "Student opportunities with agricultural resources".

Question: Who is involved in this unique partnership?

Answer: This project is centered around a partnership between the School District of New Richmond, the City of New Richmond, and the New Richmond Airport Commission.

Question: How is the SOAR Educational Center being funded?

Answer: This project is being funded solely by a capital fundraising campaign. Opportunities will exist to contribute financially through a tax deductible donation process, participate in hands-on experiences at the site, and/or donate supplies/materials/equipment.

Question: What does the SOAR Educational Center mean for my child's education?

Answer: This unique education center will have a direct impact on students 4K-12 in our District. Through kinesthetic learning opportunities in agriculture, STEM, and various other topics, students will get to experience learning up close and personal. Classes in animal sciences, horticulture, crop and soil science, environmental science and agricultural engineering technology will meet at SOAR for the laboratory portions of their courses. SOAR will also be an educational destination for elementary and middle school science curricula through remote laboratory field trips. Other core areas can schedule time at the SOAR Educational Center to enhance their coursework with real world applications.

Question: What does the SOAR educational Center mean for my child's school lunches?

Answer: This project will also create a unique partnership with our School Nutrition Department. Food produced at the SOAR Educational Center will supply school lunches with an array of edible products. Students and community members will actively participate in raising animals for meat and growing vegetables while they work side by side exploring agricultural and STEM topics.

Question: Define "Growing and Learning Today: Feeding and Leading Tomorrow"?

Answer: This educational center will focus on expanding students learning opportunities into future roles that will impact our way of life. Students will learn employability skills and be introduced to various STEM careers, providing them with experiences that can influence their career pathway. Leadership, citizenship, on top of curricular connections will aid in creating lifelong learners and well rounded students ready for post secondary opportunities and the work force.

Question: What other events will take place at SOAR in the future?

Answer: In addition to an indoor classroom and a commercial kitchen an outdoor pavilion will be utilized for instruction, contests, workshops and community events.



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Question: What does SOAR Educational Center mean for the community?

Answer: This educational center will not only be an outdoor educational learning center but also play host to a variety of community engagements yet to be planned.

Question: You have rendition pictures on the side of this informational packet. What is the timeline of this project?

Answer: The SOAR Educational Center will be constructed in phases based on capital campaign funds generated. By the fall of 2017, we hope to have a beef barn, indoor classroom, and basic infrastructure in place. A future commercial kitchen will afford students and community members the chance to learn about food processing and preservation. This location will also be able to host community events and activities which will be held throughout the year.

Question: I heard the student built home might be moving out to this location?

Answer: For 18 years, Mr. Ken Kerr our Technology Education Instructor, has built a home with his Building Construction Class. Each year this home is advertised and sold through a bidding process. Last year's home went through the same process and was also advertised again at a reduced price. Unfortunately this home did not sell. With the need for a classroom at the SOAR Educational Center, this home will now be repurposed to support this space need.

Question: How did the name of the SOAR Educational Center come to be?

Answer: The School District of New Richmond Board of Education wanted public input which was generated by an online survey. The online survey feedback was narrowed down and presented to the Board of Education on Monday, September 19-2016. The Board of Education formally approved the motion to name this facility the School District of New Richmond SOAR ("Student Opportunities with Agricultural Resources") Educational Center. Thank you to Bonnie Klopf of New Richmond for the name suggestion.

Question: Any other partnerships involved in this project?

Answer: The New Richmond Area Community Foundation also recognizes the value of this education center and is actively partnering to get the word out and collect capital campaign funds. We have also had numerous individuals and organizations reach out to see how they can help. We welcome you to inquire about being potential partner.

Question: Who will run this facility?

Answer: This facility will be overseen by the School District of New Richmond. Programming will be facilitated by the School District of New Richmond Staff, High School Agriscience Department, and FFA Chapter along with other partnerships yet to be discovered. With managerial and leadership roles directly assigned to students, we are excited about everyone's input into the planning stages of this project. A SOAR Educational Center Advisory Council will oversee this project.



Donation Structure for the SOAR Educational Center

Buy a Brick Program: Separate from the other donation structure is the Buy a Brick Program to highlight a person, family or business - For \$150 we will have a three line brick made with the inscription of your choice.

Monetary Donations

Donation Amount:	Name of Tier:	You Receive:
Up to \$250	Veggie Garden	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students
\$250	Chicken	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Certificate of Appreciation
\$500	Goat	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Certificate of Appreciation; Name on Goat Barn plaque
\$750	Sheep	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Certificate of Appreciation; Name on Sheep Barn plaque
\$1000	Pig	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Certificate of Appreciation; Name on Pig Barn plaque
\$2500	Beef	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Certificate of Appreciation; Name on Beef Barn plaque; Name/ Logo on student t-shirt
\$5000	Field of Wheat	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Plaque of Appreciation; Name on Arena plaque; Name/Logo on student t-shirt
\$10,000+	The Farm	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Plaque of Appreciation; Name on Arena plaque; Name/Logo on student t-shirt, Brick around Pavilion
Sustainability Pledge = Multi-Year Donation of Any Amount	Honey Bee = Perpetual Pollinator	Thank You Card from Agriscience Students; Name posted in Arena

The New Richmond Area Community Foundation and the St. Croix Valley Foundation are working together to help collect donations for the project, in addition to the School District of New Richmond. Monetary donations can be given in a variety of ways: Cash or checks can be written out to NRSD SOAR Center or SCVF with NR Ag Ed Fund (see addresses below). Soon a Paypal link will appear on the Foundation Web page. If you would prefer to contribute monthly, we have a donor authorization form for that opportunity. If you would like to do a matching funds award with your place of employment, the following information will be helpful to you:

St. Croix Valley Foundation
516 Second St., Suite 214
Hudson, WI 54016
EIN: 41-1817315

ATTN: NR Agriculture Education Fund

School District of New Richmond
701 E. 11th Street
New Richmond, WI 54017
EIN: 39-6003673

ATTN: SOAR Center Donation

