



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Valued Members of our community,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coon Valley American Legion Post 116. Our Legion takes pride in our community outreach and the honor of helping those in need. From our Veteran's and Memorial Day programs, to our Santa and shut-in visits during the holidays. From our Honor Guard giving last rights at funeral services to our support of local organizations and individuals, we bolster up our fellow Americans, Veterans, and community in any way we can.

Recently, it has come to our attention from Mr. Steve Michaels, the Westby Area School District Administrator, that they are saddled with financial debt in their school lunch program. Rather than deny hard working students a proper meal when they are unable to pay for a lunch, they have chosen to take the debt on themselves. Sadly, this has resulted in an accumulated debt of \$10,000. While we, as a post, cannot take on this debt entirely ourselves, we have come up with the idea to spearhead a challenge for our local businesses, organizations, and individuals to rise to the occasion and help keep our younger generation fed.

We, as a post, are challenging our own members for donations to the cause and will meet all donations made by legion members up to \$1000.

But we need your help! Every donation is so appreciated and 100% goes toward the school lunch deficit. After all donations are collected, we would like to present Mr. Steve Michaels with a check to put toward the school lunch debt and a framed certificate listing the names of everyone that stepped up to this worthy cause. Our hope is that out of the 50+ businesses and organizations that will receive this letter, we will be able to meet our goal of \$10,000.

Mr. Michaels is currently unaware that we are pioneering this community challenge for the good of the school district and all of the students, but we hope to make it a worthy surprise. Whether you can give \$10 or \$100, this cause is worth donating to. We are not hoping for a few to give all, but for all to give a few. Let's make our community proud and come together for the benefit of our children.

Please send donations to: Coon Valley Post 116

We hope to have all donations in hand by **April 15th**. Be sure to include your **business name** and a memo on the check for **WASD lunch debt** so your donation is accounted for. Thank you for all your kindness and support. We are truly a community to be proud of!