

## Seniors At Seneca Area School District Prepare for “Reality Check 2024” event on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Senior Class of 2024 will be joining area schools for the annual financial simulation activity called REALITY CHECK. REALITY CHECK will be held **on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at the Prairie du Chien High School. Senior students from area school districts of Boscobel, Prairie du Chien, Cassville, Seneca, Wauzeka-Steuben, Clayton Ridge, Central Community, and MFL MarMac will be participating.

The day will consist of students taking their chosen careers and being given random, realistic scenarios. Students may be single or married or divorced; have one child or multiple; one income or two. They will have to maintain a budget while paying all of the monthly expenses such as housing, car expenses, daycare, utility costs, student loans, investments, clothing, and food expenses among others. There will also be “unexpected” expenses such as a new baby, speeding tickets, and others.

Students will be reviewing check writing policies, use of debit and credit cards, investment policies, insurance needs, taxes, and more in order to prepare for this activity. Many students have commented on how this activity is an eye-opener regarding the realities of living on their own.

Many businesses, organizations, and volunteers will work together to help the students from the Class of 2024 understand what life will be like when they have to live on their own. One of the most rewarding parts of this activity is the interaction between the young adults and the business and community members. The volunteers come from a variety of businesses including local industry, banks, retail stores, insurance agencies, credit unions, financial investment firms, auto dealers, real estate agents, city and county government, law enforcement, and many others.

The last time this was held, the project was approximately \$8,000 for eight schools to participate. The Reality Check Committee has been working on receiving grant money to offset the cost of transportation, materials, postage, and meals (students and volunteers) for this project.

If you are interested in donating to this project, please contact Amanda Wagner at (608)737-9177 EXT: 1125 or email [awagner@seneca.k12.wi.us](mailto:awagner@seneca.k12.wi.us)

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Vickie Breuer before February 28 at 563.539.6400 x 111 or [vickie.breuer@mflmm.k12.ia.us](mailto:vickie.breuer@mflmm.k12.ia.us)

