

## **UW Oshkosh community invited to join Oshkosh4Education event on Jan. 8**

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Oshkosh4Education, a new community-based educational improvement organization, is sponsoring a public event on Jan. 8 that will allow individuals to shape the future of the Oshkosh Area School District.

The event, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Oshkosh Convention Center, will feature a presentation from Chief Executive Officer Carolyn Akers of the Mobile Area Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve public schools in Mobile, Ala. Akers headed a successful community engagement process called “Yes We Can” in Mobile, her presentation will inform attendees of the method and approach taken and how similar strategies will be used by Oshkosh4Education in improving education in Oshkosh.

Attendees will learn about focus group sessions that are set to be held throughout the future months.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is among a host of organizations supporting the efforts of Oshkosh4Education. The new initiative and organization seeks to connect public schools with the community to create a vision for the area’s academic future.

UW Oshkosh Chancellor Richard Wells is an active member of the Oshkosh4Education group, as is Special Assistant to the Chancellor Tom Grogan who has helped serve as an external facilitator for the group.

Grogan said the Jan. 8 event is intended to be “the start of a broader effort” that will include focus group discussions involving the community in the planning process. He also said two alternative focus group sessions will likely be held in the future specifically for the UW Oshkosh community.

Oshkosh4Education is supported by the Oshkosh Community Education Fund of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Those wishing to attend the event are asked to register on their website at [www.OshkoshAreaCF.org](http://www.OshkoshAreaCF.org).

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