

June 8, 2020

To: Board of Directors
From: Dr. Lisa Remy, Superintendent
Re: Superintendent's Report

Return-to-Learn: The district return-to-learn leadership team has begun our work. As a reminder Return-to-Learn plans are required to be submitted to the Iowa Department of Education by July 1, 2020. These plans are designed to help districts and nonpublic schools meet the challenges of 2020- 21 by:

- Ensuring that remote learning options (Required Continuous Learning Online, Hybrid Learning, On-Site Delivery) are available for all students;
- Planning to help students catch-up for the learning they may have missed during school closures;
- Integrating public health strategies into Iowa's schools;
- Enabling schools to move between on-site and remote learning as needed; and
- Helping the Department and our partners at Iowa's area education agencies (AEAs) understand how best to support schools.

Required continuous learning will look and feel different than voluntary continuous learning online in that we'll be fully virtual and students will be required to engage (i.e. virtual schedules, grades, special education services delivered, etc.) Members of the Teaching and Learning team will review work to date, knowing the documents are continued works in progress as state-wide guidance is provided, feedback is shared, and decisions are made through the Return-to-Learn team. I have attached some draft documents/schedules for your review.

School Community Relations has sent out surveys to teachers, parents/families, and students to gather feedback as we work through our return-to-learn plans. As of June 4, 2020 the responses are as follows: Certified Staff 559, Parent 1,193, and Student 383. Our return-to-learn leadership team will review the results and incorporate feedback in our plan where applicable.

Each of our departments; Nutrition, Technology, Operations, Transportation, Human Resources etc. are working on the following 7 areas. Each of these areas will be addressed in all three learning options (Required Continuous Learning, Hybrid Learning, or On-Site Learning). We plan to update the board on these areas at our June 22nd board meeting.

1. Leadership
2. Infrastructure

3. Health and Safety
4. Iowa Academic Standards
5. Social-Emotional-Behavioral Health (SEBH)
6. Equity
7. Data Considerations.

I have also added a link to some summer learning opportunities provided by our Online Learning Coordinators. We are so fortunate to have the teacher leadership system and Abby and Carrie leading this learning.

<https://www.smores.com/0dkr6-summer-learning-opportunities?ref=email-content#w-7540054996>

iJAG: The following students went through a rigorous interview process to be a part of a paid iJAG Principal Financial Internship opportunity. Given COVID-19, these students adapted quickly to the new circumstances of the interview process and internship agreements. These students worked tirelessly in the classroom to perfect interview skills, professional dress, resumes, cover letters, professional presence and much more. This opportunity is well deserved.

Please help me in congratulating the following iJAG students:

Mark Yahkwenneh
Lexmie Martinez
Ilijaha Carter
Allanae Alexander
Joshua Alles
Danielle Baird
Isyss James

Nutrition Grant for Crestview: Congratulations to Director Dye and her team on the receipt of FY19 Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant funds, for Crestview School of Inquiry. This grant was put together by Indian Hills kitchen manager, Jason Brand. He put together this grant for equipment on behalf of Crestview. Crestview will be the recipient of a brand new oven! This grant award is for a double stack unit costing \$35,000.00. Director Dye and her team are beyond excited for this opportunity and we all thank Jason for his hard work in preparing this grant on our behalf.

IASB 2021 Legislative Priorities: It is time to review the IASB 2020 Platform for 2021 legislative priorities. We are asked to identify up to four priority issues. We need to submit our 2021 legislative priorities by August 2020. We will need to select our board's top four legislative priorities for 2021 at the July board meeting.

The information gathered helps guide IASB legislative and grassroots advocacy efforts. It is especially helpful when speaking to legislative influencers when IASB can show them the data of what issues are particularly important to members in their area.