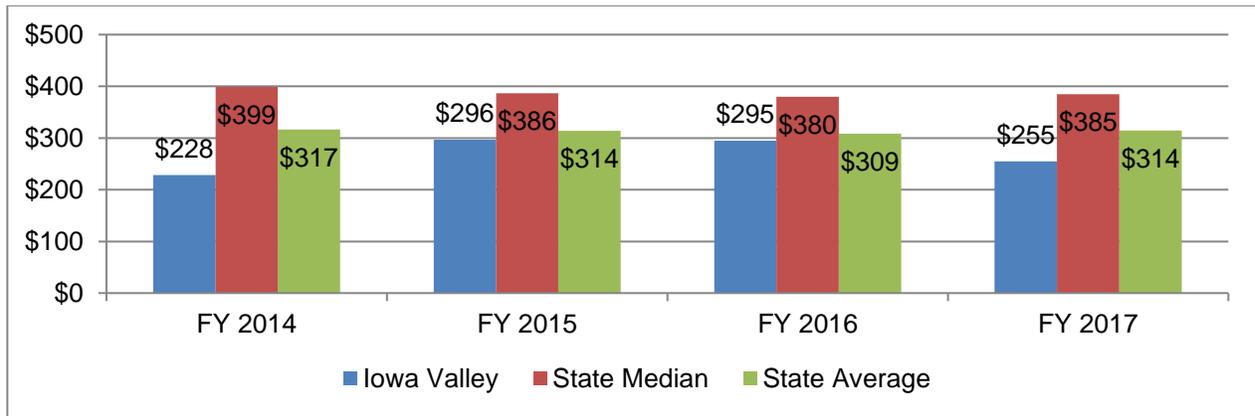




## February 21, 2018 Superintendent Report

*Mission: To provide a safe, comfortable, clean and caring environment where community and staff work together to provide an education that will maximize each individual's potential, instill a sense of self-worth, and prepare them for life-long learning.*

1. A calendar meeting met on February 5 to provide feedback for the 2018-2019 school calendar. Two calendars will be drafted and voted on by the staff. Both of these calendars will then be presented to the school board at our March 21 meeting.
2. Janet Grafft and I attended the ISFIS Budget meeting on February 1 to help draft the FY19 budget.
3. An organizational meeting for the new district football brackets was held at North English on February 12.
4. The start of the legislative session for FY18, January 8, is a busy time for Iowa legislators. On January 25, Brad Patterson and I attended the Legislative Forum at the Manatt Community Center in Brooklyn, along with 12 other school districts, to learn what educational discussions are taking place in Des Moines. Legislators who attended were: Representative Wes Breckenridge, Senator Tim Kapucian, Senator Kevin Kinney, and Representative David Maxwell. Let me share with you some of the educational priority items that are being discussed this legislative session.
  - **SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education)**  
This funding source was formerly known as the local option sales and service tax for school infrastructure. Some of the uses of these funds are: construction work, gyms, bus garages, remodeling work, etc. SAVE sunsets in 2029 and the extension for another 20 years, through 2049, will be used by school districts to ensure transparency and long-term viability for new facility construction work and increase commitment to property tax relief and equity. SAVE dollars are extremely important to our school district as they bring in about \$492,801. Please let legislators know how important it is to extend SAVE funds for another 20 years to 2049.
  - **Transportation Equity**  
Equity will hopefully be provided to help districts that are above state averages due to transportation costs. 128 school districts fall into this category and this additional cost takes away funds before they can be used in the classroom. Beginning in FY18, there would be an increase in state cost per pupil and eligible DCPD (district's cost per pupil) over a 10-year period until all DCPD are equal. Senate File 455 is currently proposing this plan to provide supplemental weighting for transportation equity.



- **Setting SSA (Supplemental State Aid)**

By the time this newsletter is printed, hopefully the SSA (Supplemental State Aid) is determined. Debates are being held and SSA will probably fall somewhere between 0.5 - 1.5%. We are fortunate that the amount is not 0%, but 0.5 - 1.5% SSA will continue to put school districts in tight financial situations and discussions on how to remain “above water.” We are extremely grateful, however, for the continued support for education as most other areas in the state budget were either reduced or remained stable.

### Fitness Center and Walking/Gym Use Opportunities

- Fitness center opened to the public on February 12, 2018
- See fitness center / walking agreements and fees on our webpage at [www.iowa-valley.k12.ia.us](http://www.iowa-valley.k12.ia.us)
- Reserve gym space by emailing [elemgymuse@ivcsd.org](mailto:elemgymuse@ivcsd.org)
- Make a donation to Tiger Health & Fitness with plaque recognition for amounts over \$100. Call central office for more information at 642-7714. See our newest donor, Cuffs vs Ladders participants, below.

