



December 21, 2016 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. IASB Standards
2. Veteran's Day Program
3. We celebrated five businesses for CAKE Night at the IV vs Keota basketball game on December 13. These businesses and partnerships are:
 - Jackie Jordan from Marengo Public Library. Jackie works with students in Mrs. Deb Henry's classroom.
 - Galen Moser from the Marengo Police Dept. Galen works with students in Mr. Tony Shade's classroom.
 - Donna Meier from Keystone Savings Bank. Donna works with students in Ms. Courtney Camp and Mrs. Connie Howar's classroom.
 - Leanne Cronbaugh and Abby Kasper from Leanne's School of Dance. Leanne and Abby work with students in Ms. Kathleen Frimml's classroom.
 - Tom and Theresa Ryan from Peterson Pharmacy. Tom and Theresa work with students in Mrs. Janet Behrens' classroom.
4. New Gym Addition- Footings are currently being worked on for the new building project.



October 11, 2016



October 19, 2016



November 18, 2016



November 30, 2016

5. IASB Convention November 16-18, 2016- Thanks to Dale Slaymaker and Jay Hall for attending the 71st IASB Annual Convention with me this year. The theme for this year’s convention was “The Promise of Iowa: Great Public Schools, Great State.” These are the sessions I attended on November 17:

- Keynote speaker, Pedro Noguera- “Excellence Through Equity: The Transformative Power of Courageous Leadership”
- “Board Self-Assessment: Not Required, But a Heck of a Good Idea!” with the Decorah CSD school board
- “The Iowa Open Meets Law: Your Questions, Answered” with IASB personnel
- Keynote speaker, John Draper- “Crucial Conversations About America’s Public Schools”
- “Effective Board Governance: Essential Conversations to Guide the Work” with Vinton-Shellsburg CSD school board
- “Dealing with the Stress of Leadership” with SAI personnel and Waterloo CSD superintendent
- Keynote speaker, Fredi Lajvardi- “Improbable to Unstoppable: The True Story of the Carl Hayden Kids.” I have a copy of the movie “Spare Parts” which is based on the events from the students of Carl Hayden HS and their powerful underwater robotics competition. Students, staff, and board members are welcome to view this anytime. Just let me know a couple days in advance.

6. Chronic Absenteeism in Iowa (see attachment for state figures)

IV Elem.				
Sch. Year	# enrolled	# chronic. absent	% chronic. absent	% state ave.
FY14	254	6	2.4	8.3
FY15	275	14	5.1	8.8
FY16	283	10	3.5	8
IV Jr./Sr. HS				
Sch. Year	# enrolled	# chronic. absent	% chronic. absent	% state ave.
FY14	239	13	5.4	8.3
FY15	233	16	6.9	8.8
FY16	220	15	6.8	8

7. 2017 IASB Legislative Priorities (see attachment)

8. Annual Legislative Dinner January 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

9. Security system is being installed by Walsh and should be completed by winter break. S&S plans to install the new door entrance to the Jr./Sr. HS office during winter break.

10. Work session date for long and short-term goals.

