



January 17, 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. Thanks to an anonymous donor for the Tiger t-shirts given to all students and staff at the Jr./Sr. High School before break. What a wonderful surprise!



2. “Thanks” to the participants, donors, officials, score keepers, Tuffy the Tiger, and the Tiger Health & Fitness committee for the Cuffs vs Ladders benefit basketball game for the new addition on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Dale Slaymaker, the organizer of the benefit, put in a much-appreciated amount of time, energy, and creativity for this successful event. What a great time for all, raising \$1,038.00!



3. January 15 PD Agenda with Iowa Valley at English Valleys CSD:

Morning

- Walk/discussions on how to better serve our students who have mental health needs
- PBIS discussion- What is working and what can we improve?
- Standards work, where are we now?
- Revisiting priority standards, grade level standards, and vertical alignment carousel
- PLC guiding coalition- mission statement and core belief

Lunch

- Lunch - Pulled pork sandwich, party potatoes, baked beans, dessert and pop from Freeman Foods and donations

Afternoon

Technology Opportunities - Jonathan, Lynne and Mindy

- Foundation -- Lynn
- Break-out sessions (2)

Session Times:	Session Topic:	Session Topic:	Session Topic:
1-1:50 p.m.	Student-to-Student Collaboration	Formative Assessment/ Gathering Feedback	Managing Your Workflow with Google Tools (Refresher)
1:55-2:45 p.m.	Student-to-Student Collaboration	Formative Assessment/ Gathering Feedback	Managing Your Workflow with Google Tools (Advanced)

4. FFA Educator Award

Congratulations to Marcia Kilgard who was awarded the 2017 District Conservation Educator Award from the Soil and Water Conservation District this past fall.

5. What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

In early January, I attended a Career Pathways Workshop in Coralville at the Kirkwood Regional Center.

Participants discussed a variety of topics ranging from the challenges facing youth today as they select a career and purpose of K-12 education for career exploration to career/technical education service areas, career and life readiness, and high growth occupation areas. Research in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Corridor area shows that some of the highest growing occupations over the next ten years will be:

- Assistants, aides, and supervisors of personal care
- Mathematical science occupations
- Healthcare support occupations
- Community and social service specialists
- Health diagnosing and treating practitioners

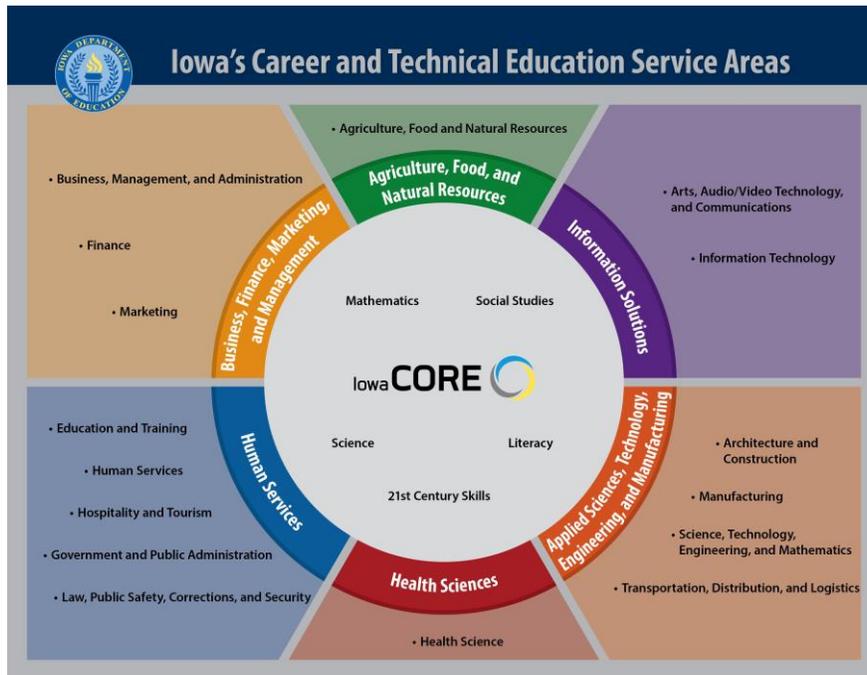
On the other end of the spectrum, some of the slowest growing occupations in the corridor area over the next ten years are predicted to be:

- Information and records clerks
- Sales managers
- Fishing and hunting workers

The Iowa Department of Education has provided a plan to help with career exploration and preparation called CTE (Career and Technical Education) Redesign. Its efforts will improve access to high-quality CTE programs with better regional planning partnerships, encourage alignment of CTE course offerings to in-demand occupations to meet the needs of employers, and help students explore careers through work-based learning opportunities.

The DE's efforts have focused on engaging students in pathways that connect school to real-world work experiences while in the K-12 years. The career and technical education service areas for these efforts fall in six key areas:

1. Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
2. Information Solutions
3. Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing
4. Health Sciences
5. Human Services
6. Business, Finance, Marketing, and Management



Our district assists youth by: building an awareness and interest in various careers, bringing community partners together such as our CAKE (Community and Kids in Education) partners, providing a pathway to achieve career goals, committing to its youth, and implementing and improving curriculum and experiences so students will become more college and career ready. As high school students prepare for their careers, it will be imperative that they are flexible, well-rounded, and possess solid “soft skills” such as good attendance, a hard work ethic, being cooperative, and ability to be professional/respectful. Let's keep encouraging our youth to be lifelong learners to prepare for jobs we do not even know about yet.

6. Fitness Room

The fitness room is almost ready for the general public. We are waiting for the camera system's fiber to be installed. Training for the entire staff will be held on February 14 during part of our in-service time.

