



March 15, 2017 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.

GWAEA Meeting – March 1, 2017

We held our regular monthly meeting on March 1 but added an additional work session to learn more details about Iowa's new collective bargaining laws. Brett Nitzschke and Emily Ellingson, attorneys from Lynch Dallas, spoke to our group and we had lots of questions about moving forward with these changes.

The annual GWAEA Superintendent's Retreat is scheduled for April 5 and 6 in Dubuque.

Summer Lunch Program

We will be sponsoring the summer lunch program again this year. Serving times will be from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM from June 5-July 17, excluding July 3 and 4. We are anticipating an even larger group than last year's first-ever program.

"The Wheels on the Bus"

Before the school day even begins, our school bus drivers prepare their daily trips for a safe ride to and from school for each of their riders. A few of the drivers' responsibilities include the following: practicing daily pre- and post-bus inspections, providing a bully-free zone for all riders, implementing evacuation plans, keeping vehicles clean, creating a positive environment, logging fuel consumption, filling vehicles with fuel, and alerting the transportation director when maintenance is needed. Drivers have a huge responsibility behind the wheel for 178 days out of the year while, at the same time, reaping the wonderful rewards of establishing a relationship with each rider, knowing that they are the first person to greet students in the morning and to say good-bye at the end of every day. Thanks, transportation team, for providing safe trips for our children!

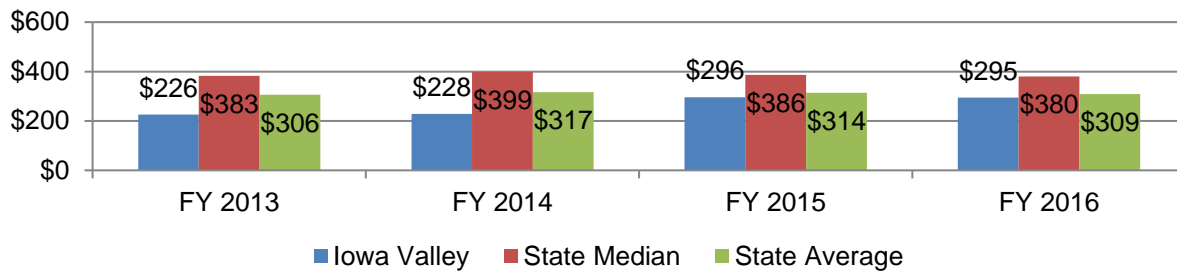
We are proud of our Iowa Valley transportation team:

- John Schnebbe- transportation director
- Rick Frimml- transportation supervisor
- Krystal Schaier- assists with routes, schedules, transportation report, certifications, etc.
- Regular route drivers- Rick Frimml, Jack Patterson, Naomi Ward, Carrie Becker
- Handicap bus driver- Becky Loffer
- Special trip drivers- Joe Kriegel, Richard Schmidt, and Ben Wagner
- Substitute bus drivers- Nate Karsten, Ray Cooling, Darrell Haack, Joe Loftus, Mike Malloy, Andy Rowe, and Jim Sauerbrei

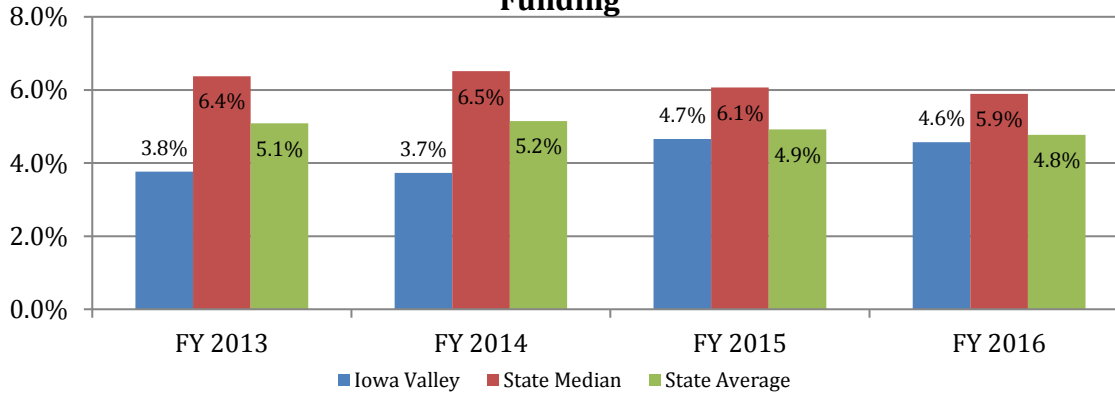


Do you know that Iowa Valley Community School District buses put on approximately 49,000 miles during the school year? IVCSD spends \$295/pupil from General Fund, which is \$14/pupil less than the state average.

Transportation Costs Per Student



Transportation Costs - Impact on Regular Program Per Pupil Funding



SF 455 (formerly SSB 1124) is being proposed as a possible solution to the inequities of high transportation costs for rural school districts. This bill is a 10-year phase-in plan, which will eventually create \$128 million to be used for transportation costs. \$86 million will be generated to equalize per pupil costs for higher-than-state-average school districts. With additional transportation funds, we can then use our General Funds for classroom activities, supplies, and salaries rather than items such as bus maintenance and fuel costs.

Estimated Transportation Funding Proposal Impact for Iowa Valley

Phase-In Year	Fiscal Year	Supplementary Weighting	Funding Amount	Per Pupil Funding Amount	State Aid	Property Tax
1	18	1.78	\$ 11,893.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 10,556.00	\$ 1,337.00
2	19	3.56	\$ 23,787.00	\$ 43.99	\$ 21,112.00	\$ 2,675.00
3	20	5.33	\$ 35,680.00	\$ 65.99	\$ 31,670.00	\$ 4,010.00
4	21	7.08	\$ 47,574.00	\$ 87.99	\$ 42,221.00	\$ 5,353.00
5	22	8.82	\$ 59,467.00	\$ 109.98	\$ 52,778.00	\$ 6,689.00
6	23	10.56	\$ 71,360.00	\$ 131.98	\$ 63,326.00	\$ 8,034.00
7	24	12.28	\$ 83,254.00	\$ 153.97	\$ 73,883.00	\$ 9,371.00
8	25	13.99	\$ 95,147.00	\$ 175.97	\$ 84,428.00	\$ 10,719.00
9	26	15.70	\$ 107,041.00	\$ 197.97	\$ 94,985.00	\$ 12,056.00
10	27	17.39	\$ 118,934.00	\$ 219.96	\$ 105,526.00	\$ 13,408.00

