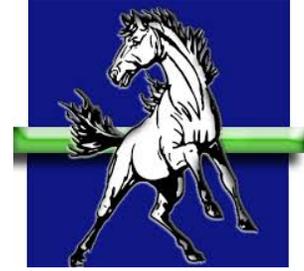


**Belmond-Klemme Community  
School District**  
Belmond, Iowa 50421



**Superintendent's Report**

**TO:** The Belmond-Klemme School Board  
**FROM:** Dan Frazier, Superintendent  
**DATE:** Monday, November 15, 2021  
**RE:** Superintendent's Report on School District Business

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**Belmond-Klemme Certified Enrollment Report as of October 1:  
Enrollment Rises Slightly**

Each year the state of Iowa asks each public school to do a count of its students on October 1 to determine the amount of state aid the school will get in the next fiscal year. This is known as the certified budget enrollment.

The Belmond-Klemme certified budget enrollment count includes all resident students served in Belmond-Klemme classrooms, any dual enrollment students, any home school assistance students, and all resident students attending school elsewhere under Open Enrollment. The official report summary filed with the Department of Education reads as follows:

**Summary—Certified Enrollment, October 1, 2021**

<b>CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Resident Public Students Attending our District	626	630	638	646	657
Resident Public Students Attending another District	130	136	137	144	141
Actual Enrollment	756	766	775	792	798
Non-Resident Public Students Attending our District	62	54	48	48	31
PK 4 Students Attending Preschool Program	14	13	21	16	17
Total School Age Students in our District	<b>688</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>688</b>
Limited English Proficient Weighting	16	14	14	11	12

As of Friday, October 1, 2021, the enrollment for the Belmond-Klemme Community School District, upon which our district budget will be based for the next fiscal year, was 688 students PK-12.

### Enrollment Changes of Area Schools

Enrolments reflect actual students served over five years: October 2015 to October 2020.

School District	2015	2020	Percent Change
Belmond-Klemme	712.3	684.0	-3.97%
CAL	236.1	110.0	-53.41%
Central Springs	741.4	718.6	-3.08%
Charles City	1,535.2	1,562.9	1.80%
Clear Lake	1,289.3	1,403.1	8.83%
Forest City	1,107.5	1,074.7	-2.96%
Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	1,015.9	908.9	-10.53%
Hampton-Dumont	1,183.6	1,224.1	3.42%
Iowa Falls	1,154.8	1,188.1	2.88%
Lake Mills	641.3	614.7	-4.15%
Mason City	3,745.9	3,440.1	-8.16%
Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock	458.0	386.0	-15.72%
West Fork	652.4	677.7	3.88%
West Hancock	598.7	566.4	-5.39%

### Enrollment Projections

The Iowa Department of Education prepares enrollment projections for each public school district in Iowa. The Department calculates the birth rate for each school district and the likely effect on student population.

#### Wright County Birth Rates

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
160	154	151	128	150	155	162

After four years of decline, the Iowa Department of Education continues to predict that Belmond-Klemme will see some stability in its enrollment. See the table below.

ACTUAL ENROLLMENTS				
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
793.2	801.3	812.2	797.6	791.5

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS				
2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
793.3	817.5	829.4	793.2	804.5

Note: the numbers above are based only on resident enrollment.

## **Bronco eSports Reach State Finals**

Our Bronco esports team playing the game *Rainbow 6 Siege* defeated West Delaware in the semifinals of the state tournament last night. This means our team will be playing Linn-Mar of Marion for the state title on Thursday after school. Linn-Mar is a school district of 8,000 students in the Cedar Rapids metro area.

## **Booster Shots for Staff on Wednesday**

Wright County Public Health will be at the school at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 17 to give Covid-19 booster shots to anyone who has had the series and would like a booster. Educators are considered high risk for Covid due to our jobs, so all are eligible to receive the booster at this time.

## **Elementary Vaccinations Next Wednesday**

Wright County Public Health will be in the Jacobson Building on Wednesday, November 17, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM to administer vaccinations to willing students ages 5 to 11. It is after school so parents may be present.

The second dose will be given on December 8. It is an early out, so it will be given from 1:00 to 2:00 PM that day.



*Some of our new BK students experienced snow for the first time with Friday's snowfall. EL teacher Tiffany Landrum let them play in it that morning.*

## Board Photos

Lee at the *Belmond Independent* asked me to let the board members know that she would like to take a photo of new school board after Tuesday night's meeting. Trish Morris will also like a new photo for the website.

## Expect school staff shortages to continue

News Article Reprinted from *Axios*, Courtenay Brown, 10-18-2021:

It's the middle of the year, but staff shortages are still hampering Iowa schools from performing their daily operations at 100%.

And this year's politicized debates about classrooms aren't helping with morale and retaining workers, said Mike Beranek, president of the Iowa State Education Association.

**Why it matters:** Staff shortages, especially in classrooms, hurt student learning. Teachers and teacher aides don't have time for individualized lesson plans and they're managing larger class sizes.

**State of play:** Iowa's job board for schools shows nearly 300 open positions in the Des Moines metro, ranging from high school teachers to custodial staff.

Retirements ticked up in 2020 due to the pandemic. But there's also been a decline in people applying for jobs, compounding staffing issues, Beranek said. Des Moines Public Schools is offering sign-on bonuses of up to \$5,000 for some positions.

**Between the lines:** Education workers tend to be women, who have recently left the workforce in droves. They are also older, so they may be more concerned about contracting COVID-19, writes *Axios'* Courtenay Brown.

**What to watch:** Morale is at an all-time low as classrooms become the center of divisive political debates, Beranek said. He wouldn't be surprised if there was another exodus of workers at the end of the school year.

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## Five Myths about Education

A new book from NEPC debunks many criticisms of public schools. A new book from Fellows at the National Education Policy Center, Casey Cobb (University of Connecticut) and Gene Glass (Arizona State University) takes dead aim at five big criticisms of American public schools. *Public and Private Education in America: Examining the Facts* slathers on convincing data to take the wind out of the sails of five widespread myths:

**Myth 1: Private schools outperform public schools.**

Nonsense they say. The private school advantage lies in selecting wealthier students to put in front of teachers.

**Myth 2: U.S. schools lag way behind schools in other nations.**

More junk science. Scholars have raised serious concerns about the validity of these rankings.

**Myth 3: It is nearly impossible to fire teachers for poor performance because of unions.**

Evidence actually suggests that teachers are more likely to be fired for performance-related issues in unionized school districts and states.

**Myth 4: Schools are getting more and more dangerous.**

The opposite is true. Today's students are less likely to be the victims of violence or theft at school than their predecessors 20 years ago.

**Myth 5: Lard on more homework to improve student achievement.**

The amount of homework assigned to U.S. students has nearly tripled since the early 1980s. But improvements vary by grade level, subject and assessment methods.

## Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

November 17, 2021	Pre-convention IASB
November 18, 2021	IASB Annual Convention
November 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day
December 7, 2021	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 16, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
December 21, 2021	December Solstice
December 24, 2021	“Christmas Eve” day off
December 25, 2021	Christmas Day
December 26, 2021	Kwanzaa (first day)
December 31, 2021	“New Year’s Eve” day off