

# Boyceville Community School District



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## **Boyceville High/Middle School**

### **Principal's Report**

**August 20, 2025**

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#### **Facilities**

The high/middle school office staff ended their relationship with Ms. Debee's classroom on Friday, August 15, in an effort to be respectful of Ms. Debee's need to organize and prep her classroom for students. While our time out of our space may have been inconvenient, we are appreciative of the ability to have a space that provided the community an appropriate point of contact with office staff. Although our updated office space has yet to be completed, we are excited about the changes that will accompany the upgraded safety and security features of people looking to enter our building.

We continue to be excited by the technological advances that the district has chosen to pursue. Throughout the building you will find new CleverTouch monitors (approximately 25), upgraded SmartBoards (2) and monitors that are designed to help be more efficient and effective with our instructional delivery. The new fob system continues to be noticeable throughout the building as new strikeplates are attached to door frames AND fob readers are being installed out of classroom doors.

#### **Academics**

While we reach the final hours of "summer" and we are on the verge of the 2025-2026 school year, we are still working on finalizing scheduling details. During our "back-to-school" trainings, we have engaged with IXL trainings, had discussions about the implementation of a new grading policy within the middle school (which will be piloted throughout the 2025-2026 school year and include an on-going book study), and continued to have conversations about ensuring that we are providing our students with coursework that will help prepare them for their post-secondary options.

We are working on finalizing our dates for the 2025 Fall ACT and PreACT implementation - these tests will be administered to our 9-11 population on Wednesday, October 22; information about testing - including the Class of 2026 being provided a day off - will be communicated with families and students beginning at the start of the school year. In addition, we have also set a tentative date for the state-mandated administration of these tests for Thursday, April 9. I will be working with a select group of staff early in the school year in order to generate an assessment calendar - ensuring that we are protecting the time required to optimize student performance on all standardized tests (including implementing SAEBSR.).

#### **School Culture**

We continue to work on ensuring that we are celebrating the good that is happening throughout our school community. We will once again be recognizing students through our Student of the Month

program; the Kindness Wall is slated to be unveiled the week of August 18; we will be devoting more attention to our students who have perfect attendance (as well as those who show a marked improvement over last year's attendance); we will be re-introducing our Academic Achievement Awards - something that has been in hiatus for more than five years - in order to celebrate our high school students who shine in the classroom.

Ultimately, we are looking to recognize ALL the good things that are happening due to our students and their efforts, both in and out of the classroom, highlighting the benefits of belonging.

### **Thank You!**

I would like to thank Nancy Pustol for her patience and flexibility that was demonstrated over the course of this summer - working in "cramped conditions" and never being able to escape my comments, opinions and frustrations is undoubtedly a challenge, yet she not only managed to make it through the past three months, she did so with a mindset of support and patience. I am grateful for her insights, her patience and her friendship, as without her I would flounder and be constantly surrounded by frustration. Nancy has continued to provide me with a grounded perspective, a fire when needed, a laugh out of nowhere and treats to spoil me (from "wedding cake" to meat products).

Derrick Retz has been incredible throughout the summer! While I cannot fathom the multitude of directions that he has been pulled in, I appreciate his ability to always answer his phone, respond to any, and all, inane questions and most importantly, get things done. We are lucky to have someone who is flexible and patient with his "get 'er done" mindset.

Jacob Schoeder continues to "drop whatever he is doing" in order to keep me connected to technology; from loss of internet to needing to move office spaces - Jacob continues to prioritize my needs in order to keep me going. Jacob is also responsible for the procuring and installation of our new classroom technology - this has been an exciting change to our system and one that I hope he is proud of pushing us toward.