

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



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Tuesday, June 13, 2023
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

Preschool Over Capacity

Three-year-old preschool is not funded by the State of Iowa and is a financial loss for BK school.

Currently, we have more three-year-olds registered for preschool than we have slots. Our maximum by law is 16, and we generally hold it to 15 in case we get a three-year-old special education student. We would be required by law to provide preschool services to a three-year-old with a special education individualized education plan (IEP).

We are already at 21 after the open house and TLC is completely full.

We have three options:

1. Double our sections and double our loss when our budget is on the edge. Plus, our preschool teacher does special education half days. Putting her into a preschool classroom would reduce services to our special needs students.
2. Do a lottery and reject half of three-year-olds.
3. Have all three-year-olds attend alternate days.

We are worried about turning away students and families who have expressed a desire to start school. The downside is that we might have parents change their mind if they knew we were only doing two days a week versus five.

- We could split the three-year-olds into two groups, one group on Monday-Thursday and the other Tuesday-Friday. We already cancel on early out Wednesdays so there would be fewer cancelled days.
- The Wright County preschool director has given permission to do this. We would just cut the tuition in half and apparently other schools already do this.

I recommend there be no changes in four-year-old preschool.

Hiring Update

We are currently fully staffed for the next school year. We are one of the very few in the state of Iowa.

2304.	Special Education, H.S.	Lori Eckhoff – Transfer
2305.	Industrial Technology	Craig Johnson
2306.	Teacher, Elementary, Kinder	Trinity Shirk
2307.	Teacher, Elementary, 6 th	Natasha Smith
2309.	Teacher, Elementary, 1 st	Bailee Frayne
2310.	Counselor, M.S.	Sarah Nelson
2311.	Teacher, Remedial Math	Myriam Carrillo
Staff:	Custodian, Elementary, Nights	_____
Staff:	Transportation Director	_____

English Learner Program

Our EL teachers received the ELPA21 results from this year's testing. About 97% of students made positive growth in every domain, which is very good and better than years past.

Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

June 15, 2023	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
June 19, 2023	Juneteenth
June 21, 2023	June Solstice
July 4, 2023	Independence Day
July 20, 2023	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
August 14 – 15, 2023	New Teacher Orientation Workshop
August 16 – 22, 2023	Back-to-school Workshop
August 17, 2023	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
August 23, 2023	8:30 A.M., First Day of School for Students
September 1, 2023	7:00 P.M., Football home opener versus West Hancock (Britt)
September 4, 2023	Labor Day – No School
September 11, 2023	Patriot Day
September 17, 2023	Constitution Day
September 21, 2023	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting