

Belmond-Klemme Community School District

Belmond, Iowa 50421



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Tuesday, August 17, 2021
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

All-staff Breakfast

The all-staff breakfast is an important annual back-to-school tradition. I invite all school board members to attend. It would be nice to have one or two, or possibly seven, school board members greeting the staff as they arrive. Serving commences at 7:30 A.M. on Friday, August 20.

Construction Completion Delayed

Due to a number of factors (change in scope of work, material delivery delays, subcontractor availability, etc.), the Music Area will not be completed until approximately October 1, 2021. As previously planned for, alternative instructional areas will be provided to our music teachers and their students.

Social Worker for Our School

For the coming school year, Iowa Specialty Hospital will be providing us with a full-time social worker. The person has already been hired and will be working with the mental health needs of our students. Already five of our students are on the hospital's list. Our district's only obligation is to find her space to serve students.

The new social worker is Aspen Olson. She graduated with a Masters of Social Work from UNI in 2020 with an emphasis in trauma-informed care. Ms. Olson is also fluent in Spanish, having studied for a semester in Spain.

Hiring Update

We are still trying to hire for the two art and the preschool special education positions.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Leaving</u>	<u>Hiree</u>
2101. Computer Science	1.0 FTE	<i>New</i>	Dani Schon 0.5
2102. Principal, Jr/Sr High	1.0 FTE	Greg Fisher	CKay Jensen
2103. TAG Teacher	1.0 FTE	Jason Englert	Dani Schon 0.5
2104. Counselor, Elementary	1.0 FTE	<i>Heather Danburg</i>	Kaitlyn Peterson
2106. Activities Director	0.25 FTE	Scott Meyer	James Severson
2107. At-risk Coordinator	0.75 FTE	Scott Meyer	James Severson
2108. English/Language Arts	1.0 FTE	Merriya Pickner	Candie Cueva
2109. English/Language Arts	1.0 FTE	Nicole Bock	Austin Lich
2112. Preschool Teacher	1.0 FTE	Lindsay Sampson	Peggy Nielson
2114. Teacher, Elementary, 4th	1.0 FTE	Leah Sudtelgte	Paige Watne
2117. Social Studies	1.0 FTE	Callie Stein	Adam Anthony
2118. Art, High School	1.0 FTE	Jodi Turner	Patty Reed
2119. Kindergarten	1.0 FTE	Marne Markwardt	Karissa Rasch
2120. Kindergarten	1.0 FTE	Missy Krieps	Carissa Thompson
2121. Teacher, Elementary, 1st	1.0 FTE	Catherine Moeller	Amy Carlson
2122. Teacher, Elementary, 6th	1.0 FTE	Kelsey Nierengarten	Leah Thompson
2123. Art, Elementary	1.0 FTE	Nicole Nelson	Alisa Habel
2125. Physical Education, Elem.	1.0 FTE	Jaxon Heinz	Mary Beth Bush
2126. Teacher, Elementary, 5th	1.0 FTE	Annie Bram	Substitute

New CDC Guidelines for Schools

The Delta Variant of the COVID-19 virus is causing the fastest increase in new cases across our nation and in Iowa since last January. In response, the federal Centers for Disease Control have revised their guidance for K-12 schools. They say that “this fall, everyone should wear a mask in schools regardless of vaccination status.”

This will be difficult for Iowa schools since it is unlawful in our state to require anyone to wear a mask, regardless of public health conditions.



TODAY THE CDC HAS ISSUED

NEW MASK GUIDANCE

FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AREAS OF SUBSTANTIAL OR HIGH
TRANSMISSION AND K-12 SCHOOLS.



If you're in an area of substantial or high transmission, you should wear a mask in public indoor settings even if you're vaccinated.



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Vaccination Clinic at School

Wright County Public Health operated a COVID-19 vaccination site with the Pfizer vaccine on the morning of Monday, August 2, at 10:00 AM in the high school cafeteria.

We will have a 21-day follow-up (2nd dose) clinic on Monday, August 23, the first day of school.

Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

August 23, 2021	8:30 A.M., First Day of School for Students
August 23, 2021	Filing for school board opens
August 27, 2021	7:00 P.M., Football home opener versus AGWSR, Ackley
September 1, 2021	Kindergarten Open Enrollment Deadline
September 6, 2021	Labor Day – No School
September 11, 2021	Patriot Day
September 16, 2021	Filing for school board closes at 5:00 P.M.
September 17, 2021	Constitution Day
September 16, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
September 29, 2021	1:00 P.M. Dismissal for Teacher PD
October 11, 2021	Columbus Day – No School (Teacher PD Day)
October 12, 2021	9:00 A.M., IASB Employee Relations Conference, Altoona
October 21, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
October 22, 2021	End of First Quarter

Public Document: For distribution at the school board meeting.