

CRES Board Report: August, 2023

2023-2024 WBWF Goals

Goal #1 - All Students Ready for School

- 80% of students in the Little Rangers program who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024 will be able to identify 11 or more uppercase letters, as assessed by the BPS Early Childhood Assessment Kit.

Goal #2 - Read by 3rd Grade

- Each grade level, 2nd through 3rd, will achieve an overall Student Growth Percentile on the spring 2024 STAR Reading assessment as follows: 2nd grade will achieve a SGP of 75, and 3rd grade will achieve a SGP of 63. 1st grade will deploy the STAR Early Literacy Assessment to determine a benchmark.

Goal #3 - Close the Achievement Gap

- The proficiency gap on the Spring STAR math assessment between CI students qualifying for free and reduced lunch and students not qualifying for free and reduced lunch will decrease from 20% in 2023 to 17.5% in 2024.

Goal #4 - Career and College Readiness

- 90% of 9th, 90% of 10th, and 82% of 11th graders at Crosby-Ironton High School will be on track to graduate based on credits at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. *On track is defined as able to still graduate without credit recovery.

Goal #5 - All Students Graduate From High School

- 90% of seniors who begin and end the 2023-2024 school year at Crosby-Ironton High School, up from 81.5% on track to graduate their junior year, will graduate.

Bike Track and Outdoor Classroom – The new mountain bike dirt track and outdoor classroom at the northwest corner of the CRES property is nearing completion. It is an amazing feature that few, if any, elementary schools in the state have. This is a space that will be used by our students all year long. A special thanks goes out to Clayton Lang and Lori Vosacek for their hard work in fundraising and working with the company who built the space.

Science & Engineering Camp - In August, Allison Larsen and Rocky LaBlanc, facilitated the first ever CRES Science and Engineering Camp. 45 students attended the four-day camp where they used their critical thinking and problem solving skills to create some very impressive things. Many parents thanked the two of them, along with CRES teachers Ashleigh Smith, Cassidy Fort, and Jen Mickels,

Construction – As I type this report, construction is still happening at CRES. We appear to be at the stage of installing casework in all the renovated spaces. That’s a good sign, as that’s one of the last, if not the last task prior to cleaning and moving in.

CRES Workshop and Open House – Workshop week begins on Monday, August 28th. Monday through Wednesday will include meetings, trainings, and the setting up of learning spaces. Thursday is being set aside strictly for curriculum work. Our Open House Night will be Wednesday, August 30th, from 4:45-8:00. That’s always an exciting time.

Kindergarten Blast Off – We held our K Blast Off event for all of our incoming kindergartners and their families on Tuesday, August 22nd. We had about 80% of our invited families attend, which may be up a little from years past. A special thanks to Kelly Schaefer who worked very hard and gave much of her time to make sure that this event was a fun one for our students and their parents.

Respectfully submitted;
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