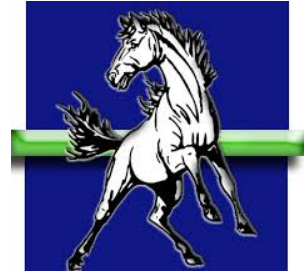


Belmond-Klemme Community School District

Belmond, Iowa 50421



Superintendent's Report

TO: The Belmond-Klemme School Board
FROM: Dan Frazier, Superintendent
DATE: Thursday, April 08, 2021
RE: Superintendent's Report on School District Business

Belmond-Klemme Graduation Rate

Graduation Rate Calculations:

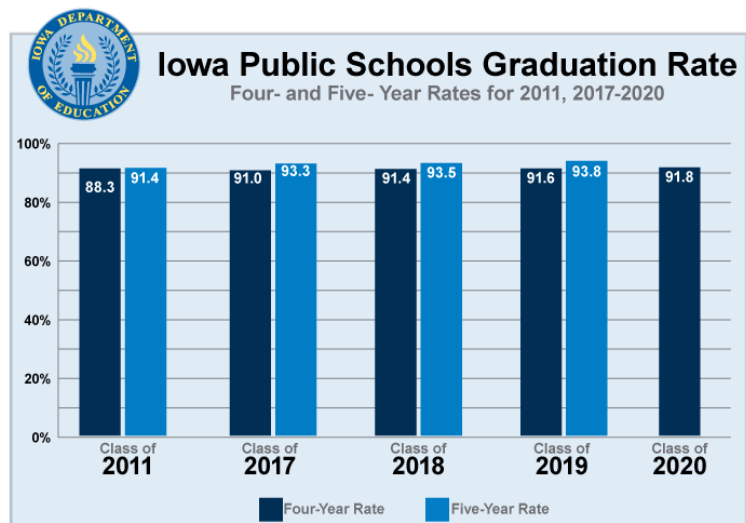
The Department will report both a four-year and five-year cohort graduation rate. The four-year cohort graduation rate is calculated for the class of 2020 by dividing the number of students in the cohort who graduate with a regular high school diploma (numerator) in four years or less by the number of first-time 9th graders enrolled in the fall of 2016 minus the number of students who transferred out plus the total number of students who transferred in (denominator).

Belmond-Klemme District Four Year Cohort Graduation Rates

91.5%	Class of 2020
95.4%	Class of 2019
96.0%	Class of 2018
98.4%	Class of 2017
95.7%	Class of 2016
96.0%	Class of 2015

Iowa is the National Leader in Graduation Rates

In recent years, the state of Iowa has been a leader in the United States in graduation rates. Below are the four-year graduation rates for across the State of Iowa in recent years.



Online Broadcast of Board Meetings

We have been experiencing increasing complaints from our public regarding the quality of picture and sound at our school board meetings. Trish Morris investigated and found a new system, the Owl Meeting Pro, and we are going to give it a try at our next meeting.

Be warned: you will each get a lapel microphone for the broadcast, and it will pick up every little word you may say.

Soccer Season Opened Last Week

Our girls opened a new chapter in Belmond-Klemme sports history when they took on Grand View Christian in our first ever home soccer game on Monday, April 5.

Laptops Have Begun Arriving

Four years ago, we were hard pressed to get the new laptops to our teachers and students. They did not arrive until the very end of summer, and right before the start of school. This year, because the school board was willing to approve the purchase well in advance, our new laptop computers have already begun arriving, and we will have plenty of time to process and asset tag them, set up their operating systems, install the new software, and get them ready to distribute. Teachers will have their new laptops before they leave on summer break.

Online Learners

Heading into the fourth quarter of the school year, our number of students remaining at home and doing all classes remotely continues to decline. For elementary students, we are now down to only five remote learners. In the secondary, we are at 14 students that use online learning as their primary access to education.

For next year, we will have two at-risk instructors, and we may use one of them to coordinate and instruct the online learners using a curriculum platform like the Odysseyware we use in Pat Kelley's Alternative Learning Center. Next August, one of our priorities will be getting our classrooms and teachers back to normal so teachers can focus on student achievement.

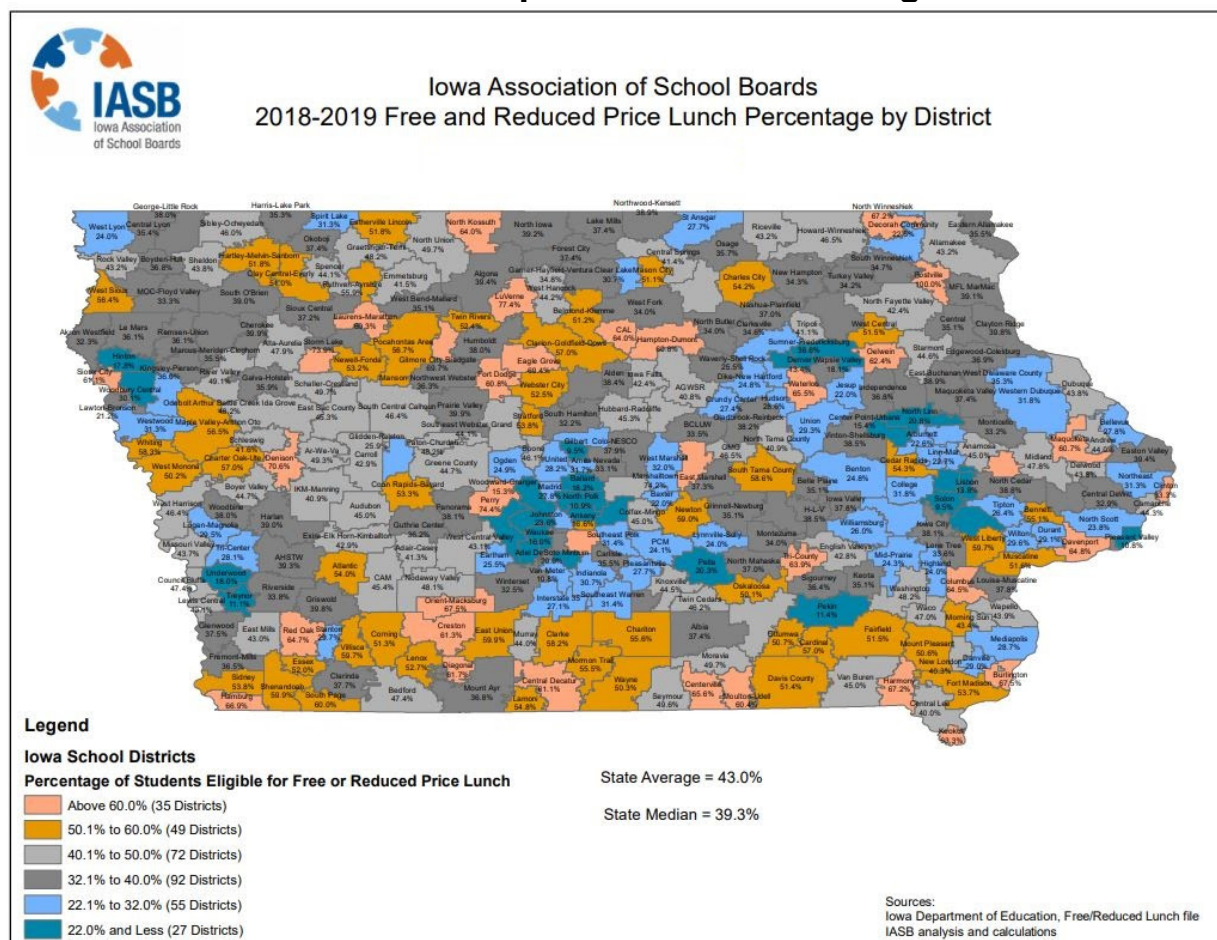
Bargaining Reminder: Contract Talks are Limited to the Team

Iowa Code 20.10 identifies prohibited practices under Iowa's collective bargaining law. Section 20.10(3)(j) states it is a prohibited practice for public employees or an employee organization to:

“Negotiate or attempt to negotiate directly with a member of the governing board of a public employer if the public employer has appointed or authorized a bargaining representative for the purpose of bargaining with the public employees or their representative, unless the member of the governing board is the designated bargaining representative of the public employer.”

If any member of the school board gets contacted directly by a member of the Belmond-Klemme faculty regarding bargaining, contracts, salaries, or benefits, I would ask him or her to contact me.

Statewide Free and Reduced-price Lunch Percentages



Calendar of Upcoming Board Events

May 5, 2021	1:00 P.M. Dismissal for Teacher PD
May 20, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting
May 23, 2021	2:00 P.M., Commencement
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
June 17, 2021	7:00 P.M., Regular School Board Meeting