



Bett Pride

Bettendorf Community School District
Community Newsletter
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**Passion
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Investing in Our Schools New Mark Twain Elem & Grant Wood Elem Project Updates

GRANT WOOD ELEMENTARY

Work on the new Grant Wood Elementary is well underway to assure the school will be ready to house students beginning with the 2018-2019 school year!

Please join us . . .
**Ribbon Cutting/Open House
Grant Wood Elementary**
3 pm - Tuesday, August 21
1423 Hillside Dr.

The 3-section prekindergarten - 5th grade school will have a capacity of approximately 450 students. The new building is a 62,500 square foot school with significantly larger classrooms, breakout areas that are located throughout the building, and areas have been designed for small group work as well as adult learning. The glass-enclosed innovation spine features a 21st century conference area designed as a multipurpose space and will help fill the school with natural light.

"I love the new school. It's really amazing," said Maggie Menster, 4th grade student. "I like that we got to explore the new school. The construction people are working really hard together. I like how we got to see the pipes and how water can go into them easily. One of the stations let us go into the new school through Google Maps. I liked learning about the lights and how they switch on and off. It's coming along really well."



Grant Wood Elementary students learn about the construction of their new school at construction camp on May 23.

MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY

In March 2018, directors approved a 6-year facility plan that included building a new 3-section school at Mark Twain Elementary. The architect (Legat) and construction manager (Bush Construction) have been hired and schematic designs are being developed for the new Mark Twain Elementary. The design is based on suggestions made during the May 1 collaborative design session held at Mark Twain with parents, staff and neighbors. The group identified priorities of: welcoming and a sense of community, inviting but secure, flexible and diverse learning spaces, natural light, unique, pods, and outdoor learning. The design incorporates some of the concepts used in the new Grant Wood Elementary such as learning stairs and use of natural light.

Service & Dedication to Our Area Children Saluting Our 2018 Retirees

Join us in thanking our retirees for their years of service & dedication to the students, families and staff of the Bettendorf School District.



Sara Carter
Paraeducator
Grant Wood
Elementary
10 Years of Service



Connie Chitty
4th Grade Teacher
Paul Norton
Elementary
12 Years of Service



Sylvia Faust
Science Teacher
Bettendorf Middle
School
13 Years of Service



Jo Mecham
Nurse
Bettendorf Middle
School
23 Years of Service



Linda Redington
Paraeducator
Bettendorf Middle
School
21 Years of Service

Maintaining Our Facilities & Planning for the Future Facility Plan Building Meetings



The Bettendorf Community School District has been working with community, staff and parents on a future facilities plan since 2015. In 2016 the district completed an elementary facilities study that resulted in the current construction of a new Grant Wood Elementary School and a prioritization of need for the other five elementary schools.

On March 5, 2018 the Bettendorf Board of Education approved a 6-year facilities plan with projects including a new 3-section school at Mark Twain Elementary, identified needs at Thomas Jefferson Elementary, determining a new location for Edison Academy, and projects at Paul Norton Elementary, Herbert Hoover Elementary, Bettendorf High School, and Bettendorf Middle School.

Work on the new Mark Twain Elementary is underway as is the replacement of the original HVAC system at Bettendorf High School. The board and district administration are now looking at the funding and timing for the other projects approved in the 6-year facilities plan.

Administration and board members are also considering a bond referendum. The bond would allow the district to confirm community support for the projects, complete the projects in a shorter timeframe, allow the district to spread the cost of the projects over multiple funding sources, and lessen the effect of increasing building costs.

Please join us 6-7 pm at our upcoming building meetings to discuss the projects identified in the 6-year facilities plan as well as other identified future ready projects.

- Friday, June 8 - Herbert Hoover Elementary
- Monday, June 11 - Neil Armstrong Elementary
- Tuesday, June 19 - Paul Norton Elementary
- Wednesday, June 20 - Edison Academy
- Monday, June 25 - Bettendorf High School
- Tuesday, June 26 - Thomas Jefferson Elementary
- Wednesday, June 27 - Bettendorf Middle School
- Monday, July 2 - Mark Twain Elementary

No meeting is being scheduled at Grant Wood Elementary due to construction. Learn more www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us

"The new school is going to offer more collaboration opportunities for students and staff," said Caroline Olson, Mark Twain Principal. "Our staff is really interested in having collaborative spaces outside the classrooms to provide areas for kids to work with each other as well as specialists or interventionists. It will be wonderful to have the commons area that will allow us to separate our cafeteria from our gym."



Learn more at www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us

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The Pride community newsletter is sent to all residents of the Bettendorf Community School District without charge. Comments and suggestions from patrons are welcome. Contact Celeste R. Miller, Director of Communications, (563) 359-3681, ext. 3005 or email cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us

Program Recognition BHS Speech & Debate to Celebrate 50th Anniversary - July 28

The Bettendorf High School Speech and Debate Team is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. The program was founded on April 18th, 1968 and predates the current Bettendorf High School building by 5 years. Current head coach Joe Rankin is organizing a special celebration to be held on Saturday, July 28th.

Over the course of the last 50 years, the Bettendorf Speech and Debate Team has had over 500 student members participate and 15 coaches. This anniversary celebration will be a chance for multiple generations of alumni to reconnect with a shared love of communication and the drive of competition.

A special guest of honor will be Paul Lewellan, former Bettendorf Speech and Debate coach who worked with the program for 33 years.

The event will be hosted by Joe Slavens, an alumni of the Bettendorf program. The event will take place on Saturday, July 28th and start at 3 pm. All past members of the Bettendorf High School Speech and Debate Team are invited to attend. All guests are asked to contact Joe Rankin at jrankin@bettendorf.k12.ia.us to RSVP by Friday, July 13th.



**BHS Speech & Debate
Anniversary Celebration**
3 pm - Saturday, July 28
Special Guest Paul Lewellan



2017-2018 Speech & Debate Team

Iowa Assessment Results BCSD Students Performing Above AEA & State Averages

"Assessment data is one piece of information that district personnel and teachers can use to assess how different programs and/or interventions are working. For instance, teachers and strategists worked diligently to improve the math intervention classes for those entering high school below grade level in math. The data this year showed significant growth in those targeted populations. As a district, we are looking to see how those programs will translate to students in elementary and middle school so that students can be helped earlier in their academic careers."

Marty Beck
Math Curriculum/PD Teacher Leader

2017-2018 Iowa Assessments test results show that Bettendorf Community School District students continue to perform above AEA and state averages.

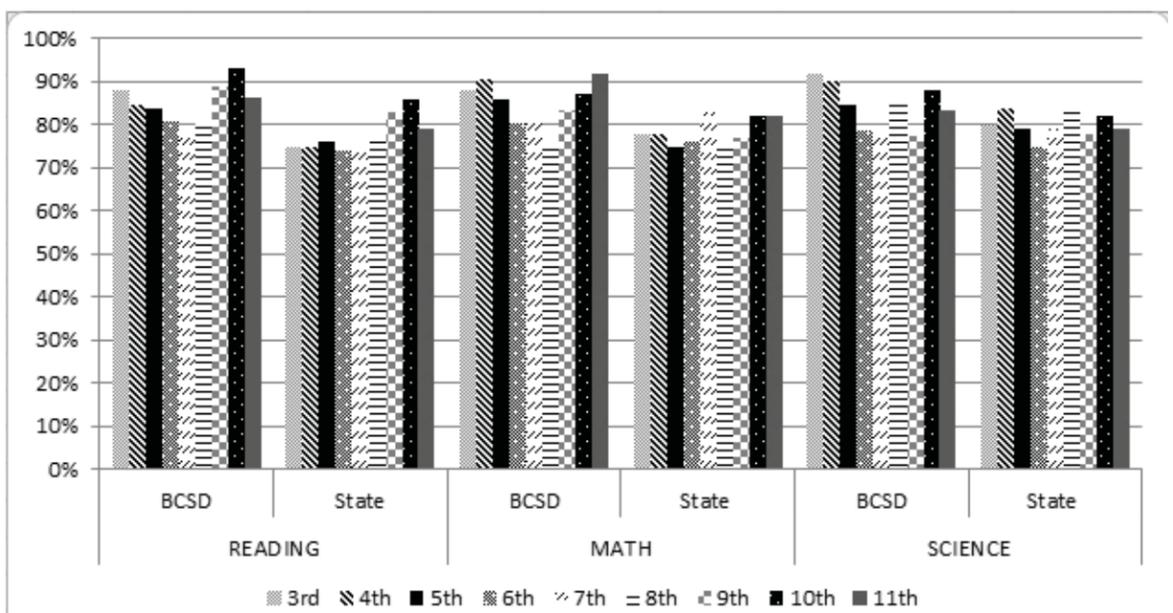
The results reflect Iowa Assessments analysis of student proficiency (how many students meet a certain score deemed proficient) and growth (how much students improve) on major domains of the Iowa Core Standards in reading, mathematics and science.

This data is combined with other assessments and interventions including daily teacher observations, formative assessment (quick tests of understanding) and summative assessment (tests at the end of a subject) to help address four essential questions:

1. What do we expect our students to learn? *Goals/Expectations*
2. How will we know they are learning? *Assessment*
3. How will we respond when they don't learn? *Intervention*
4. How will we respond if they already know it? *Extensions*

View more information including Iowa Core summary and growth reports, Iowa Assessment summary and proficiency trend summary - <http://bit.ly/BCSD-IowaAssessments>

2017-2018 Iowa Assessment Data



Student School Year 2018-2019 Calendar

August 2018

- 23 1st Day of School
- 29 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

September 2018

- 3 No School - Labor Day
- 5 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 12 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 19 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 26 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 27 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 2018

- 3 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 10 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 17 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 22-25 Elem Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 23&25 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 25 End of 1st Quarter
- Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 26 NO SCHOOL
- Parent/Teacher Comp Day
- 29 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
- 30 2nd Quarter Begins

November 2018

- 7 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 14 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break
- 28 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

December 2018

- 5 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 6 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 19 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 21 One Hour Early Release
- 24-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Student Release Times

Regular Student Day

MS 7:55 am - 2:56 pm | HS 8:25 am - 3:20 pm | Elem 8:30 am - 3:20 pm

End of Quarter - Staff Work Day-

HS 11:35 am | Preschool 12 pm | MS 12:45 pm | Elem 1:10 pm

Wednesday Early Release - Staff Inservice*

Preschool 1:20 pm | MS 2 pm | HS 2:10 pm | Elem 2:30 pm

The Bettendorf Community School District has weekly Wednesday Early Releases to allow teachers time to work in PLC's (Professional Learning Communities). The professional development times helps ensure that ALL students learn essential knowledge, skills and dispositions to be successful in today's world.

January 2019

- 1-2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- 9 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 15 End of Quarter
- Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 16 3rd Quarter Begins
- Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 21 NO SCHOOL
- Martin Luther King Day
- 23 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 30 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

February 2019

- 6 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 13 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 18 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 20 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 21 HS Parent/Teacher Conference
- 27 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

March 2019

- 6 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 11-15 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 20 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 25-28 Elem Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26&28 MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 28 MS/HS End of Quarter
- Early Release - Staff Work Day-
- 29 NO SCHOOL
- Elem/MS Conf. Comp Day
- HS Staff Inservice

April 2019

- 1 4th Quarter Begins
- 3 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 10 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 17 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 19 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- 24 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

May 2019

- 1 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 2 HS Parent/Teacher Conference
- 8 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 10 NO SCHOOL - Staff Inservice
- 22 Early Release - Staff Inservice*
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 29 Early Release - Staff Inservice*

June 2019

- 5 End of School Year (Pending Snow Make-Up Days)
- Early Release
- MS 11 am | Elem/HS 11:35 am

Additional days taken off due to inclement weather will be added at the end of the year.

The calendar is available online @ www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us

Investing in Our Schools 2018-2019 Property Tax Rate - \$13.96

The 2019 property tax rate will be \$13.96 per \$1,000 taxable valuation, a \$0.10 increase per \$1,000 taxable valuation compared to the 2017-2018 rate of \$13.86.

"Supplemental State Aid (SSA) has recently been approved for 1.0%," said Dallan Christensen, Director of Financial Services, Bettendorf Community School District. *"This is a decreased rate of growth compared to the rate of 1.1% for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The district has also experienced a slight drop in certified enrollment in the past year. These factors have impacted the approved tax rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year."*

The total fiscal year 2018 budget shows maximum expenditures up to \$99.1 million. Of that, the regular education budget is \$78.3 million, which is comprised of 28% new facilities and 60% salary/benefits.

2018-2019 School Year
Online Registration
Beginning July 6

Parents/Legal Guardians will be able to access the registration process on July 6 through their Parent Portal account. Please complete registration by July 27 to help ensure placement. Link to the registration process on the left menu bar in your Parent Portal account.

Take time now to access your Parent Portal account to verify that the information present is accurate and that you have access to all your students. You cannot register using a student account. If you do not have a Campus Parent Portal account, please contact your building secretary as soon as possible. If you need help with your password, contact Cindy at 359-3681 ext. 3030.

Busing

The request for busing is also online! Go to the district website at www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us. Select Services from the top menu bar; then Transportation and BCSD Transportation Request form.

Free and Reduced / Student Fee Waiver

The Free & Reduced application for school meals is online as well. Access the application through your Parent Portal account. In the left menu bar, select Applications/Forms and then Meals Benefits Application. When completing the application for free or reduced lunch, applicants will be able to select "permission to share" for the Student Fee Waiver which requests consideration for other discounted fees, such as busing and student fees.

If you are not filing a Free & Reduced application but do wish to be considered eligible for other reduced fees, you must complete a separate Student Fee Waiver. The form is available at your school building or online on the District website (www.bettendorf.k12.ia.us). Select Services from the top menu bar; then Nutrition Services and Student Fee Waiver.

Fee Payment

Registration and fee payment are two separate actions. You must complete both actions. Registration is not complete without fee payment. Fees may be made in your building or, for your convenience, you may pay fees online through PaySchools (link is available on the district and individual school websites).

2018-2019 First Day of School
Thursday, August 23

Notice of Nondiscrimination



It is the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Lana LaSalle, Affirmative Action Coordinator, Thomas Jefferson Elementary, 610 Holmes St., Bettendorf, IA 52722, (563) 359-8261 or llasalle@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.

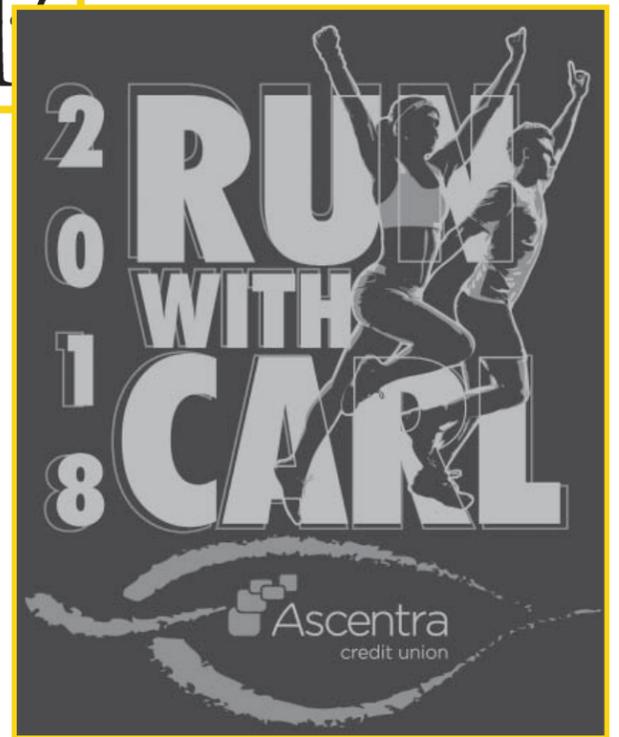


Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation
THE LAMP

Get registered for the 24th annual Run with Carl!

September 3, 2018

www.runwithcarl.com



BCS Foundation Announces \$23,000 in Scholarships & Departmental Awards

The Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of 2018 scholarships administered by BCSF to benefit BHS graduating students who will continue their education at either a 2 or 4-year college/university. The scholarship and departmental awards all derive from donations made to the Foundation, either from specific family members or the community at large.

Award Winners for the Class of 2018

Eleanor Drexler and Brant Mueller (\$500 each)
Barbara J. Brown Golden Bulldog Awards - to the male and female seniors who best exemplify excellence in athleticism, good sportsmanship, and support of BHS athletics. Sponsored in part by the Athletic Booster Club.

Luke Suko (\$1,000)
BHS Class of 1956 Scholarship - to a senior with demonstrated success in accounting and business courses, especially those with higher academic expectations and standards.

Lexi Mendoza (\$900)
Joseph D. Hayes Scholarship - to a senior with GPA of 2.5 or greater with a class ranking that shows commitment to academics, arts and athletic aspects of school. Demonstrated leadership in school and/or community, possible employment or volunteer work.

Lilli Ambort (\$1,000)
Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship in honor of Rich & Dee James - to a student who demonstrates the values of a Rotarian through community involvement.

Emma Aanestad (\$1,000)
Bettendorf Rotary Scholarship in memory of Chuck Mooney - to a student who demonstrates the values of a Rotarian through community involvement.

Emma Aanestad (\$900)
Rich and Dee James Bettendorf High School Senior Scholarship - to a senior who demonstrates commitment and involvement in high school and community activities beyond the classroom.

Jordan Ratigan (\$1,100)
Janice Lawson Eternal Spirit Award - to a senior who displays integrity, high moral character, community service, personal accountability, and superior sportsmanship.

Samantha Galvin (\$1,200)
Stewart N. Lounsberry Scholarships - to the most valuable male and most valuable female of the BHS Swim teams as selected by the members of those teams.

Joshua Turner (\$900)
Dr. Raymond W. Oles Math and Computer Sciences Scholarship - to the senior who best demonstrates a love of mathematics and has excelled at other BHS activities such as music, arts, student government, and sports.

Trinity Borland (\$500)
Darlene Stansberry Sportsmanship Award - to a senior who participated in a BHS sports activity while maintaining academic achievements of 3.0 GPA or higher, and has demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and responsible behavior in everyday life.

Maxwell Hermann (\$4,000)
JoAnn Stuhr Mathematics Scholarship - to a senior who plans on pursuing a career in mathematics.

Tessa Wright (\$500 for 4 years)
Dr. A.E. Lampe Family Scholarship - to a senior pursuing a nursing degree.

Departmental Scholarships & Awards

Grace Erpelding (\$500) - Physical Education Department Outstanding Student

Adam Edwards (\$500) - Social Studies Department: Patrick A. Burr Social Studies Scholarship

Jacob Laufenberg (\$500) - Industrial Technology Department Outstanding Student

Joshua Turner (\$500) - Math Department: Verla Funk Mathematics Scholarship

Kailey Baxter (\$500) - Vocal Music Outstanding Student Award & Friend of BHS Theater Award

Olivia Adams-Moulton (\$500) - World Language Department Outstanding Student

Travis Preston (\$500) - Life Skills (Work Experience) Outstanding Student

Mackenzie Rice (\$500) - Michael J. Green Outstanding Instrumental Music Scholarship

Roger Witmer (\$2,000) - Science Department: Don & Mary Schaefer Outstanding Science Scholarship

Ashley Bodkin (\$500) - Business Department: Joseph D. Hayes Scholarship

Lita Solbrig (\$500) - Art Department Outstanding Student

Jenna Calvert (\$500) - Family & Consumer Science Outstanding Student

Morgan Hoffman (\$500) - Language Arts Department Outstanding Student

Expanding Expression Grant

Herbert Hoover Elementary \$1,977 - Written by Tandy Huber

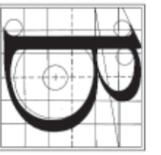
The Expanding Expression Tool provides students with a multi-sensory approach, incorporating auditory, visual, and tactile information. This expands students' written and verbal expression. The kit is designed to allow teachers to extend their students' expression from words to paragraphs to reports.



The Mission of the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation is to enhance the educational opportunities for our students through the development and distribution of funds.



www.foundation.bettendorf.k12.ia.us



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Bettendorf Board of Education At the Board Meeting

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Mark Twain Schematic Design May 21, 2018

Jeff Sandberg from Legat Architects presented the initial schematic design for the new Mark Twain Elementary School. The design is based on suggestions made during the May 1 collaborative design session held at Mark Twain with parents, staff and neighbors. The group identified priorities of: welcoming and a sense of community, inviting but secure, flexible and diverse learning spaces, natural light, unique, pods, and outdoor learning. The design incorporates some of the concepts used in the new Grant Wood Elementary School such as learning stairs and use of natural light.

2018-2019 School Fees May 21, 2018

Directors discussed and approved changes to the 2018-2019 school fees. The convenience fee for PaySchools online transactions will increase to \$2 per transaction. The chicken sandwich vendor meal will increase to \$3.70.

Central Office Administration Restructure & Future Ready Coach May 21, 2018

Directors approved the restructure of the district administration center with the addition of an Associate Director of Curriculum and Special Services. They also approved a new position, Future Ready Coach to lead the growth and development of customized professional learning for students with individual career and academic plans, professional development guidance to high school students, and help students identify and realize career goals through personal consultation and development of post-secondary exploration.

Sales Tax Bonding May 7, 2018

Directors discussed and approved SAVE bond engagement letters allowing Piper Jeffery to obtain prospective financing for \$10M in bonds on the district's projected SAVE (\$.01 sales tax)

levy for the construction of the new Grant Wood Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary and High School HVAC project.

David Farmer Appointed Board Treasurer

April 16, 2018

Directors
 appointed

David Farmer to the position of board treasurer. David is the Director of Budget and Administrative Services for Scott County and is a proud Bettendorf resident and parent. David has over 17 years of governmental finance and accounting experience as an auditor and with Scott County. David's significant governmental accounting and budget experience will be a valuable asset for the board of education.



2018-2019 PPEL Budget Approved April 16, 2018

Directors approved the 2018-2019 Physical Plant & Equipment Levy Budget. <http://bit.ly/BCSD18-19PPEL>

Director Districts – School Board Elections April 2, 2018

Directors discussed the potential of changing from a board being elected at large, to a director district with BCSD being divided into districts with board members voted by residents within different districts as well as other options that include some directors elected at large. Directors will continue the discussion at a future meeting. If the district decides to pursue a change in the board outside of a census year, the change would need to be voted on by district residents.

Approval of Fiscal Year 18-19 Budget April 2, 2018

Directors approved the adoption of the FY 2018 budget with a tax levy of \$13.96592 per \$1,000 taxable valuation.



Bettendorf Board of Education

Front row (left to right) - Andrew Champion, Vice President Stacey Struck and Paul Castro. Back row - Michael Pyevich, Richard Lynch, President Gordon Staley, and Adam Holland.

Help Make a Difference in a Student's 1st Day of School

Drop off school supply donations at the BCSD Administration Center 3311 18th St. or visit Bettendorf schools staff at Hy-Vee from 11 am - 4 pm.



Sunday, July 22 - Hy-Vee on Devils Glen Rd.
 Sunday, July 29 - Hy-Vee on Utica Ridge & 53rd

Bett District Update

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Sign up for Bett District Update, the district's weekly e-newsletter for parents, staff and community. Simply email - cmiller@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.