

Bett

District Update

Passion . . . Purpose . . . Pride

October 21, 2021

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1st Quarter Reflection

Superintendent's Message

Dr. Michelle Morse



As we end our first quarter of the 2021-22 school year, I'd like to share my appreciation of our staff and students for their hard work as well as their resilience, flexibility, and patience. The start of this school year has had its challenges. I am thankful to staff, students, parents, and our supportive community for their efforts to ensure that all of our students receive the support they need to achieve and thrive.

Despite challenges, we continue to excel and have many things to celebrate. Multiple staff and students have received awards, accolades, and honors in their respective field (i.e. Student Council Advisor of the Year, Iowa World Language Association Educator of the Year, Fulbright-Hays Seminar attendee, six National Merit Award recipients, over 300 HS students honored during the Academic Letter Ceremony, grant awards totaling over \$150,000, just to name a few). Our marching band received a division one rating at state. We're adopting a promising new math curriculum in our elementary thanks to the work and support of so many of our staff and volunteers. We have three new therapy dogs in our district supporting our students and staff. We recently received a Derecho Community Forestry Grant from the Iowa DNR allowing us to purchase and plant more than a dozen trees between Middle School and Mark Twain elementary. We also have an exciting new aviation club at our high school in collaboration with North Scott and Pleasant Valley high schools.

I hope that you are able to find time to rest and relax with family and friends. Our district would not be the amazing place it is without every one of you! It is a privilege and blessing to serve alongside all of you. We are BETT^{er}Together!

Warm regards,
Michelle

Enjoy Your Fall Break!

No School - Friday & Monday

Just a reminder - NO SCHOOL on Friday and Monday due to parent-teacher conference comp and high school staff workday. Enjoy a beautiful, long, fall weekend!



School Bus Safety Week Oct. 18-22

Recognizing Our Operations Team

Thank you so much to our operations team for all their work getting our students to and from school safely and supporting our district! They are so important to our district!

#BETTERtogether #BettPride



Store Closes Sunday at Midnight

[#BETTerTogether & Bett Gear Store](#)

Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year is #BETTerTogether. We want to acknowledge and celebrate our history of great collaborations and continue the commitment. We will be hosting a #BETTerTogether and Bett gear store quarterly. Each store will also help raise funds for district projects.

The store is open now and will close on Sunday, October 24th at midnight. \$1 of each order for this store will go to the Bettendorf Police Department for their Holiday Baskets and Gifts of Goodness program helping families in need over the holidays in collaboration with the BCSD Outreach Program.



We're Hiring!

Join Our Team

The Bettendorf Community School District is a great place to work! We currently have openings. Learn more about the positions and consider applying to join our team. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/JoinBettSchoolsTeam> #BettPride #BETTerTogether

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE'RE HIRING!



- Bus Aides
- Groundskeeper
- Guest Staff
- Nutrition Services
- Paraeducators
- Teachers
- Transportation
- Youth Mentors

Learn more

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#BetterTogether *With* PURPOSE PRIDE!

Support for Families in Need

BCSD Mobile Food Pantry - Oct. 26

The BCSD Mobile Food Pantry will be at Mark Twain Elementary School, 1620 Lincoln Rd., on Tuesday, October 26th, 5:45-7 pm. Please do not arrive before 5:30 pm. The distribution will be a park & pick-up style. Please contact Marcy Volkstorf at (563) 359-9375 or email at mvolkstorf@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.



MOBILE BOX FOOD PANTRY

Supporting Families in Need

Student Hunger Drive

Looking for a way to donate to the Student Hunger Drive? This year you can donate ONLINE by going to <https://riverbendfoodbank.org/studenthungerdrive> and clicking on the Bett HS link. You can donate by shopping for specific items or donate without shopping. The Student Hunger Drive raises thousands of pounds of food and meals for families within our community. If you'd like to know more about the hunger drive please [watch the video linked here](#).

BHS Harvest Fest - Oct. 29

Join the BHS Student Council for Harvest Fest on Friday, October 29. Pumpkin painting, fun games, cakewalk, face painting, and more! 5 - 8 pm in the Bettendorf High School gym. Proceeds will go to the Riverbend Food Bank.

2021-2022

[Return to Learn Plan & COVID Protocol](#)

COVID-19 Status Update

16 individuals tested positive this week

In an effort to keep the BCSD community aware of how COVID-19 is impacting our district, we are following the direction of the U.S. Department of Education and releasing details by district, and not by building. This is being done to help ensure the privacy of students and staff who are impacted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Families with student(s) in a classroom where a positive case has been reported will receive a notification communicating this to them.

Please note we will update this data at the close of each week, and you will be able to view it on the District Return-to-Learn Webpage.

[Board of Education](#)

[Public Input Form](#) | [Board Meeting Agendas](#) | [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Upcoming Board Meeting

Thursday, October 28th, 2021

Meetings are typically held in the Ray Stensvad Board Room in the District Administration Center, 3311 18th St, beginning at 6 pm. The public may also watch the meeting [live stream](#) on YouTube.

School Board Election

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021



- [Learn more about the candidates](#) | [Oct. 14 KWQC Candidate Forum](#)
- Tuesday, November 2nd - Polls open 7 am - 8 pm | [Polling locations](#) | [Find your polling place](#)

VIRTUAL BACKPACK

District Information/Opportunities

GW PTA	Happy Joe's Night	Oct. 25
PN PTA	Norton Night at Portillo's 5-8 pm	Oct. 28

Community Virtual Backpack

Materials are for informational purposes only. Posting on the Virtual Backpack does not imply Bettendorf Community Schools District's endorsement of them.

QC United Way	QC Tutor Connection Uniting students with tutors for educational success	
Bettendorf Library	Children Events Calendar	October
Boy Scouts of America	Cub Scouts (K-5) Scouts BSA (11 - 17-Year-Olds) Posted 8-27-21	
Iowa Department of Public Health	Healthiest State Initiative - 5210 Newsletter	October

Bettendorf Parks & Rec.	<p>Wellness Weekly Newsletter!</p> <p>THIS WEEK'S HOT LINKS!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor Tennis Lessons - Session 2 - Oct 18 ● LFC Pickleball Drop-In <p>ACTIVE WELLNESS WEEK @ LFC - Oct 25-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Halloween Tennis Party - Oct 30 ● Candle & Co - Fall Candle Making Workshop - Nov 5 ● Youth Hip Hop Dance Classes - Nov 6 ● Babysitting For Success - Nov 6 ● Little Kickers Indoor Soccer Clinics - Nov 6 ● Winter Sports & Games Session 1 - Nov 7 ● Thanksgiving Tennis Camps - Nov 26, 27, 28 ● Jr Chef Cooking Classes - 2022 	
Girl Scouts	<p>Register for Girl Scouts Family Halloween</p>	<p>Oct. 22</p> <p>Oct. 23</p>
UofI Alumni & Friends	<p>Hawkeye Haiku Writing Contest</p>	<p>Nov. 3-14</p>

Upcoming Events

[District](#) | [BHS](#) | [BHS Athletics](#) | [Edison](#) | [BMS](#) | [GW](#) | [HH](#) | [MT](#) | [NA](#) | [PN](#)

October

National Principals Month

22 & 25 NO SCHOOL

22 HS Staff Work Day

25 District Offices Closed

26 2nd Quarter Begins

Mobile Food Pantry @ Mark Twain Elem

28 Board of Education Meeting

5th-7th Grade Orchestra Hauncert 6 pm

8th Grade, String, Chamber Orchestra Hauncert 7:30 pm

29 BHS StuCo Harvest Fest for Student Hunger Drive 5-8 pm

November

2 School Board Election

8 School Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting

11 Board of Education Meeting

14 American Education Week

15 4th Grade Orchestra First Concert with HS Chamber Orchestra 6 pm

16 5th Grade Band Concert 6 pm

7th & 8th Grade Fall Concert 7:15 pm

18 HS/Edison Conferences

20 Festival of Trees Parade

22 MS/HS Choir & MS Jazz Band at Festival of Trees

24-26 NO SCHOOL - Offices Closed

Better Together *Passion*
PURPOSE
PRIDE!