

# **Humboldt Community School District**

Learning and Success for All 23 3rd Street North, P.O. Box 130 Dakota City, Iowa 50529

February 17, 2023

Dear,

Each year our school board members establish a vision and priorities for improving our school district. Administrators and teacher leaders develop an action plan. We are hosting a School Improving Advisory Committee, SIAC, in March, and we would like your attendance. I am inviting you as a stakeholder who has demonstrated volunteerism and leadership in our school and community. SIAC is your opportunity to hear about our district's improvement efforts and provide input.

Our SIAC meeting will be Tuesday. March 7, 2023, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We will convene in the **Humboldt Middle School Library.** Food and refreshments will be provided.

#### Agenda:

- Share District Goals and Priorities & Strategic Plan
- Current Safety, Student Handbook Highlights/Bullying Policy and Facility Updates
- Small Rotating Groups: District & Community Assets, Opaa!- Food Service Advisory
- · Prioritizing Needs Communication, Wellness, Safety, School Culture
- Summarize notes to share with the Humboldt Community School Board Members
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I appreciate your willingness to participate and contribute to bettering our school district.

Sincgrely,

Jim Murray Superintendent



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### **SIAC Meeting Notes**

March 7, 2023

#### Poster Feedback

#### **Nutrition, Physical Activity, Wellness**

- Wellness more time spent meeting social-emotional needs, especially starting early/young.
- Consistency for portions, options, and quality at lunch.
- Too much chicken.
- More activities for kids to move, recess. Should elementary kids miss recess for breakfast?
- Less food waste. Can we have a sharing table?
- All ages get outside more.
- Flexible seating for learning spaces.
- Implement more mental health support for athletes.

#### **Fiscal Responsibility**

- Keep modernizing the buildings, especially the high school.
- Transportation for kindergarten/preschool students.
- Communicate with the public to educate them on school funding.
- Four-day school week.
- Fundraising for the auditorium is a priority.
- Prioritize salaries, making sure our classified staff is paid well.

#### **Future Ready, Safe Facilities**

- Ensure there is enough middle school classroom space.
- Update the high school.
- Flexible seating in classrooms.
- Inviting, lively buildings.
- Modernize, need more outlets.
- Add quiet study spaces, nooks.
- Increase course, career options, interniships
- Balance welcoming and safe.
- Celebrate all activities, trophy case for speech.
- · Need safe entry to high school.

#### Provide a Safe, Nurturing, and Drug-Free Environment For All

- Consider the extracurricular schedules of students and balance them with classroom expectations. Do they expect too much from students?
- Focus on life skills at the high school to prepare students for independent living.
- How do we know that every student has a champion?
- More social-emotional learning for students.
- More drug and alcohol education for students.
- More resources to manage student behaviors and calming corners.
- The open campus at the high school, when needed, earned.
- Equity for activities participation and mental health.
- Make high school bathrooms safer and cleaner.
- Continue law enforcement partnership with the School Resource Officer.
- Active shooter training.

#### **Educational Excellence and Equity for Every Student**

- Differentiate for all students.
- Define "educational excellence."
- Require students to pass their courses at the middle school.
- Expand electives, course options
- Clarify career pathways and provide more course electives.
- Transportation to and from school for prekindergarten.
- Civic-minded and engaged students.
- More trade options were promoted and celebrated.
- Add prekindergarten. EC5
- TAG? Reexamine how those requirements impact high school classes.
- Focus as much energy on those excelling as we do on those needlest.
- More teachers and associates.

#### Strengthen Communication and Stakeholder Partnerships

- Better communication with ELL families promote a sense of belonging.
- More business connections with school, ex. Sponsoring a classroom.
- Student-led communication, radio, social media, and commercials to promote school and activities.
- Advertise/recognize community partnerships.
- Use a variety of ways to communicate with parents.
- Need to do lots of listening.
- Be strategic with marketing the district.

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