



## *Updates from the Cabinet*

### *February 24, 2020*

*Cabinet Members: Superintendent Bisgard, Assoc. Superintendent Wear, Mrs. Karla Christian (HR), Mr. JT Anderson (CFO), Mrs. Leisa Breitfelder (Student Services), and Mrs. Jeri Ramos (Tech)*

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**Changes Coming for Little Lions Preschool:** For the 2020-21 school year, Little Lions Preschool will be expanding! The program will be offered at Bowman Woods Elementary, Echo Hill Elementary, Linn Grove Elementary, and Wilkins Elementary. *The program will no longer be offered at Novak Elementary as they will be hosting all of the Early Childhood Blended Program classrooms.*

Little Lions Preschool offers students half-day preschool, four days a week. Registration was held on February 19th with school placement letters set to go out to families by April 1st. For questions on the Little Lions Preschool Program, contact Leisa Breitfelder, Executive Director of Student Support Services, at 319-447-3019 or lbreitfelder@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

**New Principals Named for 2020-21 School Year:** Congratulations to Lori Manley, Instructional Coach at Wilkins Elementary, and CJ McDonald, Oak Ridge Middle School Associate Principal/Athletic Director, for being named Principals! Manley will serve as Principal of Linn Grove Elementary and McDonald will serve as Principal for Echo Hill Elementary beginning in the 2020-21 school year!

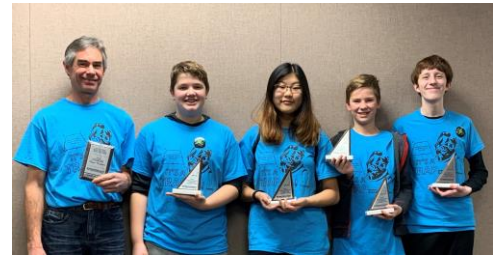
**Bid Results Alburnett Road Right Turning Lane:** On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the following six bids were received for the Right Turning Lane Project and Four-Way Stop at the intersection of Alburnett Road and Echo Hill Road. The recommendation is for the board to award this project to Rathje Construction as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

Central States Concrete	\$74,893.75
City Wide Construction	\$59,559.25
Eastern Iowa Excavating	\$70,591.70
Midwest Concrete	\$53,187.00
Pirc-Tobin Construction	\$58,224.00
Rathje Construction	\$47,754.25

# District Achievements & Honors

## MathCounts Honors:

Congratulations to the Oak Ridge Middle School and Excelsior Middle School MathCounts teams for placing 2nd and 3rd at Regionals and earning the honor of advancing to State on March 10th!



**Westfield Elementary Community Outreach:** Kudos go out to the students at Westfield Elementary for making more than 600 cards to send to the home-bound recipients of Meals on Wheels for Valentine's Day!



**All-American Award:** Congratulations to LMHS Senior Abigail Santana for receiving the High School All-American Award for Soccer!

**Contest Speech Honors:** Congratulations to Contest Speech for presenting in eight events during the IHSSA State Large Group Speech Contest on February 9th. One Act Play, Choral Reading, Short Film, and both Radio Broadcasting groups received Division I ratings. Ensemble Acting and both Musical Theatre groups received Division II ratings. One Act Play, *Wit*, was nominated and performed at the IHSSA All-State Festival in Ames on February 22nd...the highest honor for IHSSA Contest Speech!

**Boys' Swimming Honors:** Congratulations to Boys' Swimming for placing 7th out of 32 teams during the recent State Competition. Aiden Carstensen placed third in the 100 backstroke, Nick Cavanah placed fourth in the 100 butterfly, and Cooper Callahan placed 7th in the 200 freestyle and 5th in the 500 freestyle. The team also placed fourth in the 200 freestyle relay and sixth in the 400 freestyle relay.

**Wrestling Honors:** Congratulations to the following Wrestlers for qualifying for the State Competition: Brandon O'Brien, Bryce Parke, Samuel Gisava, Hikaru Carolin, Abass Kemokai, Tate Naaktgeboren, Ryan Plummer, and Luke Gaffney.



**Band Honors:** Congratulations to the Excelsior 6th Grade Band for being selected to perform at the 93rd Annual Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference in May!

**Robotics Honors:** Congratulations to all three of the LMHS Robotics Teams for advancing to State! This is the first time in the district's history that all three teams are advancing together! *League of Their Own* received first place with the *Inspire Award* and *Dark Matter* received third place, which is the top award given. *Lost in Time* advanced to state by being part of the winning alliance at Super Qualifiers. In total, 48 teams will compete at State to earn a spot at Worlds in Detroit in April!

