



Updates from the Cabinet

October 14, 2019

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

Policy Committee Update: The Policy Committee met on September 25th to review the 200 Policy Series (Board of Directors) and several miscellaneous policies recommended for updates by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). The following policies have been recommended for updates with a first reading by the school board during the October 14th regular meeting:

- 100.1 - Legal Status of the School District
- 201.1 - Name & Organization of the District
- 202.7 - School Board Conflict of Interest
- 204.12 - School Board Records
- 205.1-E - Board of Directors Request for Reimbursement of Travel
- 505.6 - Education Records Access
- 505.6-R - Admin Regulations Regarding Use of Education Records
- 505.6-E4 - Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records
- 505.6-E5 - Parental Request for Examination of Education Records
- 505.7 - Parent and Family Engagement
- 505.7-R - Parent and Family Engagement Building-Level Regulations

School Board Candidate Forum: The Marion Economic Development Corporation and Marion Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a school board candidate forum for individuals seeking election on November 5th for a seat on the Linn-Mar Board of Directors. The forum will be held at Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center (4500 N 10th St, Marion) on Thursday, October 17th from 6:30-8:00 PM and is open to the public. The forum will follow a question and answer format of predetermined questions, while also giving audience members opportunities to submit questions to the moderator. The Linn-Mar Community School District will have five open seats on the November 5th ballot. Four of the seats are for four-year terms and one seat is for a two-year term. School board candidates for the Linn-Mar Community School District are: Barry Buchholz, Bob Gabel, Tim Isenberg, Brittania Morey, Sondra Nelson, Clark Weaver, Jeffrey Wisdo, and LaSheila Yates.



District Achievements and Honors:

Student Achievement Honor: Congratulations to Linn-Mar High School Seniors Arnav Bhushan, Elise Cagnard, Anna Kelly, Sadie Staker, and Jackson Tupper for being named Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. They placed in the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam.

Band Honors: Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Marching Lions for placing first in the Class 4A Marion Marching Band Invitational. The Marching Lions also received caption awards for best drum majors, best color guard, best percussion, and best winds.



Elementary America Reads Honors: Congratulations to Allie from Echo Hill Elementary who was one of five grand prize winners for the bookmark she entered in the America Reads 2019 Bookmark Competition. Linn-Mar had a total of seven semi-finalists this year: Aditi from Bowman Woods, Rory and Layla from Novak, and Lily, Maddie, and Saisha from Westfield. America Reads Day is October 17th.