

## *Updates from the Cabinet*

### *January 11, 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)*

**At-Risk/Dropout Prevention Application 2022:** The process for approval of at-risk/dropout prevention modified supplemental funding requires the board to pass a resolution with the applicable calculated amount, which is determined by taking the district's certified enrollment (7,597.9) times the district's cost per pupil (\$7,048) times 2.5%. For FY2022, the amount requested is \$1,338,750.

#### **Summary of Revisions to 2021-22 School Year Calendar:**

1. New Teacher Orientation: Moved to the two days before all staff begin.
2. Personalized Professional Learning Days: Exchanged for regular professional learning days due to the derecho and not having professional learning this year. There are a lot of district priorities that need to have time provided for so teachers can learn and collaborate.
3. Half Work Days on August 26th and May 27th: These were changed to full work days in order to meet the 191 teacher contract days.
4. All schools will dismiss two hours early on conference days to align schedules and transportation.

## **Honors & Highlights**



**Excelsior Band Honors:** Congratulations to the following four Excelsior eighth graders for being selected to be a part of the Iowa Bandmasters Association All-Iowa Eighth Grade Honor Band: Owen Soenen (Trumpet), Luke Sowers (Trumpet Alternate), Owen Hanson (Trombone Alternate), and Dale Nuss (Tuba Alternate).

**Oak Ridge Band Honors:** Congratulations to the following nine Oak Ridge eighth graders for being selected to be a part of the Iowa Bandmasters Association All-Iowa Eighth Grade Honor Band: Gigi Wright (Oboe), Micah Langley (Bassoon), Mariselle Jones (Clarinet 1), Brock Whitham (Clarinet 3), Kyle Earnest (Alto Sax), Tomina Gerst (Trumpet 1), Adam Kmetz (Horn 2), Thanh Beech (Tuba), and Sujun Shadrak (Percussion).



**Community Outreach Honor:** Kudos to the LM Robotics team for collecting 1,500 pounds of food during their recent food drive to benefit the LM Pride Pantry. The food will last for approximately 4-5 months.