

## *Updates from the Cabinet*

### *January 13, 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 (DOP) Application 2021:** The process for approval of At-Risk/Dropout modified supplemental funding requires the board to pass a resolution with the applicable, modified, supplemental amount. For FY2021 the amount is \$1,320,186, which is calculated as our certified enrollment (7,675.5), times our district cost-per-pupil (\$6,880), times 2.5%.

Note that Dropout Prevention is funded annually on the basis of 25% or more from the district general fund dollars and up to 75% from modified allowable growth. The maximum percentage of MSA rate is 5% of regular program cost, but no higher than the highest rate used by a district in any year between FY 2010 and FY 2013. For Linn-Mar, the percentage of regular program cost is 2.5%, which is well below the maximum of 5% and results in a funding disparity when compared to other districts that are at the 5% maximum.

## District Achievements & Honors

**Athletic Hall of Fame:** Congratulations to the following athletes who will be inducted into the LM Athletic Hall of Fame on January 17th:

- Peggy Chute (Basketball)
- Beth Driscoll (Basketball, softball, and volleyball)
- Dan Driscoll (Baseball and basketball)
- Doug Gire (Football, basketball, track, and baseball)
- Marc Lillibridge (Football)
- Dan Sindelar (Football, basketball, track, and baseball)

**Community Outreach Projects:** Kudos to all the students and staff that shared their time and talents assisting with community outreach projects during the holiday season!

- Student Services Department, along with staff volunteers, worked with FLY (Feeding Lunch to Youth) to assemble food care packages to distribute to food-insecure families on snow days
- Basketball Cheer and NHS partnered to donate 30+ tie blankets and 100 waving hands to pediatric patients at UIHC
- Echo Hill 4th graders assembled welcome packets for residents new to Marion
- Superintendent Bisgard, along with Marion Independent Superintendent Janelle Brouwer, rang the bell at Hy-Vee to assist in raising funds for those in need
- High school students partnered with Xavier to host the Alzheimer's Awareness basketball games and raffle on December 13th





**Teacher Honor:** Congratulations to Jeanne Turner, High School Social Studies Teacher, for being chosen to present at the 2020 American Psychological Association/Clark University Workshop for High School Teachers! The event is a nationally-recognized professional development opportunity for high school teachers.



**Alumni Honor:** Congratulations to Ryan Schmidt, UofI Senior Quarterback and LM Graduate, for receiving the Forest Evashevski Scholastic Achievement Award for 2019. The honor is presented to the senior having the highest scholastic record.



**Wrestling Honor:** Congratulations to Brandon O'Brien, LMHS Junior, for being ranked #1 for Iowa High School Class 3A Wrestling!

**LEGO League News:** Congratulations to the Oak Ridge LEGO Leagues on qualifying for the state tournament. The OR Blasters recently received the Global Innovation Award for their innovative project to combat the spread of blue-green algae and the OR Masters received the Core Values Award for their project that encourages risky play. Congratulations also goes out to the Excelsior Black Team as they, too, will advance to the state tournament in Ames on January 19th.

