



**Creston Community School District
Deron Stender, Superintendent
Creston, Iowa 50801**

The vision of the Creston C.S.D. is to provide the foundation for students to become lifelong learners and positive, confident, and compassionate citizens.

**Board Report
October 21, 2024**

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1. District

1.1. School Safety & Security:

1.1.1. I want to acknowledge and thank the volunteer members of the ALICE & Emergency Operations Planning Team who meet frequently to review, plan, and coordinate our district school safety training and plans. This is a significant task and is always progressing. The team members are: Angie Bolinger, Tammy Riley, Nicole Pellman, Mitch Pashek, Katlin Weinkoetz, Billie Jo Greene, and myself.

1.2. Construction at the ECC continues to be on schedule. Much of the concrete work will be done prior to winter break and it may be likely the parking lot and roadways will be open. The process may seem slow and that is due to the necessary testing of soil and construction items that often takes up to 45 days. Gary, Callie, I have monthly meetings with project managers from DLR and DDVI. There is a time capsule on the district website that captures the progress of the project.

1.3. [District Goals](#):

1.3.1. We continue to use the 4DX/Logic Model to focus on the commitments to improve MTSS and District Culture. The following helps define the goals and progress of our work.

1.3.1.1. [District Multi Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#)

1.3.1.2. [District Culture](#)

1.3.1.3. [Scoreboard](#) (in progress)

1.4. A preliminary review of enrollment reflects an estimated decline of 55.24 students (14.24 more students than projected). We projected a decrease of 41 students. We are taking a deep dive into enrollment and will share our findings and proposals at the November board meeting but this is an early indicator that we will need to address budget implications ($55.24 * 7826 = -\$432,308$) as we plan for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond.

- 1.5. The district has fiscal resources that are considered one-time resources and can be spent on district priorities to help minimize the impact on the SAVE/PPEL and general funds. We are calling these [purpose-driven](#) funds to emphasize they shall be designated to projects with purpose. We have provided options for allocating the funds and welcome your feedback and discussion. I will review this at the meeting.
- 1.6. We followed the bid process to purchase one or two buses and are processing the bids through Sourcewell to ensure we are receiving the discounted pricing from the service cooperative. We plan to bring a recommendation to the board for consideration at the November board meeting.
- 1.7. I met with SWCC administration to discuss their facilities and vocational plans to identify areas we can partner with each other to streamline our organizations and increase efficient operations. As a result of that conversation, I prepared a letter of support for vocational programs and the fiscal resources they are seeking. We will continue to have discussions to increase opportunities and efficiencies.
- 1.8. Dr. Jim, the author of the EngagedRocket Podcast that focuses on education and leadership, interviewed me on the district's Learn & Earn program. He indicated that the interview will air in November/December. This was an opportunity to showcase the district and the Learn & Earn program.
- 1.9. I had the opportunity to serve on the Iowa Superintendent of the Year selection committee and enjoyed learning about the dynamic leadership of our best leaders.
- 1.10. State bus inspections were conducted last week and noted minor maintenance issues. Mr. Busch and our transportation department do a good job of maintaining our vehicle fleet.
- 1.11. The [School Improvement Advisory Committee](#) (SIAC) meets on October 2 to address business. A survey was sent to the committee members to gather their feedback on areas of opportunity and strengths to help guide meaningful work.

2. Leadership

- 2.1. Associations
 - 2.1.1. American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Executive Board
 - 2.1.2. Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) Legislative Board
 - 2.1.3. Northwestern School of Education Advisory Committee
 - 2.1.4. Buena Vista School of Education Advisory Committee
 - 2.1.5. Green Hills AEA Superintendents Advisory Board
 - 2.1.6. Green Hills AEA Special Education Advisory Board
 - 2.1.7. Green Hills AEA Professional Development Advisory Board
 - 2.1.8. School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) Legislative Committee
 - 2.1.9. School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) Legal Committee
 - 2.1.10. Iowa School Public Relations Association (ISPRA)
 - 2.1.11. Creston Rotary
 - 2.1.12. Creston Lions

3. Announcements

- 3.1. To stay informed of District activities and events, follow the district on:
 - 3.1.1. Website
 - 3.1.2. Twitter: @CCSD_Panthers
 - 3.1.3. Facebook: Creston Panthers
 - 3.1.4. Monthly Community Coffee
 - 3.1.5. KSIB Radio
 - 3.1.6. Creston News Advertiser
 - 3.1.7. Panther Pitch
- 3.2. I thank our community and families for their support and for making **Creston Community Schools** the pride of our community!