



**PRINCIPAL REPORT**  
**2021-22**

*Mrs. Tracie Christensen*

**TO: Emmetsburg School Board**

**FROM: Tracie Christensen, Secondary Principal**

**RE: November School Board Report**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** - We saw a few parents at the High School for parent teacher conferences with the following percentage of parents attending at each grade level for a total of 25% of parents attending:

- 9th Grade - 31%
- 10th Grade - 23%
- 11th Grade - 22%
- 12th Grade - 23%
- *Scheduling parents with our online program has some benefits and we will continue to make a few changes to make this better for our parents and teachers. We have found this is a great way to communicate the conference times with parents and allows them to schedule at a convenient time for them, which eliminates numerous rescheduled conferences or changes.*

**October Students of the Month** - Congratulations to the following students on being selected as the October High School Students of the Month: Rachel Miner, Lane Auten, Zoie Vazquez, Keegan Joyce, Gavin Franker, Dyeton Poepppe, and Keegan Hamerlinck. These students display great E-Hawk Pride, character, academic achievement or improvement, and leadership.

**1st Quarter Academic Review** - I have had lots of questions regarding the updated Academic Eligibility Policy. We put in place, at the beginning of the year, a change in the policy. The new policy reads: “Mid-Quarter and End of a Quarter: A student not passing all courses shall become ineligible. A student will remain ineligible until they demonstrate that their cumulative grade is now passing.” By making this change, we hope to catch students not passing a class and encourage them and help them get their grade up before the end of semester. Here is how the year has started:

<b>1st Quarter Mid-Term</b>	<b>End of First Quarter</b>
42 students failing one or more classes	59 students failing one or more classes
82 failed classes	114 failed classes

**Portrait of a Graduate** - We had our initial planning meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. We had nineteen (19) individuals in attendance to help with this process. We had representation from teachers, administration, parents, students, Iowa Lakes, AEA and community/business partners. A reminder this group will determine some key competencies the school should focus on to help our students achieve success after graduation. These competencies will be taught at all grade levels so students can achieve proficiency before graduation. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. If you know anyone that would like to join us in identifying our competencies, please invite them to join. We do provide a meal.

**Buena Vista Partnership** - I was approached by Buena Vista College to join a strategic partnership with them which will allow our employees, their spouse, domestic partner and dependents up to age 26 to enroll at Buena Vista with a lower overall tuition cost. This applies to any classes taken online or on-campus and is available to all of our employees, whether full-time or part-time. Eligible family members qualify for up to a 30 percent discount per credit hour in the form of a BVU partner grant. To be eligible for the BVU Partner Grant, eligible members need to apply to Buena Vista University and select Emmetsburg Community School District as the partner employer on the application, complete their FAFSA, and then request from us an employment verification form to be submitted to Buena Vista. This is a great opportunity for our staff and their families and is something we look forward to including in our hiring benefits package. Buena Vista has completed all of the social media and marketing information for this partnership and will utilize our muscle bird in their literature to advertise this partnership. Buena Vista currently has 68 strategic partnerships with businesses and school districts.