David City Public School Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 7:00 PM
Bellwood Elem Gym
612 Park St
Bellwood, NE 68624

1. Call Meeting to Order
    1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
    1.2. Open Meetings Statement
    1.3. Attendance/Absence Approval
2. Student and Staff Involvement
3. Public Forum
4. Consent Agenda
    4.1. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s).
    4.2. Approve Claims Against the District
    4.3. Financial Reports
5. Board Committee Reports
6. Board Workshop/Conference Reports
7. Administrative Reports
    7.1. Dr. Denker
    7.2. Mrs. Athow
    7.3. Mr. Lindsley
    7.4. Ms. Greenfield
    7.5. Ms. Romshek

7.6. Ms. Daniels

7.7. Mr. Hermelbracht

8. Discussion and Action Items

8.1. Discuss, consider and take action on updated option enrollment policy.

8.2. Discuss progress on potential facility projects.

9. Personnel

9.1. Discuss stakeholder involvement in the NASB superintendent search process.

10. Future Discussion and Action Items

11. Adjournment

Harrison Blades

School Board of Education

10/14/26

**Board Report**

- Homecoming dress-up days had great student involvement across all high school grades. Although the football game was moved to Shelby, everyone enjoyed the dance held in the High School New Commons. This year's Homecoming King and Queen were Harrison Blades and Hope Aldrich.
- One-Act is currently working on its set and finishing touches to prepare for the opening night on October 30 at David City High School.
- The NHS has organized various fall sports groups to greet elementary students in the morning. These guys' faces light up when they see their role models and favorite Scout athletes there to welcome them.
- Volleyball games this year have drawn great crowds of Scout fans. The girls' most exciting performance so far was when they came back from 3-11 in the fifth set at home to beat Cross-County. The team is 7-16 and looks to improve as the season winds down.
- The football team has not been satisfied with their 1-6 record so far, but they strive to finish the final couple of games strong. Their last game of the season is a home game against Twin River on October 23.
- Some of the girls' basketball players have been coming in before school to get some shots up and do some drills on Friday mornings as they prepare for the season.

- The Esports Marvel Rivals team was able to beat the defending champions in a dominant win (This wasn't for the championship). Both the Marvel Rivals and Rocket League teams remain undefeated heading into the second half of the season.
- The Blue River Softball team finished their season with an impressive 18-5 record. It was an exciting season, with records broken and satisfying victories. MaxPreps has the team ranked 36th in the state.
- The marching band received excellent marks at both the Pierce and Columbus contests.
- Stay-U is in preparation for the upcoming Red Ribbon Week. This year, we will have activities from October 26-28. It doesn't span the whole week because there will be no school on Thursday or Friday.

Trevin Jahde
School Board of Education
10/11/2026

School Board Report

- The Blue River Softball team finished their year off strong with a record of 18-5, with multiple records broken, including Abby Lindsley now holding the career records for RBI's, strikeouts, innings pitched, and home runs.
- The David City Marching Band started off their year strong, receiving a Division 2, Excellent at both the Columbus Marching Festival and the Pierce Marching Festival.
- Local firefighters visited the elementary and taught the students about fire safety.
- Esports has had a successful season as they enter their 5th week of matches, with the following teams being undefeated: Marvel Rivals varsity, Rocket League varsity, and Cealan and Justin in chess.
- The Nebraska Board of Education announced its list of students who received the Seal of Biliteracy, with Alexis Kleckner and Jeancarlo Rodas receiving gold, and Garrett Small and Cohen Denker receiving silver.
- Bella Heins broke the Volleyball school record for most assists in a single match with 50 assists.
- Blue River Softball did an amazing job at their SNC tournament, receiving runner-up.
- Rylee Thoendel was acknowledged for placing in the top 2% nationally on the PSAT last fall and for being awarded a letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program

- Homecoming week was full of fun and Scout pride. Our students showed their school spirit by participating in our dress-up days and cheering on our students and staff who took part in our pep rallies.  Also, congratulations to Harrison Blades and Hope Aldrich for being our 2026 homecoming king and queen.

David City Public School Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026 7:10 PM or
immediately following the tax request hearing
Board Meeting Room at the High School
750 D St.
David City, NE 68632-1724

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting to meet the legal requirements for public notice of meeting. The meeting notice was published in the Banner Press and/or Columbus Telegram, publications established for general circulation within the district and posted on the front door of each school building and at the David City Post Office. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda for said meeting was available in the Superintendent's office and on the district's website. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1.Call Meeting to Order
Stephanie Summers called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
Stephanie Summers asked all attendees to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
1.2. Open Meetings Statement
Stephanie Summers informed all attendees that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted and available for inspection.
1.3. Attendance/Absence Approval
All board members and admin were in attendance.

2. Student and Staff Involvement
2.1. Student Board Members
Jahde and Blades submitted written reports to the board.

3. Public Forum
No public comment

4. Consent Agenda
4.1. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s).
4.2. Approve Claims Against the District
Dr Denker discussed this month's claims with the district as provided.
4.3. Financial Reports
Dr. Denker discussed the financial reports as provided.
Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to approve consent agenda items 4.1-4.3. Marcus Thoendel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Board Committee Reports
None

6. Board Workshop/Conference Reports
Area board meeting will be attended on September 23 at 4:30pm in Fremont.

7. Administrative Reports
7.1. Dr. Denker
7.2. Mrs. Athow
7.3. Mr. Lindsley
7.4. Ms. Greenfield
7.5. Ms. Romshek
7.6. Ms. Daniels
7.7. Mr. Hermelbracht
All admin submitted written reports.

8. Discussion and Action Items
8.1. Discuss, consider, and take action on the 2026-27 school budget for all funds of the district.
Donnie Moravec made the motion to approve the 2026-27 school budget for all funds of the district. Marcus Thoendel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8.2. Discuss, consider, and take action on the 2026-27 tax request for all funds of the district (general, special building, qcpuf k-8) and adopt a resolution for the tax request.
Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to approve the 2026-27 tax request for all funds of the district (general, special building, qcpuf k-8) and adopt a resolution for the tax request. Stephanie Summers seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8.3. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve a resolution to join the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA) and to appoint the Superintendent as the District's representative.
Marcus Thoendel made the motion to approve a resolution to join the Nebraska Educational Building Association (NEBA) and to appoint the Superintendent as the District's representative. Donnie Moravec seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8.4. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the purchase of a new 65- or 71-passenger school bus.
Klay Kasik made the motion to approve the purchase of a new 71 passenger school bus. Donnie Moravec seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Personnel
None

10. Future Discussion and Action Items
Special Board Meeting on Wed. Sept. 16th
Policy 5006 Option Enrollment Capacity

11. Adjournment
Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to adjourn at 7:41pm. Marcus Thoendel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**STUDENT FEES**

2026-2027

Bank of the Valley, Account Number 062836

| Date | | Credits | Debits | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **9/1/2026** | **Starting Balance** | | | **$349.56** |
| 9/18/2026 | FCCLA Dues | $100.00 | | $439.56 |
| 9/18/2026 | FFA Dues | $950.00 | | $1,399.56 |
| 9/30/2026 | Interest | $2.70 | | $1,402.26 |
| **9/30/2026** | **Balance** | | | **$1,402.26** |
| | Credit/Debit Totals | $2.70 | $0.00 | |

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October 2026
Chad Denker, Supt

**Building and Moving Permits**
Jason Campbell has started pouring the footings and pad for the 4-stall garage. Scribs will take care of the moving permit.

**Legislative Update**
We will have to update our online employment application and our reference check process for the 2027-28 school year. Schools are now required to check with previous employers from the past 7 years if the applicant held jobs working with and/or around children.

**Architects and Construction Company**
We have been meeting with Clark Enersen and Hausmann Construction every other Thursday to discuss potential designs and layouts. The goal is to have drawings ready by the third week of November for Hausmann to review so they can share a guaranteed maximum price with the board in December. DA Davidson will have paperwork for us to review at our November board meeting.

**Bellwood Tour**
Let's plan on a tour of the school improvements after the board meeting on Wednesday night.

**Special Board Meeting**
Angie Moore will be here to open the doors and have the board room ready for your special board meeting to discuss the superintendent search next week on Wed Oct 21. I will not be there.

**Out of the Office**
I will be gone Mon Oct 19 through ??? Stacy Athow and Kari Daniels will handle any district-level issues in my absence if necessary.

David City School Board Report 2026: Athow

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## Celebrating Our Teachers!

Our students recently had the opportunity to vote for the October Spotlight Teacher Award, recognizing educators who make an extraordinary impact in our classrooms every day. This month's vote resulted in a neck-and-neck tie, making it a well-deserved shared honor between Mr. Chad Wiseman and Mrs. Morgan Dredge.

Here are some things students had to say about Mrs. Dredge:

- She always helps people and when she helps people she is kind and does not give the answer. She is kind, sweet, and an awesome teacher to have.-Emma Spellman
- She is alway nice and ready to see you in class it makes me want to be here everyday!-McKenna Prososki

Here are some things students had to say about Mr. Wiseman:

- He makes people feel included, funny, amazing teacher, he pushes others to do the best they can and makes them feel big when they do something out of their comfort zone. He's such an amazing teacher. Go Scouts!- Alexis Thies
- He not only teaches the best PE class ever, but he also teaches other students to be kind to another, which has helped my school life.-Kaydence Fleming

The other nominated staff members will also receive the kind words written by students after our staff meeting Wednesday.

Additionally, we started a new Traveling Teacher Award Series where colleagues nominate one another. The two awards teachers will receive each month are “Cup of Kindness” (a staff member who goes out of their way to make others feel welcome, included and “seen”) and the “Tireless Teacher Award” (a staff member who puts in extra effort, time and dedication to ensure the best school experience for our students).

Liz Tvrdy is the first recipient of the Cup of Kindness. Here’s what her colleagues had to say: “If you want to find a person who embodies the word kind, look no further than the Third floor of the old building in a room filled with files, plants, and more. Liz is someone who does more than help her kids, so cares about their mind, body, and soul. If you just have a single conversation with Liz about one of her kids, you can see the pride and love for them on her face. She will stop everything she is doing to make sure they are okay and cared for. She never talks bad about anyone and always frames the conversation in a positive way to figure out how to best help someone. She is who I think of when I need to be slow to anger and take a deep breath in an emotional situation with a kid. She always brings a calm presence every time she walks into the room. I look forward to working with her everyday. We are lucky to have her.”

Jami Olson is our first recipient of the Tireless Teacher Award. Here are a few words from her colleagues: “It takes a lot to be an English teacher… There are hours of work that goes on behind the scenes to be able to effectively teach this craft. I see and hear Jami work to give her students the best and most frequent amount of feedback. Many times Jami is the first one at the school and the last one to leave all while still raising kind and hardworking children of her own. She is also not afraid to try new things even after

doing this for many years already. She is a pillar of this school and an example of what it means to be a scout. I would like her to know that we see her. We see all she does and we thank her for what she gives of herself before 7:45am and after 3:45pm."
" I've been co-teaching with her for five years and I'm a better teacher because of it. Jami is unfailingly positive and will keep the mood optimistic even when we are dealing with disappointment, or worse. She effortlessly builds relationships with students. She is patient and thorough. She is always working to organize our yearbooks curriculum to make it better fit the strengths and weaknesses of the year's yearbook staff. This is both annoying and inspirational at the same time. I hope she receives this recognition.

## MTSS Conference: Roadmap to Impact

Members of our Secondary Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) team—Lisa Bales, Morgan Dredge, Annie Chrisman, Teri Mohrman, and myself—recently attended the statewide MTSS Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

To maximize our learning opportunities, our team split up to attend different breakout sessions covering various strategies and implementation practices for multi-tiered academic and behavioral supports.  We have a shared document where we gathered what we learned and will debrief at our MTSS meeting this Wednesday.

A major highlight of the conference was the powerful keynote address delivered by Jonathan Mooney, an author and educational advocate who shared his personal journey growing up with severe ADHD and dyslexia.

Mr. Mooney was raised by a dedicated mother who worked three jobs, Jonathan faced immense obstacles early in his education. Early in his schooling, several teachers and counselors told him he would never graduate high school, would end up in jail, and—if he was lucky—might get a job working at McDonald's. He went on to defy those predictions. He earned a college soccer scholarship, graduated honors from Brown University with a degree in English Literature, and has since authored five books.

Jonathan's message served as a profound reminder for our educators: every single interaction we have with a young person stays with them and influences whether they succeed or give up. As educators, our belief in our students' potential is far more impactful than their IQ score, their current grades, or any diagnosis or disability label. The strategies and perspectives gained from this conference will directly inform our team's work as we continue refining our MTSS framework to serve all students.

## Homecoming 2026: Out of This World

Our secondary school community celebrated an unforgettable "Out of This World" Homecoming week! Huge thanks to Morgan Styskal and Shelby Hein for their exceptional planning of the daily dress-up themes, community parade, court, and pep rally.

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The highlight was our district-wide K–12 pep rally, featured hilarious karaoke and student-versus-staff challenges from Mr. Carmichael, along with tremendous energy driven by Tiffany Heins. Despite rainy weather, the week ended on a high note with a successful football game and a packed Homecoming dance. Students danced until the very last song—leaving with incredible core memories!

## Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)

Our Professional Learning Teams recently met to focus on aligning grading practices with our MTSS framework and building data literacy across departments:

- School-Wide Retake Policy Alignment: We are developing a school-wide retake policy to ensure grading reflects true concept mastery. Middle school is currently piloting this policy, utilizing ACCESS period for targeted reteaching when students fall short of mastery. Following reteaching, students complete a retake or a structured test-correction form, where they reflect on why an answer was missed and explain their correction process.
- Tier II Intervention Support Classes: Departments discussed grading protocols and instructional expectations for dedicated ELA and Math support classes, ensuring these Tier II interventions effectively target skill gaps while aligning with core content standards.
- EduClimber Department Data Walls: Teams explored department-specific data walls in EduClimber, which aggregate assessment results, course grades, SAEBRS well-being scores, attendance, and behavioral referrals.
- Structured Data Protocol: To help teachers process this multi-layered data without feeling overwhelmed, teams utilized a four-step collaborative data protocol:
    1. Description: What is literally present in the data?
    2. Interpretation: What does the data mean?
    3. Implications: What are the takeaways for our daily instruction?
    4. Next Steps: What specific action steps will we implement?

## Evidence of Improvement: Referral Data

Our administrative team continues to monitor data to identify adjustments we may need to make with systemic processes.  We analyzed multi-year discipline and attendance metrics to track progress and identify focus areas for continued academic and behavioral growth:

- Overall Reduction in Behavior Events: Total discipline incidents dropped from 531 in 2024–2025 down to 448 in 2025–2026—a net decrease of 83 behavior events (an overall 15.6% reduction).
- Significant Decreases in Key Areas:
    - Tardiness saw the largest drop, decreasing from 141 incidents to 96 (a 31.9% decrease).

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- Disorderly Conduct dropped from 61 incidents to 41 (a 32.8% decrease).
- Disrespect incidents declined from 79 to 67 (a 15.2% decrease).

- Primary Focus Areas: Insubordination remained flat year-over-year (132 to 136) and became the most frequent event type, while unexcused absences saw a minor increase (57 to 66).

Overall, these positive trends reflect the growing impact of our proactive school culture initiatives and MTSS behavioral supports across the secondary building.

## Professional Development Day

The September Professional Development Day focused on strengthening our support systems for students, ensuring school safety, and supporting one another.

A central focus of the day was student well-being and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL). Teachers completed the Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS) to proactively identify and support student needs. Students also completed the mySAEBRS to assess their own strengths and needs. This information will be included in the Tiers of Support we provide students. The MTSS team will look at the data from last year and this year and make determinations about possible group and individual needs for students in the areas of socialization, self-regulation and emotional intelligence.

Staff also participated in a powerful session led by a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) from ESU7, diving deep into trauma-informed classroom practices, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and the complex, invisible burdens many of our students carry into our hallways every day. This critical conversation is just beginning—teachers will engage in two additional sessions this year focused on actionable, classroom-level strategies to support students impacted by trauma.

## October Edition of the Scout Newsletter: https://aptg.co/Xxv_vY

The October issue of *The Scout Newsletter* has officially been sent home to our school families. This edition has articles written by Mrs. Olson, Mr. Wiseman, Ms. Neujahr and Ms. Styskal.

Thank you for all you do!

Stacy Athow
Principal DCHS
**Go Scouts!**🖤❤️

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
10/14/2026

## Building Updates and Highlights

September has been a busy month at David City Secondary, with classroom observations, student activities, and the many things that keep our building running smoothly. Picture day went well, and the process was smooth for both students and staff.

We were also able to get a couple of new security cameras installed overlooking the student parking lot. These additions are another step in our continued efforts to improve building security and provide a safe environment for our students and staff.

## Student Behavior and Attendance

Looking at our September data compared to the previous two years, we continue to see some encouraging trends.

- **Tardies:** We had 105 tardies in September 2024, 90 in September 2025, and 55 this September. This is a continued decrease over the past three years.
- **Behavior Referrals:** We had 59 referrals in September 2024 and 85 in September 2025, compared to just 21 this September. This is a significant improvement and an encouraging start to the school year.
- **Attendance:** Our total days missed were 401.9 in September 2024, 256.08 in September 2025, and 285.17 this September. While absences increased slightly compared to last September, they remain well below our September 2024 numbers. Attendance will continue to be an area we monitor and work to improve.

Overall, it is encouraging to see the decrease in tardies and behavior referrals. We will continue working with students and staff to reinforce expectations, build positive habits, and help students be successful.

## Student Activities and Celebrations

Congratulations to our Blue River Panthers softball team on an outstanding season! The Panthers finished the year with an impressive 18-5 record. Congratulations to the players and coaches on a great season and all the hard work that went into their success.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
9/16/2026

Now that we are one month into the school year, I would like to highlight some of the positive things happening at the secondary school during the past month.

- **Student Behavior:** Overall, student behavior has been pretty good during the first month of school. There have been a couple incidents, but our students are doing a great job settling into the school year and starting the year strong.
- **Tardies:** We have seen a huge decrease in tardies this August compared to the last two years. I am anxious to see if this data holds as it is very encouraging.
- **Phones/Electronic Communication Devices:** There have been a total of 9 violations of our electronic communication device policy in the first month of school.
- **MAP Testing:** We have finished all MAP testing for the first round. A huge shoutout goes to Laurel Valentine on all her hard work getting these assessments set up and helping get students finished.
- **New Student Shirts:** The shirts came in quickly this year and all new student shirts have been delivered.

## August Data Comparison

Below is a comparison of our August data from the past three school years:

| | August 2024 | August 2025 | August 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Tardies** | 85 | 48 | 20 |
| **Behavior Referrals** | 36 | 17 | 20 |
| **Attendance – Absent Days** | 164.60 | 148.50 | 169.72 |

The number of tardies continues to show significant improvement, dropping from 85 in August 2024 to just 20 in August 2026. Behavior referrals remain relatively low, while attendance will continue to be something we monitor closely throughout the school year.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
8/12/2026

I say this every year, but summer sure has flown by! Going into my 27th year in education and my 7th year at David City, I am still excited to see our students coming back to school and kicking off a new school year. I am energized every time I see our students coming through the doors, and I am looking forward to another great year at DCPS!

A few thoughts as we come into the new school year…

- The new carpet and cabinets in the Band Room were a great upgrade to the area and look great!
- The Emergency Operations Plan has been updated, and the revised pages are being disseminated to staff to replace the outdated pages in their binders.
- Admin Days always provide a great opportunity to collaborate, share ideas, and continue finding ways to make DCPS even better than it already is. The keynote with Jimmy Casas really resonated with me and was a great reminder of why we do what we do in this profession.
- The first day of school will include a lockdown drill, tornado drill, fire drill, and evacuation drill. We are also implementing a reunification drill, which we will practice on the first day of school.

There is always a lot of work that goes into getting a school ready for students to return, and I am thankful for all of the staff who have worked hard to get us to this point.

Here’s to a great 2026-2027 school year! Let's get this thing started!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
6/10/2026

Now that the school year has come to a close, the administration team has had an opportunity to reflect on the year and begin planning for the one ahead. The 2025-2026 school year brought many successes, challenges, and changes. Mrs. Athow joined us as our new principal and has been a great addition to the team. We have worked well together and complement each other's strengths and areas for growth.

Reflection allows us to celebrate what went well while also identifying opportunities to improve, and that serves as the foundation for our planning for next year. The support of an outstanding team of board members, administrators, teachers, and support staff at David City continues to make it possible for Scout Nation to grow, meet the needs of all students, and celebrate success along the way.

As we look back on the year, it is exciting to see all that we accomplished together as a school. At the same time, we have already spent a significant amount of time preparing for the 2026-2027 school year. Some of the projects I have been working on include revisions to our student and staff handbooks, with the goal of having each handbook translated into Spanish. Additional planning has included a new student t-shirt design (pictured below), updating spreadsheets and assignments for next year, reviewing and revising our crisis plan, and analyzing student data to help guide future decisions. Included below is a comparison of discipline and tardy data from this year and last year as part of that review process.

With the change in administration already behind us, there are several major changes planned for next year. Immediately, there are a few items that students, staff, and families may notice:

- New flooring and cabinets in the music room
- New flooring in the E-Sports and computer room
- Continued emphasis on MTSS and student support systems
- Installation of additional security cameras to cover areas that were not previously monitored
- New walkie-talkies to improve communication throughout the building

As part of our end-of-year review process, we analyzed discipline and attendance data to identify trends and areas for continued growth. Overall, behavior events decreased from 531 incidents in 2024-2025 to 448 incidents in 2025-2026, representing a reduction of 83 events.

The most common behavior concerns remained relatively consistent between the two school years. In 2024-2025, the top behavior events were tardiness (141), insubordination (132), disrespect (79), disorderly conduct (61), and unexcused absences (57). During the 2025-2026 school year, insubordination (136) became the most common behavior event, followed by tardiness (96), disrespect (67), unexcused absences (66), and disorderly conduct (41).

One area that showed notable improvement was student tardiness. Total tardies decreased from 680 during the 2024-2025 school year to 577 in 2025-2026, a reduction of 103 tardies. While there is still work to be done, the decrease in both overall behavior events and tardiness is encouraging and reflects the efforts of our staff and students to create a positive learning environment. We will continue to review this data as we plan for next year, using it to guide interventions, support systems, and strategies aimed at improving student success.

Attendance data also showed positive overall trends during the 2025-2026 school year. While May attendance was slightly lower than the previous year, with 236.24 absent days compared to 203.06 absent days in May 2025, overall student attendance improved significantly throughout the school year.

Total absent days decreased from 3,368.63 in 2024-2025 to 2,857.05 in 2025-2026, a reduction of more than 500 absent days.

Several grade levels demonstrated substantial improvements in attendance. Seventh grade reduced absent days from 520.79 to 385.95, ninth grade from 519.97 to 411.81, eleventh grade from 577.36 to 397.28, and twelfth grade from 709.77 to 437.17. Eighth grade saw an increase from 446.41 to 620.21 absent days, while tenth grade remained relatively consistent, increasing slightly from 594.34 to 604.63.

The overall reduction in absent days is encouraging and reflects the continued efforts of students, families, and staff to prioritize attendance. As we move into next year, we will continue to monitor attendance trends and work with students and families to address barriers that impact consistent school attendance.

There are many great things happening at David City Public Schools, and I am proud to be part of a district that is always looking for ways to improve. While we are proud of what we accomplished this year, we remain committed to finding new opportunities to better serve our students, staff, and community.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
5/13/2026

The last few weeks of school have been both challenging and rewarding. I am excited to see the seniors finishing out their high school careers and learning about all their future plans. We have seen an uptick in behavior issues at school. Students are getting restless as we near summer break. Due to some of the issues we have encountered we have made some procedural changes such as access to locker rooms at school. Below are a few more items to note from the past month.

- I have spent some time helping students finish NSCAS and MAP testing. We only have a handful of tests to finish.
- On my way home from the track meet at Fillmore Central I unfortunately hit a deer with the school suburban. Although there was some damage to the suburban, it was relatively minor and much less than expected.
- I have been working with Mrs. Athow on graduation plans, awards night, senior meals, and all other logistics for the end of the school year
- I am almost done finalizing the plans for 6th grade transition day. The middle school leadership team will help that day by either helping the groups get from one place to the next or will serve on the student panel.
- The staff banquet was a great night and I am thankful for our school board that supports it. Honoring our staff is rewarding and I love seeing the joy on the faces of people getting the recognition they deserve.

Below is the monthly data comparing April of last year to April of this year.

| | April 2025 | April 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Tardies | 81 | 53 |
| Behavior Referrals | 65 | 47 |
| Attendance | 353.7 Absent Days | 267.2 Absent Days |

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
4/8/2026

We are now into April which means we are off and running with spring events. State testing will be kicking off soon and we will be preparing for graduation before we know it. Below I want to highlight a few key items from this past month.

- Congrats to both the FFA and FCCLA for outstanding performances in their competitions at the state level!
- Another congrats to the speech team for winning districts and finishing in 5th place at state!
- The juniors took the ACT test this month. Thankful to the staff that organizes this and makes sure everything is set up.
- I have finished up all my teacher observations and will continue to express how incredible our teachers are. They go out of their way to help students and try to find ways to reach everyone.

Below is my monthly data comparing March of last year to March of this year.

| | March 2025 | March 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Tardies | 51 | 76 |
| Behavior Referrals | 45 | 49 |
| Attendance | 325.8 Absent Days | 243.6 Absent Days |

As you can see, our attendance improved drastically this year compared to last year but our tardies also increased significantly. The increase in tardies could explain the increase in behavior referrals as those definitely can go hand in hand.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
3/11/2026

We are already into March and moving on to spring activities. Before we know it, the end of the school year will be here. We are spending some time now planning for the end of the year with graduation, awards, etc..There will be a lot we have to accomplish as we near the end of the year. Below I will highlight a few items of note and add the February data.

- I have almost completed the last of my observations and will be finalizing the summative portion in the next few weeks.
- I am thankful for the admin team covering things for me to allow me to be out of town next week.
- Mr. Ebbeka is finalizing some filtering software to help keep our students digitally safe on school devices.
- I am currently compiling some data to see if there are any trends based on the eligibility list. I will share with the board once it is completed.

Below is the data comparing February of last year to February this year.

| | February 2025 | February 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Tardies | 50 | 59 |
| Behavior Referrals | 36 | 33 |
| Attendance | 382.9 Absent Days | 346.8 Absent Days |

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
2/11/2026

The past month has been extremely busy with school and school events. I have a few items I want to highlight from this past month and a little data comparing January 2025 to January 20206.

- I was able to attend the Education career fair at UNK and highlight David City Public Schools to prospective teachers.
- I have been able to get into a lot of classrooms this month and see our staff and students doing great things in the classroom.
- I have been working with Mr. Ebbeka to hopefully upgrade some technology safety on our school devices and accounts.
- We are finalizing a template for the platinum pass which is an award at the end of the year for any student that earns 12 varsity letters. I will have an example with me at the board meeting.

Below is a little data comparing January of last year to this January.

| | January 2025 | January 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Tardies | 71 | 50 |
| Behavior Referrals | 34 | 29 |
| Attendance | 413.1 Absent Days | 327.1 Absent Days |

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
1/14/2025

I wanted to focus on a few data points this month comparing first semester last year to first semester this year. Thank you to Austin Schafer for the help pulling all this data together for this report comparing behavior referral, attendance, and tardies.

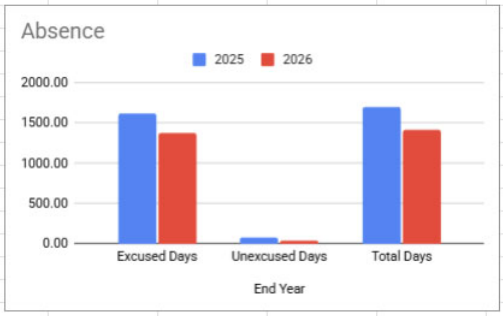
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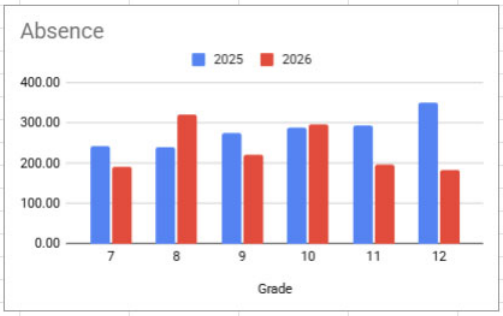
| End Year | Excused Days | Unexcused Days | Total Days |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 | 1620.44 | 74.56 | 1695.00 |
| 2026 | 1379.33 | 34.56 | 1413.89 |

| Excused Days | End Year | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 234.56 | 191.33 |
| 8 | 234.22 | 316.56 |
| 9 | 267.56 | 212.67 |
| 10 | 284.67 | 290.89 |
| 11 | 280.89 | 194.44 |
| 12 | 318.56 | 173.44 |

| Unexcused Days | End Year | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 8.33 | 1.11 |
| 8 | 7.00 | 5.00 |
| 9 | 8.78 | 8.67 |
| 10 | 4.00 | 6.78 |
| 11 | 14.11 | 3.22 |
| 12 | 32.33 | 9.78 |

| Total Days | End Year | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 242.89 | 192.44 |
| 8 | 241.22 | 321.56 |
| 9 | 276.33 | 221.33 |
| 10 | 288.67 | 297.67 |
| 11 | 295.00 | 197.67 |
| 12 | 350.89 | 183.22 |

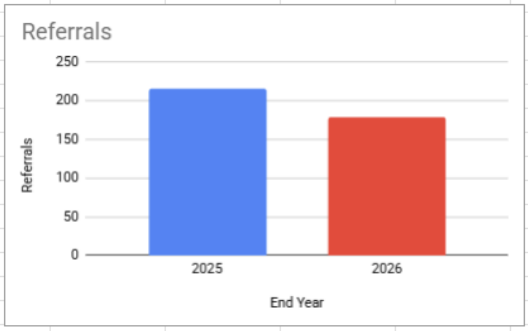


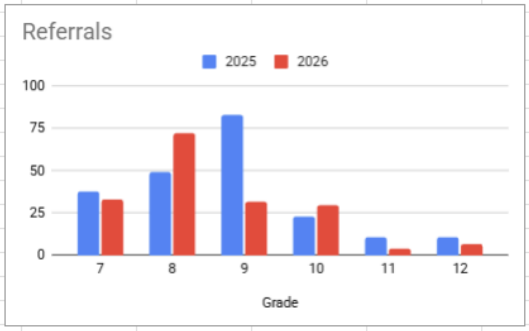



## Referrals (not including attendance)

| End Year | Referrals |
|---|---|
| 2025 | 215 |
| 2026 | 178 |
| **Grand Total** | **393** |

| Referrals | End Year | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 38 | 33 |
| 8 | 49 | 72 |
| 9 | 83 | 32 |
| 10 | 23 | 30 |
| 11 | 11 | 4 |
| 12 | 11 | 7 |
| **Grand Total** | **215** | **178** |



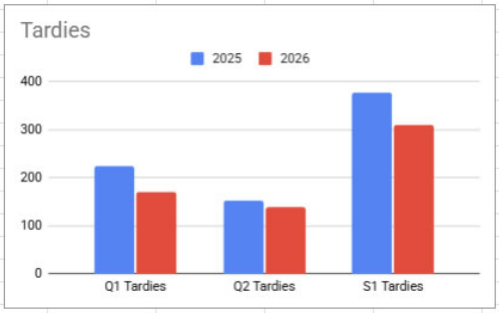

## Tardies

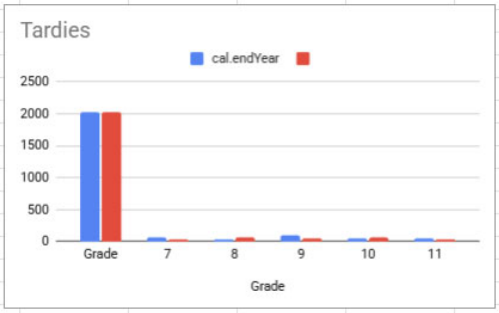
| End Year | Q1 Tardies | Q2 Tardies | S1 Tardies |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 | 224 | 153 | 377 |
| 2026 | 171 | 138 | 309 |
| **Grand Total** | **395** | **291** | **686** |

| Q1 Tardies | cal.endYear | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 44 | 22 |
| 8 | 21 | 40 |
| 9 | 53 | 30 |
| 10 | 40 | 40 |
| 11 | 26 | 17 |
| 12 | 40 | 22 |
| **Grand Total** | **224** | **171** |

| Q2 Tardies | cal.endYear | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 26 | 19 |
| 8 | 16 | 27 |
| 9 | 42 | 20 |
| 10 | 18 | 27 |
| 11 | 23 | 23 |
| 12 | 28 | 22 |
| **Grand Total** | **153** | **138** |

| S1 Tardies | cal.endYear | |
|---|---|---|
| Grade | 2025 | 2026 |
| 7 | 70 | 41 |
| 8 | 37 | 67 |
| 9 | 95 | 50 |
| 10 | 58 | 67 |
| 11 | 49 | 40 |
| 12 | 68 | 44 |
| **Grand Total** | **377** | **309** |

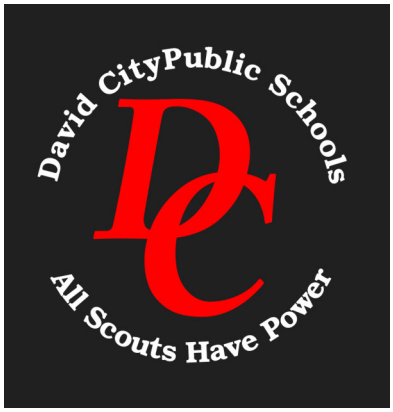


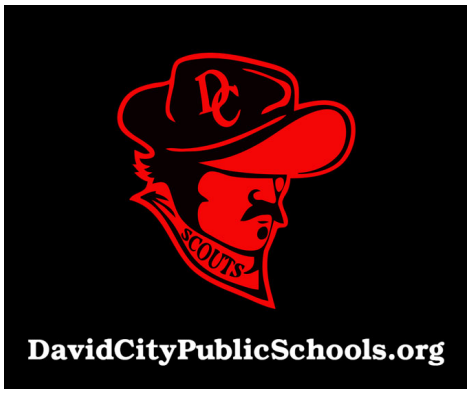



Chad Lindsley
Board Report
12/10/2025

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind for me dealing with some personal issues along with keeping up with everything at school. I do want to give the one-act team and coaches a huge shout out for winning districts and qualifying for state. They put in a ton of work and it is exciting to see it pay off. Below is a brief summary of the key points from the past few weeks. I am definitely looking forward to a little family time with the upcoming winter break.

- We have started conducting interviews for the open physical education position.
- I have been working on finishing up the last of my 2nd quarter observations.
- In preparation for upcoming college career fairs I have been working with Jodi Bruegger in the main office to come up with some new items to give away to prospective teachers. We are getting stress balls and koozies. At college fairs we will put pop in the koozies on the tables for prospective teachers to grab. Below is the art work we will be using for those items.
- I will be working with Mrs. Valentine to help finish up MAP testing for students that are not finished yet.
- Now that winter activities are going we are busy going to and putting on events. I love seeing our students in action even with all the long days and nights.



Chad Lindsley
Board Report
11/12/2025

The past few weeks have been quite busy but with activities slowing down for a little bit I have been able to spend a little more time on some other things. Below are some of the key points from this past month that I would like to point out. I felt some of the data from my weekly report was worth including again so others can see the data so I have included it again below.

Since we finished up the quarter now I wanted to focus this weekly report on some comparative data from the 1st quarter last year to the 1st quarter this year. I will likely include some of this data in my monthly report also but thought the board would find some of this data interesting.

Attendance-Last year our students had a total of 707.41 absences in the first quarter and this year our students had a total of 508.78 absences in the first quarter. If my math is correct, that is a 28.1% decrease in absences from last year.

Tardies-Last year our students had a total of 230 tardies in the first quarter with 88 of those being to 1st hour. The 7th graders and 9th graders had the most tardies with 54 and 51. This year our students have a total of 168 tardies in the first quarter with 69 of those being to 1st hour. The 8th graders and 10th graders had the most tardies with 40 and 39 which is consistent with the same group of students last year and this year.

Discipline-Last year we had a total of 134 discipline events recorded in Infinite Campus in the 1st quarter last year. This year we had a total of 120 events recorded in the 1st quarter. Below is a breakdown of those event types.

<u>2024/2025</u>
Insubordination-45
Chronic Tardiness-32
Disorderly Conduct-18
Disrespect-15
Unexcused Absence-13
Physical Attack-6
Other-3
Destruction of Property-1
Harrassment-1

<u>2025/2026</u>
Insubordination-45
Chronic Tardiness-24
Unexcused Absence-20
Disrespect-15
Disruptive Behavior-9
Drugs/Vaping-4
Physical Attack-1
Destruction of Property-1
Threat-1

In addition, I have conducted several formal observations this month. I only have a couple left to complete and absolutely love seeing how great our teachers are. They do some great and creative things in their classes with students. Mr. Hermelbracht and I were able to take our middle school leadership team to the sportsmanship pep rally at Pinnacle Bank Arena. There were some great messages from Husker athletes and coaches.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
10/8/2025

The first quarter is almost done already and seemed to fly by. It is hard to believe we will be starting the 2nd quarter already next week. This month I am going to focus on a couple main points for this report.

A few items I would like to point out from this past month.

- Picture day went really well. We were able to get all the staff and students through in just a couple hours.
- I continue to meet with attendance support regularly which allows me to collaborate with any possible attendance concerns. Last year through the same amount of time we referred 17 students to attendance support and this year we have referred 8.
- I continue to work on my observations both formal and walk-throughs. I enjoy getting into the classrooms as it allows me for some great conversations with teachers. I enjoy seeing the great ways our teachers reach students.
- Last year through Oct. 3 we had a total of 212 tardies with 80 of those for 1st hour. This year we have had 147 tardies with 56 of those to 1st hour.
- Local law enforcement has been a great partner for our school. They even showed up to hang out with kids during the homecoming dance.
- Standard Response Protocol continues to be something we have to continue to review and practice.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
9/10/2025

Now that we are one month into the school I would like to focus on some of the highlights from this past month.

- Overall, student behavior has been great the first month of school. We have had a few minor incidents but our students are doing a great job.
- We are seeing a slight uptick in tardies in the past couple of weeks. We have had a total of 65 tardies so far this year with 22 of those being to 1st hour.
- Phones/Electronic Communication Devices- Teachers have done a great job of not allowing these in classrooms. We have had a total of 8 phone violations in the first month of school.
- MAP Testing-We have completed all the tests for the fall session except for one student that just enrolled on Thursday.
- With the addition of the DeepL program I hope to work with the admin team so we can start updating our website with some of our handbooks and other communications in Spanish. There will be a learning curve to utilizing this technology but it has the potential to help us immensely. I have taken this board report and put it in the program. The translation is posted directly below for your reference. This only takes a matter of a few seconds to complete.

Chad Lindsley
Informe de la junta directiva
10/9/2025

Ahora que ya llevamos un mes de clase, me gustaría centrarme en algunos de los aspectos más destacados de este último mes.

- En general, el comportamiento de los alumnos ha sido excelente durante el primer mes de clase. Hemos tenido algunos incidentes menores, pero nuestros alumnos están haciendo un gran trabajo.
- Estamos observando un ligero aumento de las llegadas tardías en las últimas dos semanas. Hasta ahora, hemos tenido un total de 65 retrasos este año, 22 de ellos en la primera hora.
- Teléfonos/dispositivos de comunicación electrónica: los profesores han hecho un gran trabajo al no permitir su uso en las aulas. Hemos tenido un total de 8 infracciones relacionadas con el uso del teléfono en el primer mes de clase.
- Pruebas MAP: hemos completado todas las pruebas de la sesión de otoño, excepto las de un estudiante que se matriculó el jueves.
- Con la incorporación del programa DeepL, espero trabajar con el equipo administrativo para que podamos empezar a actualizar nuestra página web con algunos de nuestros manuales y otras comunicaciones en español. Habrá una curva de aprendizaje para utilizar esta tecnología, pero tiene el potencial de ayudarnos enormemente. He tomado este informe de la junta y lo he introducido en el programa. La traducción se encuentra justo debajo para su referencia. Solo se tarda unos segundos en completarlo.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
8/13/2025

I say this every year but summer sure has flown! Going into my 26th year in education and my 6th year at David City I am still excited to see our students coming back to school to kick off a new school year. I am energized whenever I see the students coming back and entering our doors.

A few thoughts as we come into the school year…

- The flooring in the FCS room was a great upgrade in that area.
- With new leadership there is always a learning curve for everyone. I am excited to work with Mrs. Athow and the ideas she brings to our school.
- The emergency operations plan has been updated and the updated pages are being disseminated to the staff to change out in their binders.. I will email a current copy to the board.
- AI continues to be a trending topic in education and was discussed at several sessions during the admin days conference in Kearney at the end of July again this year. I also attended several attendance sessions. It was evident that attendance is an issue everywhere and schools are struggling to make progress in this area.
- On the topic of attendance, Ms. Romshek, Mrs. Greenfield, and myself met with the assistant county attorney and the attendance support program. This meeting was to make sure we are all working together in collaboration to address and support students struggling with attendance.
- The first day of school went well. We conducted a lockdown drill, a tornado drill, a fire drill, and an evacuation drill. I also put together a slideshow focusing on the Standard Response Protocol focusing on the critical elements. This will be used by teachers with students to teach them how this is used and what it is used for.

We have chosen the shirt design for our incoming Kindergartners and 7th grade students. The t-shirt design is pictured below.



Chad Lindsley
Board Report
June 11, 2025

Now that school is finished for the summer the administration team can take some time to reflect on the school year and plan for the upcoming year. The 2024-2025 brought a lot of successes and challenges. Reflecting on what went well and opportunities for growth are the foundation of what we look at as we plan for next year. With the support of a great team of board members, administration, teachers, and support staff here at David City, we can always continue to work on improving our school to find ways to reach all students.Looking back it is great to see everything we accomplished as a school.

This past year there were a lot of great things that happened. I wanted to point out a few highlights from this past school year as sometimes we forget about some of the great things that happen in our school.

-Boys wrestling dual state runner-up
-The speech team state champions
-FFA and FCCLA both having national qualifiers
-Multiple E-Sports champions
-The school promo video was a hit
-Conference champions in softball for the first time

We have also spent a lot of time planning for next year. With the change in administration, there are not a lot of major changes. A few items of note that may look a little different next year include…

-New flooring in the FCS and Ag rooms
-New high school principal
-A heavy emphasis on MTSS and using the terminology
-We will try to publish the monthly newsletter in both English and Spanish
-We will continue building the alternative school

There are many great things going on here at David City Public Schools and I am proud to be a part of a district that is always looking for ways to improve.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
5/14/2025

I can't believe the end of the school year is near and  how fast the year has gone! This past month has been extremely busy as it is every year at this time of year. Below I have highlighted a few things of note below.

- The March/April newsletter has been published and mailed out to our families. I have attached a copy of it with this report for your reference. Thank you to all the teachers that have provided articles and content for our families.
- We are winding down MAPS testing with our 9th and 10th grade students. We only have a few tests to finish.
- With the certified observations completed for this school year I have started working on the few classified evaluations I have to do. Our classified staff does such a wonderful job making sure the needs of our students and district are me.
- The staff banquet was another great night to honor our awesome staff. It does not hurt that the food was fantastic.
- Our awards night is always a special night honoring our students and all their accomplishments. Our students are doing some great things!
- The band and choir put on a great show at their spring concert. Mr. Brumm always does a great job preparing our students and showcasing their talents.
- I am really looking forward to graduation on Saturday. It is an event I always cherish as I love seeing our students receive their diplomas.
- I have almost finalized everything for 6th grade transition day on May 20. The middle school leadership team will help that day by either helping the groups get from one place to the net or serve on the student panel.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
4/9/2025

I can't talk about anything else until I give Jarod Ockander and the speech team a huge shout out for finishing the season as the class C1 state champions! This cannot be accomplished without the sacrifice from the students and coaches throughout the season. A few items I want to highlight are listed below.

- In years past we have done our middle school house trip to visit a college and then spend a couple hours of fun in the spring. Since we did the college visits in the fall already, we are looking at possible dates to take the middle school to the bowling alley in Columbus. A lot of this will be predicated on bus driver availability.
- 6th grade transition day is tentatively scheduled for May 20.
- Due to all the missed days from the weather we decided to combine the March and April newsletters to send out during the first week of May.
- All my observations have been completed for this school year and I will be finalizing the last of the summatives in the next week. It is an honor getting into the classrooms to see all the great things or teachers are doing. We really have some fantastic teachers here at DCHS.
- Congrats to Natalia Thoendel for earning her state FFA degree!
- David City was fortunate to have Abby Lindsley selected to serve on the NSAA student advisory committee for the next two years. "*The Student Advisory Committee helps to promote the mission of the NSAA, encompassing leadership, sportsmanship, and integrity. The focus is on providing education and leadership through open and honest communication with all member schools and their students, administrators and coaches.Duties and responsibilities are: discuss current student and Association issues; assist with various Association functions; help to maintain an avenue of communication between the Association and the student participants themselves; create and implement initiatives within schools, communities and/or school conferences. Additional responsibilities include:*
    - *Students provide input, help to develop, and attend the sportsmanship and leadership summits in conjunction with the Nebraska Coaches Association.*
    - *Students record public service announcements (PSAs), through our media partner* STRIV.TV.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
3/12/2025

After a relatively calm winter weather wise, March came in and really disrupted our schedules. It has been a challenge with the multiple schedule changes due to hazardous weather. Fortunately, we have an outstanding staff that is flexible and will make any necessary adjustments. On the activity side, this particular time of year is a little less chaotic as we are between seasons and have a lot less activities.. With that being said, I have several things I would like to highlight in my report this month.

- I am excited that we are currently retaining most of our teachers next year as we have a great staff that will go the extra mile to help students succeed. Losing Mr. Couch will be a big loss for Scout nation but I am excited for him and his family. Most importantly, I am thankful for his mentorship and guidance. I am a better administrator today because of him.
- The February newsletter has been sent out and I have attached a copy for your reference to this report.
- I have almost finished all of my formal observations and my 3rd quarter walk-throughs. I have now started my last walk-throughs and will be completing the summative portion soon. I have truly enjoyed seeing the great things our teachers are doing in their classrooms.
- The speech team has had an outstanding season so far and won the conference championship again. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to host not only our district this month but also a class D district. Mr. Ockander always does a phenomenal job hosting these events.
- Thankful for the new cameras being installed outside the elementary entrance to the cafeteria. There have been times that I have needed to check on an issue in that area in the past and it was not an option.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
2/12/2025

It is hard to believe that in just a couple weeks we will be in March and starting spring sports. I know I  am looking forward to more daylight and warmer temperatures. The last month has been extremely busy with lots of activity coverage but it is always great to see our students representing our school in their various activities. I am thankful for all our staff stepping up to help cover the various needs we have when hosting events. This month the majority of my time has been spent working on attendance meetings, behaviors, and activities. I have been able to get into some classrooms but not nearly as many as I would have liked. Below I have highlighted a few key items from this past month.

- This past month we were fortunate to have Scott Stemper of NDE come present to our crisis team.
- On. Feb. 12 I attended a level 2 threat communication training.
- The January newsletter has been completed and mailed out. I have attached a copy to this report for your reference.
- The girls wrestling team had 2 state qualifiers which are the first in program history.
- Congrats to the boys wrestling team for their state runner-up performance at the state dual tournament.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
1/8/2025

The past two weeks of winter break have been a great opportunity to re-charge and spend some quality time with family. During the break I did spend five days covering different athletic competitions but the rest of the time was spent with my family. I know it will be a very busy second semester and we will hit the ground running so that time off was needed and greatly appreciated. The professional development day on Jan. 3 hosted by the ESU was great. I appreciated the opportunity to choose sessions that I felt would benefit my position. This report I wanted to focus on a little data from the first semester. Below I am going to highlight some specific points related to data specifically related to tardies. We expected some increase in tardies this year as we have implemented the pass restrictions and a focus on consistency across the board.

There were a total of 388 tardies during the first semester with 49.7% of those being to 1st hour. 235 of our students received 1 or 0 tardies with 176 of those students with none at all. In the fall of 2023 there were a total of 298 tardies with 47.7% of those being to 1st hour. There were a total of 79 served detentions for tardies this fall and 62 served detentions for tardies in the fall of 2023.

A couple more items to take note of are highlighted below.

- The December newsletter has been mailed out and I have attached a copy for your reference to this report.
- Scott Stemper from NDE is going to come work with our Crisis team during our upcoming PD day on Jan. 24.
- I have been setting up several attendance meetings with families to go over any possible attendance barriers and look for solutions prior to truancy.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
12/11/2024

FIrst semester is almost over and our staff and students have been busy trying to finish out the first semester strong. Winter sports seasons are now in full swing along with several other activities still in full swing. We are looking forward to the upcoming break as we wind down the semester. Below I have highlighted a few items from this past month.

- Congrats to the one-act team for qualifying for state later this week. Hosting districts was a huge task that took a lot of people to pull off. We could not have done it without the flexibility of our teachers and students.
- The November newsletter has been sent out to all families. I have attached a copy to this report for your reference.
- The external team visit went extremely well. I was so happy to hear the team notice that our teachers, staff, and parents care about the school and the students. They used the word caring multiple times and hearing that just reinforced what we already know and why we invest so much into our students.
- The band and choir sounded great at the winter concert like always. Mr. Brumm does a great job preparing our students and developing musical talent.
- I have almost completed all my first semester observations and continue to be impressed with our teachers and what they do in their classrooms.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
11/6/2024

These last few weeks have been extremely busy, especially in preparation for the external team visit. I want to give a shout out to Peggy Romshek and the rest of the school improvement team for all their work in making sure everything was ready to go. I really feel the external team learned what we all know here and that is David City is a special place and we do a lot of great things. Below I will highlight a few items of note from this past month.

- The 8th graders were able to visit Concordia university to see what the campus and programming is like at that college.
- I attended the school safety and security summit to continue to learn if there are things we can do to make our school as safe as possible.
- Scott Stemper of NDE will be coming to our PD day on January 24 to work with our crisis team. Having an outside influence to talk though our plan and give us scenarios to think about is invaluable.
- The October newsletter was completed and sent out to all families. I have attached a copy of it to this report too for your reference.
- The middle school leadership team went to the Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally in Lincoln and heard messages from several UNL athletes and coaches.
- I had the opportunity to attend teacher recruitment fairs at both Wayne State and UNL

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
10/9/2024

The first quarter has flown by and it is hard to believe we will be starting the 2nd quarter already next week. This month I am going to focus on a couple main points for this report.

One highlight this past month was the trip to CCC in Columbus with our 7th grade students. The college did a great job introducing our students to what is offered. Many students had lots of questions and made comments about how they knew there was a college but had no idea how big it was. The 8th grade students will be visiting Concordia this month.

A few items I would like to point out from this past month.

- The September newsletter has been sent out to all students. I have attached a copy to the report for you.
- Picture day went fairly smoothe. We were able to get all the staff and students through in just a couple hours.
- I continue to meet with attendance support regularly which allows me to collaborate with any possible attendance concerns.
- I continue to work on my observations both formal and walk-throughs. This process allows me for some great conversations with teachers. I truly enjoy seeing the creative ways our teachers reach students.
- Through Oct. 5 we have had 212 tardies compared to the 137 we had last year in the same time frame with 80 of those for 1st hour.
- In cooperation with local law enforcement we had the drug dogs come again.
- New student shirts arrived and were given out to the students.
- As safety is always an important topic I made sure to review the Standard Response Protocol with all the staff with explanations and examples of when the different protocols could be used.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
9/11/2024

We are now exactly one month into the school year so this month I want to focus on some of the key changes and highlights from this past month.

- We have seen a slight uptick in tardies so far this semester. We will continue to monitor this and see if we can find the root cause if necessary.
- Detention-The addition of the lunch detention table has helped tremendously. The majority of students have made sure to serve their detention the same day instead of losing their social lunch.
- Access-The mixed grades has been a positive in my opinion and there has been a lot less traffic during access. It has taken a little time for the students to get used to the new expectations but it seems to be going fairly well.
- Locker Rooms-Students have really adjusted well to the locker rooms being locked. This was a safety and security issue that we felt was an important area to focus on this year.
- Pass restrictions-I have not seen this as a huge issue so far. Administration has only had to follow up with kids a handful of times for "emergency" situations when they are out of passes.
- Phones/Electronic Communication Devices- Teachers have done a great job of not allowing these in classrooms.

Last month I was asked about AI and what we have been learning. I thought it would be interesting to add to this report an AI generated board report. Below is copied and pasted word for word the report given to me from ChatGPT from the prompt “Write a brief school board report from the assistant high school principal reflecting on the first month of school.” Please know that most people would take this document and edit it where needed but what is below is the unedited response. I also learned that it is possible to teach the AI to write and speak more like you by providing it examples of your own writings to analyze your own style of writing. You then use that as a setting to write in that style. I have not done this myself so I do not know exactly how that works but thought it was interesting enough to share.

**“Subject: Monthly Report – September 2024**

Dear Board Members,

I am pleased to provide an overview of the first month of the school year at [High School Name]. The start of the year has been both dynamic and promising, with several key highlights and areas for ongoing focus.

**1. Enrollment and Attendance:** Our student enrollment numbers have met our projections, with a current total of [X] students. Attendance rates have been strong, reflecting both student engagement and effective communication with families regarding the importance of regular attendance.

**2. Academic and Extracurricular Activities:** The academic year has begun smoothly with the successful implementation of new curriculum updates in [specific subjects or programs]. We have seen

enthusiastic participation in extracurricular activities, including clubs and sports, which indicates a positive school culture and strong student involvement.

**3. Student Support and Well-being:** Our newly introduced wellness programs are off to a great start. The integration of additional mental health resources and peer support initiatives has been well-received. We are actively monitoring the impact and gathering feedback to ensure these programs effectively meet student needs.

**4. Facilities and Operations:** Facilities have been operating efficiently with minimal disruptions. Our recent upgrades, including [specific facilities or technology improvements], are contributing to an enhanced learning environment. We continue to address any maintenance issues promptly.

**5. Professional Development:** Our faculty has engaged in several professional development sessions focusing on [specific training areas], which have been instrumental in aligning instructional strategies with our school goals. Positive feedback from teachers indicates that these sessions are enhancing their classroom practices.

**6. Community Engagement:** Parent and community involvement has been robust, with successful turnout at our back-to-school events and active participation in the [specific parent group or committee]. We are committed to maintaining strong lines of communication and collaboration with our community partners.

**Looking Ahead:** As we move into the next month, we will continue to focus on enhancing student achievement, addressing any emerging challenges, and supporting our teachers and staff. We are excited about the opportunities the new year brings and remain dedicated to fostering a supportive and enriching educational environment.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school. I look forward to updating you further as the year progresses.

Best regards,”

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
8/14/2024

I will continue to say this every year but summer sure has flown by but going into my 5th year in education I am still excited to see our students walking through the door to kick off a new school year. The excitement of the students coming back is always energizing as an educator. I always come into a new year wanting to make it the best year ever but more importantly hoping that I can make a difference.

A few thoughts as we come into the school year…

- The new tile and lighting in the old commons with the addition of some new lockers looks great.
- There will be a learning curve as we implement several changes for the school year but I believe these changes can help make DCHS even better.
- The updated crisis/safety plan will be going to the printers soon. The crisis team reviewed the document at the crisis team meeting and I am currently editing the final draft. Once they are printed I will have a copy for the board.
- AI continues to be a trending topic in education and was discussed at several sessions during the admin days conference in Kearney at the end of July.

We have chosen the shirt design for our incoming Kindergartners and 7th grade students. The t-shirt design is pictured below.




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Chad Lindsley
Board Report
June 12, 2024

Now that  school is dismissed for summer the administration team can take some time to reflect upon the school year and plan for the upcoming year. The 2023-2024 school year was both a difficult and a great year. We had many successes to be thankful for along with several challenges that have helped guide some of the changes we are looking to make next year. onThankfully we have a great team of board members, administration, teachers, and support staff here at David City that work together to make our school the best place possible for students and staff. I am grateful for the support provided from the admin team and the board. Looking back it is great to see everything we accomplished as a school.

This past year there were a lot of great things that happened. I wanted to point out a few highlights from this past school year as sometimes we forget about some of the great things that happen in our school.

-One-act state champions
-First year of girls wrestling coop
-The speech team state runner-up
-FFA and FCCLA both having national qualifiers
-Tiffany Heins and Jarod Ockander both being recognized at the state or national level

We have also spent a lot of time planning for next year.. A few items of note that may look a little different next year include…

-Addition of girls middle school wrestling
-Additional full size lockers in the industrial tech hallway
-New flooring on first floor of the 1916 building
-7th and 8th grade college visits will occur in the fall
-Merged the crisis plan, safety plan, and emergency operations procedures into one plan
-Several changes with how passes, detention, and access will be handled next year

There are many great things going on here at David City Public Schools and I am proud to be a part of a district that is always looking for ways to improve. This cannot be accomplished without the support and foresight of the board.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
5/8/2024

The end of the school year is near and I cannot believe how fast the year has gone. This past month has been extremely busy as we finish up the year. I have highlighted a few things of note below.

- Northeast Community College did a fantastic job hosting our middle school students on the house trip. I was very impressed with their accommodations and their campus. Next year we plan to change this up and have the 7th graders visit a 2 year college in September, the 8th graders visit a 4 year college in October, and then do the fun trip late in the school year.
- The April newsletter has been published and mailed out to our families. I have attached a copy of it with this report for your reference.
- With the certified observations completed for this school year I have started working on the few classified evaluations I have to do. Our classified staff does such a wonderful job making sure the needs of our students and district are me.
- The staff banquet was a great time and the food was fantastic. It is always a great night honoring our staff.
- Our teachers did a fantastic job following protocols when we went under a tornado warning a couple weeks ago.
- The band and choir put on a great show at their spring concert. Mr. Brumm always does a great job preparing our students and showcasing their talents.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
4/10/2024

I want to start out by giving Jarod Ockander and the speech team a huge shout out for finishing the season as the class C1 state runner-up. All the coaches did a phenomenal job developing the team throughout the season and their individual growth from the beginning to the end was remarkable. A few items I want to highlight are listed below.

- The middle school house trip is scheduled for April 26. We will visit Central Community College in the morning prior to heading to the bowling alley for a couple hours that afternoon. The middle school leadership team and Mr. Fish have been a lot of help in planning this trip.
- 6th grade transition day is scheduled for May 14.
- The March newsletter has been published to our website and mailed out to all of our families. I have included a copy of it for you as an attachment with this report.
- All my observations have been completed for this school year and I will be finalizing the summatives in the next week. I have truly enjoyed getting into the classrooms as we have some fantastic teachers here at DCHS.
- Another shout out needs to go to Mr. Fish. He started the Scout student of the week along with his riddle of the week every Friday. I hear students often talking about the student of the week and it has really brought a positive culture to the building.
- The new phone policy has gone very well. We have had a few violations but not as many as I expected. We have had a total of 22 phone violations with only two of those being a second offense.

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Chad Lindsley
Board Report
3/13/2024

March is here and it will be the end of the school year before we know it. This particular time of year is a little less chaotic as we are between seasons and have a lot less activities going. With that being said, I have several things I would like to highlight in my report this month.

- Although we are losing a few great teachers next year I am excited about the new staff members coming in. I have had the opportunity to be part of the interviews and feel like we are bringing in some excellent educators.
- The newsletter for January and February was combined and has now been sent out to all our families. I have attached a copy of the newsletter as part of my board report this month.
- I have finished all of my formal observations and my 3rd quarter walk-throughs. I have now started my last walk-throughs and will be completing the summative portion soon. I have truly enjoyed seeing the great things our teachers are doing in their classrooms.
- The speech team has had an outstanding season so far and won the conference championship. We were fortunate to have the opportunity to host not only our district on Monday but also a class B district. We are fortunate to have Mr. Ockander who does a phenomenal job hosting these events.
- I attended an active shooter training online which had some great information. The biggest takeaway was that the things we are doing in our crisis plan align well to what the training said to do.
- Mr. Brumm's students put on a great performance at the mid-winter concert.
- We will be taking our middle school house trip on April 26 by taking our students to visit Central Community College in Columbus followed by hopefully bowling that afternoon.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
2/14/2024

In just a couple weeks we will be in March and starting spring sports. I am sure our students and staff are looking forward to more daylight and warmer temperatures that allows us all to be outside a little more often. January was a tough month with all the closings and cancellations. We have had a lot of events the past few weeks partially due to rescheduling that have kept us on the run but it is always great to see our students represent our school in their activities. I am thankful for all our staff stepping up to help cover the various needs we have when hosting events.

This past month we were able to bring in Crystal Vallee from Steered Straight to visit with our students about the dangers of vaping and drug use. She did two sessions with the students and then an additional optional professional development with the staff. A few more items I would like to highlight are listed below.

- Mrs. Backstrom was able to attend the Reveal math collaboration day at ESU 7 which allowed her to work with other teachers in the area using the same math curriculum we just adopted.
- Mr. Fish has done an outstanding job starting up the Scout of the Week recognizing our students that are doing great things.
- The January newsletter will be combined with February due to all the disruptions in January. Be on the lookout for the combined newsletter at the end of the month.
- The first season of the girls wrestling coop was a success. The team really worked well together and did a fantastic job in their inaugural season.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
1/10/2024

It was nice to have a couple weeks over the holidays to spend time with family and relax a little. We have hit the road running now that we are into the second semester as we are always looking to make David City High School the best place it can be. I have shared a lot with the board this past month regarding the upcoming assembly. The assembly has been rescheduled to January 22, 2024. I have reached out to some of our local schools and community partners to invite them to send some representatives to any of the assemblies. Our goal is to continue to enhance our community partnerships and the topic on vaping is something we all can learn about. As part of my board report I have also attached information regarding the assembly and a copy of the December newsletter. A couple other items I would like to highlight are listed below.

- The middle school leadership team will be meeting this week to start planning the house trip.
- On Jan. 30 the secondary math teachers have the opportunity to spend a half day at ESU 7 collaborating with other teachers in the area that have implemented the new Reveal Math curriculum.
- At this point in the season the girls wrestling coop has been going great. Below is the current number of participants from each school.
    - David City-4
    - Shelby Rising City-7
    - East Butler-3

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
12/13/2023

I want to highlight the upcoming assembly we will have on Jan. 8 from Steered Straight. Board members are welcome to attend any of the sessions if they would like. We will also have information from the group to send out to parents. We plan to invite local stakeholders including but not limited to the local police, sheriff, and others to this event we are hosting.

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| 10:00-11:30 | 9th-12 grade assembly in the gym |
| 1:30-300 | 6th-8th grade assembly in the gym |
| 3:45-4:30 | Optional professional development for staff or stakeholders in the board rooms |

I have also attached a copy of the November newsletter to this report. As you can see, we are trying to highlight different staff members each month as part of our action plan to recognize the teachers. This newsletter is only made possible with the contributions of our teachers.

I cannot turn in a monthly report without giving a huge shout-out to our one-act coaches and team for winning the state championship!

On the curriculum side of things our math and ELA teachers are working to become more and more familiar with implementing the new curriculum. The trainings have been helpful and I would expect to start some initial meetings this next semester to work through the curriculum process.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
11/8/2023

This month will focus on the action plans based on the NASB survey. Mr. Couch and I have discussed some key focus areas to work towards

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- Communication
  - -I will provide overall behavior updates to the staff.
  - -I will increase my visibility and check in with teachers regularly.
- All voices heard
  - -Regular check-ins allow for open communication and input.
  - -I have started a middle school leadership team to give those students a voice which will also help me better support teachers.

- Support and respect from admin
  - -The increased communication and check-ins allow me to ask teachers if there is anything I can do for them.
  - -Whenever possible I will solicit input from the teachers on school or student issues.

- Valued/appreciated/recognized
  - -I have been giving hand-written notes to staff members with encouragement and Recognition for all the great things they do.
  - -The monthly newsletter will include a section highlighting different staff Members. We have now put a link on our website for the newsletters and we will share them via social media each month.

-Mr. Couch and I are exploring options to bring someone in for an anti-vaping assembly.
-The October newsletter has been mailed out to all our families. We also have added the newsletters to our website.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
10/11/2023

The first quarter has flown by and it is hard to believe we are almost to the end of it. I am going to focus on a couple main points for this report.

We have decided to start a middle school leadership team because at the current time there are no opportunities for our middle school students to have a voice as there are no class officers or middle school student council. We will utilize our middle school houses to select three students from each of the four houses for a total of 12. Each house must be represented by at least one male, one female, one 7th grader, and one 8th grader. I will meet monthly with the team and we will cover a variety of topics such as the house trip, 6th grade transition day, student concerns, conflict resolution, and school policies and procedures.

A few other items I would like to point out from this past month.

- The September newsletter has been sent out to all students. I have attached a copy to the report for you.
- Picture day went fairly smoothe. We will see how this new process works for our families receiving only the proof and going online to order their pictures.
- I continue to meet with attendance support regularly which allows me to collaborate with any possible attendance concerns.
- I have now finished half of my formal observations and am working through walk-throughs on a regular basis. This process allows me for some great conversations with teachers. I truly enjoy seeing the creative ways our teachers reach students.
- Through Oct. 5 we have had 137 tardies compared to the 138 we had last year in the same time frame with over half of those for 1st hour.
- We are working on bringing the drug dogs in again this fall.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Sept. 13, 2023

This month I want to highlight some of the key things that have been accomplished up to this point. There are so many great things going on at DCHS I wanted to just point out a few of the highlights.

- Crisis plan has been updated and delivered to all staff. I also have a copy for each board member.
- Homecoming week is ongoing with a lot of student participation. Morgan Dredge, Morgan Styskal, and Brandy Barlean always do a great job organizing the week.
- All but 3 students have finished fall MAP testing.
- The August newsletter has been sent out to all our secondary families.
- New student shirts have arrived and been handed out to all 7th grade students and new students to our school.
- At our upcoming professional development the math teachers will have a follow up training. This will help with any questions and help they may need with the new math materials. The ELA training will be during our November professional development day for grades 6-12.
- On September 1, I was able to attend the Tallcop training in York learning about drug trends and what is being seen in Nebraska.

I find it hard to believe we are already a month into the school year. I am so appreciative of our admin team and our staff here at David City. Everyone is willing to step up and do whatever is necessary if it is good for our students.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
August 9, 2023

I will continue to say this every year but summer sure has flown by but going into my 24th year in education I am still excited to see our students walking through the door to kick off a new school year. The excitement of the students coming back is always energizing as an educator. I always come into a new year wanting to make it the best year ever but more importantly hoping that I can make a difference.

A few thoughts as we come into the school year…

- The tile in the new commons and by the middle school locker rooms looks fantastic.
- I really appreciated our 6-12 ELA and Math teachers taking some time over the summer to come into some training on the new curriculum materials.
- We installed additional cameras on the west side of the high school behind the shop so there are no gaps in that area.

We have chosen the shirt design for our incoming Kindergartners and 7th grade students. The t-shirt design is pictured below.




Lastly,at the end of July the admin team attended the NCSA admin days conference in Kearney. One of the sessions that really opened my eyes was regarding AI. It was astounding to see how fast this technology has grown in the past year and the capabilities of the different programs. This technology is not going away so it is definitely something we need to try to learn more about.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
June 12, 2023

Once school is dismissed for summer it provides an opportunity for administration to reflect upon the school year and plan for the upcoming year. The 2022-2023 school year was both a difficult and a great year. We had many successes to be thankful for along with some things we can look to improve on. Thankfully we have a great team of board members, administration, teachers, and support staff here at David City that will rally around each other to make our school the best place possible for our students and each other. Personally, I am grateful for all the support I receive from the admin team and the board. Looking back it is great to see everything we accomplished as a school.

This past year there were a lot of great things that happened. I wanted to point out a few highlights from this past school year as sometimes we forget about some of the great things that happen in our school.

-One-act state runner-up
-First year of girls wrestling
-The speech team winning state
-FFA and FCCLA both having national qualifiers
-FFA member elected as a state officer
-Highest number of students graduating with 12 or more college credits
-New electronic pass system was implemented
-Adopted new math and ELA textbooks to be implemented beginning 2023-2024
-New pads that cover the full length of the stage in the gym
-New lighting for the stage
-Additional cameras were installed to cover the west side of the building

We have also spent a lot of time planning for next year. Handbooks have been updated. Many of the changes we are looking at come from our teachers this past year. A few items of note that may look a little different next year include…

-Electronic Passes-utilizing the pass restrictions more
-Additional full size lockers on 3rd floor
-New flooring in the new commons

There are many great things going on here at David City Public Schools and I am proud to be a part of a district that is always looking for ways to improve. This cannot be accomplished without the support and foresight of the board.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
May 8, 2023

At this time of year there are a lot of moving parts and events that we are working on. In less than one week we will celebrate our seniors at graduation.

- The new 6-12 ELA materials have been ordered and most of the materials have arrived. We are working on scheduling some initial training. We are trying to schedule a 2 hour virtual activation training early this summer and then an in-person training in November after teachers have had an opportunity to become familiar with the materials.
- All math curriculum materials have now been ordered and those materials should be arriving in the next few weeks. This includes some new textbooks for the upper level math classes (Precalculus, Calculus, and Algebra 3).
- All middle school students have completed the state NSCAS testing.
- The music concert this past week showcased all the talent we have in our school. Mr. Brumm did a fantastic job with his students in preparation for this event. To end the night we had a preview of the rock band concert. The full concert will take place on May 16 which includes a staff performance too.
- 7-12 awards night is May 9 at 6:30 pm in the gym where we will recognize all our students including the seniors.. I would encourage board members to come celebrate with our students.
- Mrs. Miriovsky has been hard at work preparing the master schedule and student schedules for next year. She also has been working with our seniors preparing for graduation, college applications, and scholarships.
- Congratulations to Mr. Ebbeka and the E-Sports team for winning another state title!
- Prom was great again this year. Thank you to Amy Backstrom and Amy Sander for doing a fantastic job with the event.

As we come to the end of the year and graduation I am excited to celebrate our senior class. This class did an outstanding job representing our school in athletics, activities, and fine arts.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
April 10, 2023

As we wind down to the end of the year there we have been busy with lots of activities here at the high school. We are in the beginning stages of planning for 6th grade transition day, planning for awards night and graduation, along with many other activities. Before I go any further I must give a big shout out to Jarod Ockander and the speech team for winning the state championship!

I worked with Marla Schnell, the city police chief to bring in the drug dogs. She planned to have 4 dogs that day but due to an event in Seward we were only able to bring in one dog which limited the area searched. We hope to do this again in the future as the city police have done a great job partnering with the school. For example, they have come in before school to hang out with students and on the day of the Sandy Creek threat they had a presence outside the school and communicated with us consistently.

The math teachers met with the rep for Reveal that went through the materials this past week and everything that it comes with. We are putting together the number now and expect to get a quote in the next week. ELA teachers finalized their novels and that order will be placed this week.

We had an assembly with Mike Donahue that came in and visited with our students about valuing themselves. He did a great job connecting with the students and every student I have visited really enjoyed having him come in. Although this is something we cannot do all the time, it came at a great time and hopefully we can have him come back in the future.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
March 13, 2023

I want to start this report giving a huge shout out to the coaches and students that participated in our winter activities. The mid-winter music concert showcased the musical talent of our students and I came away impressed with all the groups. Mr. Brumm does a great job developing these students and has great creativity with the pieces performed. The speech team won conference and districts and qualified 16 out of a possible 20 events for the state tournament. It amazes me how much time and effort those students and coaches put into the speech program. I do not want to leave out our basketball and wrestling programs both having great seasons representing David City.

Curriculum wise we are about ready to order ELA materials for grades 6-12 once approved. The meeting with the company went really well and even put to ease a few of the minor concerns the teachers had. Math is closing in on selecting their materials at least through Algebra 2. It may take a little more time to get the materials together for the advanced classes but we are still working on it.

I will be finishing up my last round of observations in the next couple of weeks and will be able to finalize at the beginning of April. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to see the great things our teachers are doing in the classroom. I am still waiting on some articles from teachers for the spring newsletter. Once those are received it will be finalized and mailed. I am excited about the new stage lights after the training. They have a lot of options that will help the one-act and music programs because there are so many things they are now able to program into the lighting.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Feb. 13, 2023

In just a couple weeks we will be in March and starting spring sports. I am sure our students and staff are looking forward to more daylight and warmer temperatures that allows us all to be outside a little more often. I am definitely a little worn out after covering events and coaching the women's wrestling team but it is always great to see our board members out at these events supporting our school and students. I know the women's wrestling team really appreciated all the support from the school and community.

I plan to start working on the winter newsletter at the end of the month so I would anticipate it going out in early to mid March. I will be asking for articles from staff and organizations so we can highlight all the great things going on at our school.

ELA teachers have reviewed curriculum materials and have come up with their preferred choice. We plan to have a meeting March 3 with the company and then will be able to know what we need to order prior to getting a quote for the board. Math teachers are still in progress and we hope to have something chosen by the May board meeting.

New stage lighting was installed on the stage last week and will provide our one-act and music program a lot more options. We were able to see a very small preview of the lights and the change is quite significant in terms of what they will be able to and how vibrant the lights will be. The company will come out and train those of us that will be using the system.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Jan. 9. 2023

It is always nice to have the winter break for students and staff to recharge. January and February are always tough months for students and staff with all the weather, activities, short days, etc…Our staff does an excellent job focusing on the whole student and excels at making connections with our students that help them overcome some of the adversity we face.

A couple highlights from December I wanted to talk about. The holiday music concert was fantastic. Our middle school music students along with the high school band and choir put on a great show. Mr. Brumm does a great job with the music program. I also want to give a huge shout out to the one-act team for finishing the season as state-runner up! We have some extremely talented Scouts in our schools.

At our January PD meeting the ELA and Math teachers began evaluating potential curriculum materials for next year. Each group is looking at three different options and will make a recommendation based on what will best serve the students of our district. We are hopeful to have this completed with a recommendation no later than the April board meeting.

We have completed the Scout Power Crew data from the first semester. For students to be recognized they had to meet all the criteria. That criteria is no tardies, no discipline referrals, no HCT, and no behavior grades lower than a 3. Below I have listed the numbers by grade that have made the Scout Power Crew.

7th Grade-8
8th Grade-21
9th Grade-14
10th Grade-8
11th Grade-11
12th Grade-17

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Dec. 12, 2022

WInter has hit hard and fast this year but we are doing some great things here at David City. I first want to give a big shout out to the one-act team for coming home as the state-runner up! We have some incredibly talented students here and our cast and crew and they deserve all the recognition as they put in a lot of hard work and time.

I also wanted to give the board some information on girls wrestling as the board played a part in starting this program here at David City. Below I have listed a few historical data points for your reference.

First Team-Sidnee Busch, Carly Schmid, Savannah Gregory, Cadence Smaus, Grace Eickmeier, Jazmine Palencia, Cally Schmid, Laylani Kasik, Isabelle Wagner
First Competition-12/2/2022 O'Nell Invite
First match-Cadence Smaus
First win and pin-Sidnee Busch
First placers-Laylani Kasik (3rd at O'Neill), Sidnee Busch (4th at O'Neill) 12/3/2022

Attendance has been a struggle the past couple weeks as we have a lot of students out with sickness. Our teachers continue to work diligently to keep all our students caught up and not fall behind. The sickness going around is not isolated to just our building or district so I am hopeful that this is the only big wave we have this year.

I want to thank the board for stepping up and helping however they can. I consistently see our board members helping the school at events, activities, subbing, and in many other areas. It is great to know we have a board that is invested in our school and students.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Nov. 14, 2022

We have now fully transitioned into our winter season in both activities and school. Below I have listed some of the key points from this past month.

-Lisa Bales and our 8th grade students did a fantastic job with the veterans day assembly along with our high school band and choir. It is an honor to recognize our veterans in our building. The respect from our student body is something we can all be proud of.

-I have included the fall newsletter in this board report and will have a hard copy at the meeting even though you may have already received a copy.

-We will be hosting the conference one-act competition on Tuesday, Nov. 15. There will be a lot of logistics that have to be worked out that day but I am thankful for all the staff for their help and flexibility that day. I would encourage anyone that can get away to come support our students in this competition.

-We are looking forward to Mrs. Miriovsky is coming back after Thanksgiving but are thankful for all the help from Karla Brezina filling in. She did a great job working with our students and staff while cunning in the counselor's office.

-The cheer and dance room has now been set up to be a shared space with the girls wrestling team. Travis Hays, Matt Fleming, and Mark Kobza did a great job getting that room set up to be used by both the cheer/dance team and wrestling. At this point we have 13 girls that have said they are coming out for wrestling this year.

The ELA and Math groups have been working during the professional development days looking at the standards and developing a plan before we begin looking at textbooks. We hope to complete the preliminary steps soon so we can begin reviewing textbooks in hopes of finding something that will fit the needs of our district and the standards.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Oct. 10, 2022

We are now basically two months into school and the end o
f the first quarter. I have spoken previously about tardies this year. As of Oct. 6 there have been a total of 138 tardies combined for students grades 7-12. 88 of the 138 tardies have been to first hour. Overall, we are not seeing a lot of tardies between classes throughout the day but the main issue has been just getting to school on time.

Attendance has also been an area of concern for some students. We are working with attendance support to hopefully work through some of the barriers preventing some students from attending school consistently. We feel like if we can get those students here consistently we will be able to make significant gains educationally. We do not have many students at this point with attendance problems but the few that are have been referred to attendance support.

Our student body has been very active with several events lately. It is great seeing our students represent our school in such a positive manner in the arts, activities, and sports. One example is the marching band recently received a superior rating and the highest marks in all categories at the Pierce marching band competition.

I have now finished half of my formal observations and am working through walk-throughs on a regular basis. In this process I have had some great conversations with teachers and truly enjoy seeing the creative ways our teachers reach students. We have teachers that focus on reaching all students and will go the extra mile to do so.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Sept. 12, 2022

I first want to apologize for not being able to make it to the meeting this month. The primary focus for my board report this month is our crisis plan. The crisis team has been working on this plan and have now updated copies handed out to all staff members in the district. Each board member will also receive a copy of the plan at the board meeting. This plan will be continuously updated and adjusted as we see fit. I do know one area we want to develop to include in our plan is an updated reunification plan. That will be the primary focus of the crisis team this year.

A few other items I would like to highlight from the past month…

- We have started to receive some sample textbook materials for ELA and Math which will help as we go through the curriculum process.
- We had a great homecoming week with a lot of student participation. Morgan Dredge, Morgan Styskal, and Brandy Barlean have done a great job organizing the week.
- I have finished administering all but a couple MAP make-up tests.
- The no backpack policy has not appeared to cause any issues with tardiness.
- Electronic passes are getting better every day as we have worked through most of the minor issues now.

I find it hard to believe we are already a month into the school year. I am so appreciative of our admin team and our staff here at David City. Everyone is willing to step up and do whatever is necessary if it is good for our students.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
August 8, 2022

Summer has flown by but I am excited to see our students walking through the door in a few days to kick off a new school year. The excitement of the students coming back is always energizing as an educator. I always come into a new year wanting to make it the best year ever but more importantly hoping that I can make a difference.

A few thoughts as we come into the school year…

- The renovated classrooms look fantastic which will give those teachers and students a great space.
- I am excited about the electronic passes we will be implementing this year. Any tool that will help us account for all students is invaluable when it comes to safety and security.
- Room number signs and class descriptions will be in soon. Having correct and current signage that is consistent throughout the building will not only aid our students but also help with safety and security in case of an emergency.
- We installed additional cameras in the gym so there are no gaps in that area.

We have chosen the shirt design for our incoming 7th graders and new students. Our incoming 7th grade class is already at 62 students and approximately 23 new students are transferring to DC. The t-shirt design is pictured below.




Lastly, I had the privilege of representing our school at the NCSA summer conference sharing our experiences with Safe 2 Help at the end of July. It was a great conference that allowed us to network with other school administrators and as an admin staff ourselves. I appreciate the support of the board and our professional growth.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
June 13, 2022

Once school is dismissed for summer it provides an opportunity for administration to reflect upon the school year and plan for the upcoming year. I must admit the 2021-2022 school year was one of the most difficult years in my 22 years working in education. I read a quote that said one of the biggest reasons this year was tough in education was “it is the urgency of adults wanting to return to “normal” and the kids don’t even know what “normal” is.” Thankfully we have a great team of board members, administration, teachers, and support staff here at David City that will rally around each other to make our school the best place possible for our students and each other. Personally, I am grateful for all the support I receive from the admin team and the board. Looking back it is great to see everything we accomplished as a school.

This past year there were a lot of great things that happened. I wanted to point out a few highlights from this past school year as sometimes we forget about some of the great things that happen in our school.

-New addition opened
-Added girls wrestling
-The speech team winning state
-FFA and FCCLA both having national qualifiers
-Anatomage table gave us state of the art technology
-Highest number of students graduating with 12 or more college credits

We have also spent a lot of time planning for next year. Handbooks have been updated and we hope to send the district student handbook off to be translated into Spanish once it is approved. Many of the changes we are looking at come from our teacher PLC groups this past year. A few items of note that may look a little different next year include…

-MAP testing schedule changes
-Electronic Passes
-New full size lockers
-Stage will be re-finished
-Renovated wood shop and old science classrooms

There are many great things going on here at David City Public Schools and I am proud to be a part of a district that is always looking for ways to improve. Education is always evolving and we continue to seek ways to assist our students become 21st century learners. This cannot be accomplished without the support and foresight of the board.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
May 9, 2022

The last couple weeks have been a blur with so many events and activities going on. I want to start out by giving Joe Brumm and Diane Noonan a shout-out for the show last week. The art work on display in the lobby by our students was incredible and both the choir and band did a fabulous job performing. I loved the excitement in the crowd for the couple rock band pieces that were performed at the end of the show. I would encourage you to come to the full rock band concert on May 16 at 7:00.

On May 4 we were fortunate to host the current 6th graders for a transition day visit. Those students had an opportunity to do sessions with Mrs. Miriovsky, Mr. Couch, a student panel of current middle school, students, Mr. Ebekka, and myself. We utilized this time to prepare our incoming students and hopefully answer many of their questions.

Prom was a huge hit and our students did a fantastic job. Amy Backstrom and Amy Sander do a phenomenal job organizing and planning this event for our students. Their efforts go a long way in making it a memorable experience for everyone.

Mrs. Miriovsky has been hard at work preparing the master schedule and student schedules for next year. She also has been working with our seniors preparing for graduation, college applications, and scholarships. We will be recognizing all our students at the awards ceremony on May 10 at 7:00 including our seniors.

We are all looking forward to the end of the school year as it is an exciting time for both students and staff. I always enjoy celebrating our seniors as they graduate and what their future plans are. It is also great to see the excitement in our students as they prepare to move up another grade. This has been a very exhausting school year but also one of the most rewarding.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
April 11, 2022

It seems like every school year once April gets here the days fly by. There are a ton of activities going on for both our students and staff that keep us all extremely busy. I know many of the staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming long weekend. It comes at a great time to allow everyone to catch their breath as we hit the homestretch. A couple highlights in the past month include the speech team winning the state championship and several members of our FCCLA chapter qualifying for nationals this summer in San Diego.

I am really excited about the new website as it allows us to showcase all the great things going on here in our schools. We have all been learning how to update the system and working on creating content. Soon our staff will be able to create posts for the live feed and social media under the moderation of administration.

I have finished all my teacher evaluations for this school year. I will continue to say that we have some incredible teachers that consistently go above and beyond to educate our students. The innovative methods our teachers find to educate our students continues to amaze me when I visit classrooms. Recently I visited Mr. Thiem's construction trades class and they were designing putt putt holes for the Christmas on the Bricks event for the city. Watching the design come from a drawing and into action has been incredible. I am excited to see these bring joy to people in our community.

The English Language Arts teachers were able to meet on April 11 to begin the process of reviewing the new standards and updating our curriculum. I am thankful to ESU 7 for spending the day with us to work with our teachers as we navigate through the process. We also expect the updated math standards to be released soon so we will soon be working through the same process with our math teachers.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
March 14, 2022

Spring is just around the corner which is an exciting time but also an extremely busy time for all schools. I am looking forward to all our student activities coming up this spring and enjoying a little warmer weather. We do have some winter activities winding down including our Speech team that qualified every member of the team for the state tournament.

Spanish curriculum is finalized and has been shared in the agenda at this meeting. I have also shared the document with each board member to allow for easier access to see all the documents tied to the scope and sequence. Social studies teachers will continue working on their curriculum and we still plan to bring the completed process to the board in the early fall. We now plan to move to start working through the ELA standards with an initial meeting planned on April 11.

This past week we started organizing the middle school house trip which has not been able to take place the past two years. The plan is to take our middle school students on a college tour to CCC in Columbus on May 2 and then go to the bowling alley for a couple hours before returning to school. I am excited to celebrate our middle school houses with this end of the year trip.

The winter newsletter has been finished and mailed out to our families. I have attached a copy for your reference. I really appreciate our students and staff that provided the content that goes into the newsletter which helps highlight some of the great things going on in our school. I have delivered a stack of the newsletter to Timpte since we highlighted them this time.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
February 16, 2022

In just a couple weeks we will be in March and starting spring sports. I am sure our students and staff are looking forward to more daylight and warmer temperatures that allows us all to be outside a little more often. I am definitely a little worn out after covering events every weekend along with moving at the end of December but it is always great to see our board members out at these events supporting our school and students. We have such a strong community of supporters for our school that I am grateful to be a part of.

I am currently starting to work on the winter newsletter. I have asked for all the articles to be sent to me by Feb. 25 so I would anticipate it going out in early March. One new section we have decided is to do a local business spotlight. Each newsletter we will do a short spotlight on one of our local businesses to help highlight our community.

Social studies teachers have been working diligently to update their curriculum. We hope to have it completed to bring it to the board in September. Spanish curriculum is almost complete and we hope to bring it to the board at the March meeting. ELA will begin the curriculum update soon and our CTE classes just reserved the programs of study that will be reviewed and updated as needed.

Attendance meetings have been ongoing along with continuous communication and support from Tonia Soukup in the county attorney's office and the attendance support program. Thankful to have these partnerships that have been great to work with.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
January 10, 2022

Now that we have returned from our winter break I am excited to get ready for 2022. January and February are always tough months for our students and staff with all the activities, long days, and cold weather. We must remember that although these months can be tough for the staff it is equally hard for our students.

In December I had the opportunity to head to Valentine to serve as the administrative representative at the wrestling tournament. There were several teams staying at the hotel and the David City team was by far the best behaved and respectful team I saw in the hotel. It is always great to know that our teams are representing the school in such a positive manner! On another note with the wrestling team, we plan to honor David City's very first state champion at our home dual Jan. 18 if everything goes as planned.

Middle school students have been competing in house competitions once a month again this year. Tracy Behrns has done an outstanding job organizing this and taking the lead. I enjoy being in the gym during these competitions as the students really seem to enjoy and get into the house competitions. So far this year the competitions have consisted of trivia, basketball, yahtzee, and volleyball.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
December 13, 2021

It has been an extremely busy month as we prepare for the end of the semester. Winter activities, testing, attendance, along with winding down the first semester has made time fly by. Students and staff have been hard at work and are definitely looking forward to the upcoming winter break.

One major item to note is that we had a team go through the basic threat assessment and the safe 2 help training that now allows us to be a part of the Nebraska safety hotline. Students, parents, and staff can send in tips through the website, an app, or by phone call of any potential issue. Those tips go to the team members along with professionals that can chat with the person reaching out. We just recently launched this and shared the information out with our students and have already received a few tips through the system. Team members that currently are on the system are Dr. Denker, Sara Miriovsky, Amy Masek, Missy Glodowski, Deputy Marla Schnell, and myself. I have attached some resources with more information on this program.

I will continue to say that we have such an awesome staff here at David City. This past month I have observed our counselors absolutely going above and beyond to help reach students. I cannot underestimate how valuable they have been to us administrators and there is nothing quite like it when we start seeing the difference we are making in a student that has been struggling!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Nov. 8, 2021

The weather has definitely started turning colder as we are beginning to approach winter. This school year has absolutely flown by so far. JH has already started practices for the winter seasons, HS practices begin in a couple weeks, and one-act has been preparing for their upcoming competitions. Our students are very involved and busy with all the activities. I always admire our students' ability to find the balance to remain involved and stay on top of their school work.

One big change that has started is the tv monitors mounted around the school are starting to be connected. The main office is up and running and as long as it continues to function the others will be connected soon. It requires a small computer connected to each tv to enable the content. I am excited to see them all running in our hallways. Another change is the bulletin boards and trophy cases. Different groups have taken some of the boards and are highlighting their individual groups. The creativity of our staff and students is quite evident on the bulletin boards which have also added a lot of color.

The fall newsletter is close to completion and should be sent out hopefully by the end of the week. I really enjoy seeing articles written by our own students. The FFA and FCCLA spotlight articles were written by an officer in the organization. It is amazing what our students can do when we empower them!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Oct. 11, 2021

It is hard to believe that we are already about to wind down the first quarter. Students have settled into a routine now and have adjusted remarkably well. I have spent a lot of time communicating to families and working through barriers to attendance. I recently looked at some of the tardy data from last year and compared it to this year as we were curious what the impact of the larger square footage and same amount of time between classes would be. Last year there were 103 tardies compared to 90 tardies this year in the exact same timeframe.

I have really enjoyed the new edition and it is nice to finally feel a little bit settled. The construction has still been ongoing as they finish up. The disruption has been minimal to both the teachers and staff which is greatly appreciated. I have heard several students say how much they like the new classrooms with all the space and windows.

I have been in all the classrooms of the teachers I observe at least once already. The teachers are doing a great job with our student engagement and I am consistently impressed with how they each go above and beyond to reach all students. Curriculum work is ongoing with Business, Social Studies, and STS.

Middle school has started with their House competitions this year again. These activities and competitions have appeared to be a big hit amongst our middle school students. Tracy Behrns and Lisa Bales have taken the lead with the houses and organizing the activities. They have both done an outstanding job taking on this task.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
Sept. 13, 2021

Summer flew by and it is great to see our staff and students come back to school. A new year always brings some excitement but the opening of the new additions has added to it. Our students have adjusted well to the building and all the amount of space it covers now. As with any new project there will be a learning curve as we go. We have a great staff and students that are great at adapting and being flexible. It is an honor to be a part of this school and community.

I was able to take part in the active shooter training a couple weeks ago at Aquinas with many local agencies involved. There was a team of six staff members from our school that participated in the training. I found the dialogue after the training extremely useful as the many different agencies involved were able to discuss areas that need improvement to help us be prepared. We had a local police officer stop by the school and I was able to show him around. He specifically mentioned that training made him realize he needed to make a point to get into the school to become more familiar with the building and the people.

Over the summer I was able to meet with Tonia Soukup and the attendance support program out of Seward to help us maintain open communication regarding attendance issues. We will meet on the first and third Monday of each month via Zoom to make sure our students do not fall through the cracks. Attendance is an area of focus and we are working to make sure we can provide our families local resources that can aid in addressing barriers in attending school.

Thanks to Travis Hays we have been able to work together to update the school map, exterior doors, and room numbers. We are in the process of re-numbering some of our classrooms to make it easier to understand in case of an emergency. I have attached a copy of the school map with my board report for your reference.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
June 14, 2021

What an incredible and challenging year here at David City! As I look back over the school year I am extremely proud to say I am part of such an outstanding team. This year brought many challenges to each of us as we all were operating in a new environment. Below are just a few of the things I am most proud of from this past year.

-We managed to remain in school without closing for the entire year.
-Our teachers learning and utilizing new methods to reach kids.
-The students adapting and working together to overcome obstacles.
-The teamwork amongst the admin team working together and supporting each other.

I have heard many times people referring to this past year as one of trying to survive. David City was able to not just survive this past year but thrive in such unknown circumstances. I am thankful for all the support I have received this year transitioning into a new school and town. The people here have been incredible and it is easy to see what makes David City such a special place.

As we look into the upcoming year there are many things to be excited about. I am looking forward to hopefully a normal year and the opportunity to see how the school operates without the restrictions from Covid. The new addition is nearing completion and we are all excited for our staff and students to see the completed project. We know there will always be some unforeseen challenges that will come but if we learned anything this past year we learned how to adapt and be flexible.

*As I was about to submit my report when we received some great news regarding our FCCLA. We had six students (three teams) notified that they have made top 3 in nationals in their competitive event. These students will be recognized on stage later this month at the national FCCLA conference in Nashville. In order to compete at nationals students had to first get through districts and state. I have listed below the message our students received.

*Chapter in Review Display Level 2*
*David City Jr./Sr. High School FCCLA NE*
*Kaydense Hansen*
*Ava Neujahr*

*Event Management Level 2*
*David City Jr./Sr. High School FCCLA NE*
*Kaitlyn Palik*

*Chloe Zegers*

*Interior Design Level 2*
*David City Jr./Sr. High School FCCLA NE*
*Autumn Lindsley*
*Drew Whitney*

Congratulations!  You are a 2021 STAR Events Top Three Finalist!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
May 10, 2021

We have finally hit and May and time is flying by with all the events going on.  Seniors are winding down and are extremely excited for graduation while Mrs. Miriovsky has done a phenomenal job working with them on scholarships, future planning, and preparing for graduation.

This past month we have had the privilege to have many great events  at our school.  The students did a great job at prom and made it  a great success.  It was truly remarkable seeing all the smiling faces enjoying the event after not being able to have prom last year.  Amy Backstrom and Amy Sander deserve a lot of recognition for overseeing prom and making it such a great experience for our students.

Our students showed  a lot of skill putting on the music performances.  Both our elementary program and the secondary program highlighted the gifted musicians and teachers we have in this district.  Our music teachers did a  great job preparing our students for the performance.

On May 5 we were fortunate to host the current 6th graders for a transition day visit.  Those students had an opportunity to do sessions with Mrs. Miriovsky, Mr. Couch, a student panel of current middle school, students, Mr. Ebekka, and myself.  We utilized this time to prepare our incoming students and hopefully answer many of their questions.

As we wind down the year I am extremely thankful for all the wonderful people here.  This year could not have happened without all the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices many have made. The school year has definitely been a test on our staff and students and together we have been able to accomplish what many said could not happen.

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Chad Lindsley
Board Report
April 12, 2021

Spring is off and running and school is flying by with everything going on.  Students are excited about Prom on the 24th and are looking forward to something that was not able to happen last year. April is a bust month with activities, scholarship applications, and school.  We currently are in the middle of testing and scheduling for next year as well as continuously looking at ways we can improve.

I have finished up all my observations for the year and am thankful to have had the opportunity to see our great teachers in their classrooms.  I am excited to see them teach when they are able to utilize more group work and different methods once we are past this pandemic.  Our teachers have done an incredible job adjusting to the situation and making sure our students continue to grow.

We were fortunate to have ESU 7 come in a present on equity during our professional development day in April. They were able to do part one of the training which brought a lot of useful information to the staff. We have also been spending a lot of time reviewing data and processes to have discussions on how we can make improvements.

Lindsley
Board Report
March 8, 2021

March has finally come and thankfully the weather is starting to warm up. It will be nice for our students and staff to be able to enjoy the weather being outdoors. A little sunshine and outdoor time will hopefully bring some joy to the staff and students as we come down the homestretch of the 2010-2021 school year.

We have finished up most of the winter activities and are now transitioning into our spring activities, preparing for events such as prom and graduation, and looking at scheduling needs going into next school year.

In the past month I have spent a lot of time reviewing attendance and working through those policies and procedures.  I have also spent time working with students making sure they are completing their work and making up any missing work.  All the Social Studies materials have been ordered and the majority of it has already arrived.  The teachers are working diligently going through the curriculum process to get everything updated.

We are looking forward to working with the staff during the upcoming professional development days. Those days will provide valuable time to review data and look into our needs moving forward.  The information coming from the school improvement plan will be a useful tool as we continue to strive for excellence.

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
February 8, 2021

February and it feels like the theme of the past month has been snow. We have had a few disruptions due to the weather but our
staff and students have been great about continuing to strive for excellence. Even with all the weather issues we still managed to take advantage of one nice day to get the February fire drill done.

Attendance has improved drastically this past month as we have had a lot less students and staff out on quarantine and isolation. We are hopeful this trend will continue as student attendance is one of the most critical components on student growth and proficiency.

Curriculum work is ongoing as there has been a lot of progress with Social Studies, World Languages, Business, and Ag. The high school social studies teachers have reviewed the textbook materials and preferred the same HMH materials already approved for the middle school. The materials had what they were looking for and most importantly aligned vertically with the previously purchased materials.I have been working to finish up my walk-through observations and hope to be completely finished by mid March. It has been a privilege seeing all the great things our teachers are doing for our students!

The month of January has been extremely busy with activities. In order to put on all these events it requires a dedicated staff. Our staff has stepped up and filled in whenever needed to make sure we are able to continue the standard of excellence in all we do from the classroom to the activities. I appreciate everyone stepping up to help!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
January 11, 2021

Second semester has arrived and we have hit the floor running! The break seemed to bring some much needed rest and relaxation for our staff and students. We were able to overcome all the obstacles the first semester and succeeded in successfully completing the first semester without interruption. This in itself is remarkable and something most thought would not happen.

We come into the new semester having learned much from the first semester and with some hopeful optimism that the light is at the end of the tunnel. We are confident we can adjust to circumstances that

arise now that we have a better understanding. Most importantly we are confident we can do whatever is necessary to help our students succeed.

So far this semester I have spent a lot of time organizing our upcoming wrestling events. We will be hosting four tournaments and two triangulars within the next month. I have also completed the January newsletter that will be sent out with grades. I have also attached a copy of the newsletter here for your reference. The high school Social Studies teachers have received materials to review textbooks. We hope to have the high school recommendation at the February board meeting. This week we have started out study skills classes for our middle school classes. We are hopeful this is one tool we can use to help our middle school students transition better.

I know I have said this before but I want to continue to give recognition to our staff. We have a phenomenal staff here and they never cease to amaze me with the time and effort they put into our students!

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
December 14, 2020

It has been an extremely busy month! I want to make sure to give a lot of credit to our teachers, staff, and subs these past few weeks. These people really stepped up when we had several teachers out of the building. Whenever we face adversity our team does whatever it takes. I am proud to work alongside such an awesome team!

So far this winter we have had to limit spectators to our events with the new DHM. The ability to stream our activities has never been more important than it is now. I recently reached out to Striv and soon we will have the ability to have two Striv channels that will allow us to stream two events and that same time if needed.

I have completed all my formal observations and am in the process of finishing the last of my walk-through observations for the 2nd quarter. Our teachers are doing some great things in their classes!

Middle school transition has been a big topic of conversation this semester. We have had a committee meeting over the past couple of months reviewing what we can do to help our middle school students transition form the elementary. We have incredible students but we have learned there is a higher percentage of grade and behavior issues at the middle school level. We have decided to change our skills for success and engage classes to study skills. These classes will not be an academic grade but classes that will focus on behavior grades using the PRIDE scale below. We know there will likely be some tweaks to this model after we go through it for one semester but we are looking forward to making a positive impact on our students.



Chad Lindsley
Board Report
November 10, 2020

In a blink of an eye the first semester will be over. We have had our share of struggles along the way so far this semester but overall our staff and students have done an incredible job.

A team of six participated in a new Standard Response Protocol training funded by NDE. There will be a terminology change to one of the protocols we utilize that is being recommended nationally. Curriculum meetings are ongoing as the social studies department began the process alongside the 6th grade teachers and Mark Brady from ESU. There were some major changes to the standards which will require some changes in our program and materials. Ag, Business, and World Languages will be having a curriculum day this month to continue making progress.

The new winter sports guidelines have come out and there will be some changes with scheduling. I have been working a lot with the wrestling schedule to help provide opportunities for our student athletes to still continue to compete.

We had Kim Boyce come in for the professional development day on 11/2 to talk about mental health and the issues related to our students today. He is a LMHP and a Psychology professor at Concordia. He did a great job providing relevant information for our staff. He shared information about the igeneration. I am happy to share his powerpoint with the board he used for the presentation.

> ***"I honestly could have listened to Kim all day. Concordia psychology students are lucky to have him as a professor. I found it interesting that the iGen kids don't feel connected to anyone and explain their weekends based on what they watch not do. Thanks for bringing this to us." -Amy Backstrom***

> ***"He was FABULOUS! I appreciated his down-to-earth and no-nonsense approach to talking with students. I could see many of our students in his descriptions, and what he had to say made a lot of sense.***

***I would definitely attend a workshop or lecture he is presenting (and I don't say that lightly. Almost never, in fact!) Thanks for bringing him in!" -Laurel Valentine***

***"I really enjoyed Kim's presentation. I was aware that today's generation of students is different than most, but his explanation of how they're different and how it affects their mental health was new information. I truly believe his explanation of it all will allow me to be a better teacher in regards to my relationship with students." -Morgan Dredge***

The change to three lunches has been smooth with very few issues. The change has allowed us to spread the students out more in the cafeteria. The three lunches has allowed us to have a maximum of six students per table each lunch. We also expect the students to stay at the same table group. The lunch numbers are listed below for your reference.

Early Lunch - 105-115 students
Late Lunch - 75-95 students

After the change
Early Lunch - 65-80 students
Middle Lunch - 50-60 students
Late Lunch - 65-70 students

Board Report
October 7, 2020

Does not quite feel like it should be October already. Time has really been flying by and we are almost to the end of the first quarter. The first newsletter has been completed and should be arriving in mailboxes soon. I really appreciate the information and articles that were submitted by the staff.

Our students are really adjusting to the absence of normal and I feel we are beginning to have a sense of routine. We have had to make a lot of adjustments from day to day and at different events. Our teachers have really stepped up to make sure that any transition is as smooth as possible and have helped cover classes when needed. I cannot give enough praise to the staff for all they are doing. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to start visiting classrooms for observations and see our great teachers educating our students.

We are starting to wind down some of our fall activities and will soon be making the change to the next season. The one act play has started their practices with a lot of excitement from those students involved. It is great we have been able to do everything we have this fall and hopefully we can continue to have these opportunities for our students.

Board Report
September 10, 2020

Can you believe we are already over four weeks into the school year! Time is going by extremely fast but I am extremely thankful to even have students. In the first month of the school year we have already had all the parents nights activities and homecoming.

I have started doing my teacher observations and walk-throughs. I am slowly learning the model and the process and each time I work with it it gets a little easier. Mr. Couch has been extremely helpful providing his guidance and experience in this area. On the same note I have started having coaching meetings with the teachers assigned to me. My main focus has been looking at what we can do to improve communication with each other and with parents. I feel effective communication can prevent many issues. I love the saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If we can do a little work now it will go a long way later.

I have spent a lot of time on attendance issues as that has always been an issue in every school I have been involved with. This year it is particularly challenging as we deal with Covid absences on top of the others. Other than attendance our students really have done a nice job and we have had minimal issues.

Curriculum work is ongoing, with social studies set to begin soon. We will have Mark Brady from ESU 7 coming in to help kick start that process in mid October. I am working on cleaning up the curriculum files on the shared folder and making sure the most current information is on our school website.

I will continue to say that I truly love being a part of this district and Scout Nation!

Board Report
August 14, 2020

I am so excited to finally be here working with students and staff again. The work the David CIty team did to prepare for students returning is now paying dividends. The staff have been incredible in their preparations and willingness to do what is needed to allow in person instruction. I have been blown away by the teamwork here!

My transition has been a bit of a whirlwind as I continue to learn my individual roles and responsibilities. Although I have already served as a principal in another school, every school

has to do what works best for them.  I am becoming more and more familiar each day. I spent one day at ESU 7 learning about the Marzano model and will continue to learn.  I have been slowly meeting with teachers individually so I can get to know the staff and for them to get to know a little about me.  I also was able to complete the t-shirt order for the 7th graders and new secondary students.  I hope to receive those shirts in the next couple of weeks and I put the design below.

The first thing I noticed about the students here is how respectful they are.  I am impressed with how they interact with adults and each other. The vast majority of the students are wearing masks and although they do not like it there has not been much complaining.  My own children have really enjoyed their first couple days of school and continue to tell me how nice everyone has been.

I know things will continue to be hectic and I will continue to learn the ways of David City but I can most definitely say there is no other place I would rather be.

Chad Lindsley
Assistant Principal
David City Secondary Schools



# David City Elementary
# October 2026–27 Board Report

## Enrollment

David City Elementary currently serves 235 students in grades K–6 and 34 preschool students, for a total enrollment of 269 students. We have welcomed 4 new students since school began in August.

## Attendance

Our current average K–6 attendance rate is 97.65% for the past month, an increase from last month which was 96.37%.

Our current chronic absenteeism rate is 7.43%, representing 20 of our 269 students. This is an increase from 4.79% (14 of 292 students) during the same period last year. We will continue to monitor attendance closely and work with students and families to identify barriers to regular attendance and provide support when needed.  First quarter attendance letters will be sent soon.

## Scout Camp Day

Our first-quarter Scout Camp Day will be held on Friday, October 16. Students will be recognized for their hard work with attendance awards and positive Scout ticket awards.

In honor of our nation's 250th birthday, students have been creating special portraits in art class inspired by lines from patriotic songs, including *America the Beautiful*. Students will participate in a school-wide gallery walk to view and celebrate the artwork created by their classmates. We also have a special surprise planned for students! In addition, these student portraits will be displayed for the community at the Bone Creek Art Museum here in David City.

Students will also demonstrate our Character Strong skill of the month, Responsibility. K–2 students will watch a movie focused on kindness and responsibility, while students in grades 3–6 will put kindness and responsibility into action by helping pick up trash around our school campus.

We will also reinforce with students that Scout Camp Day is a privilege, not a guarantee. Students are expected to consistently demonstrate our Scout Way behavior expectations and remain current with their schoolwork. Students who are not meeting these expectations may lose the opportunity to participate in the second-quarter Scout Camp Day. Administration will review individual situations and determine participation.

*Our goal is for Scout Camp Day to be a positive celebration of students who are demonstrating responsibility, positive behavior, good attendance, and a commitment to learning.*

**Assessment & Data Days**

As part of our ongoing MTSS process, our first quarter data day will be held on Tuesday, October 13. Classroom teachers, special education staff, reading interventionists, and administration will work together to review student progress-monitoring data in reading and math.

The team will use this information to determine whether adjustments to intervention groups or supports are needed. We will also share strategies, ideas, and resources to help provide additional support for individual students and teachers. These collaborative data discussions help ensure that we are responding to student needs and making instructional decisions based on current data.

Parents will be informed of any changes to interventions or supports, as well as their child's progress, during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 29, from 12:00–8:00 p.m. This provides an opportunity for families and staff to work together to support continued student growth.

**After School Tutoring Opportunities**

Through our CLSD grant, we will be offering five weeks (10 sessions) of after-school reading tutoring for selected students. The number of students we are able to serve will depend on the number of teachers who volunteer to provide the tutoring. This will be offered in both the fall and spring semesters.

Students will be identified based on our MTSS data day discussions and current progress-monitoring data, with a focus on students who would benefit from five weeks of intensive, targeted phonics instruction. Following our data day, parents of identified students will be contacted with information about the tutoring opportunity.

**Student Leadership**

Our student leadership group meets weekly on Wednesdays during lunch from 11:45–12:05. Students continue to take an active role in planning and supporting activities that positively impact our school and community.

The group is currently preparing for our "Scare Away Hunger" food drive, which will begin October 19. Students have organized the schedule and assigned responsibilities for the food drive. They have also begun planning our Veterans Day celebration. We are hoping to have local author Dillion Krueger visit on November 12 to read his book, *Why We Stand*, to the entire school.

Our student leaders also participate in several ongoing service activities. Each Friday before lunch, a rotating grade level works with Mrs. Glodowski to help pack food for our Backpack Program. On Mondays, a grade level welcomes members of our Walking Club with high-fives as

they arrive at school, and on Fridays, all students participate in a school-wide high-five welcome as students leave for the day.

On October 26, our student leaders will also have the opportunity to attend a leadership conference. Due to limited space, we are able to take eight students, and this year we will be taking students from fifth and sixth grade.

**Safety Drills**

On September 21, students and staff participated in a practice lockdown drill. The drill provided an opportunity to reinforce our lockdown procedures and ensure students and staff understand how to respond appropriately in an emergency situation.

We will continue reinforcing the importance of moving quickly, remaining completely silent, securing doors and appropriate spaces, and staying out of sight during lockdown procedures. Regular practice helps students and staff feel prepared and confident in knowing what to do should an emergency occur.

**Fire Safety**

In honor of Fire Safety Week, three members of our local volunteer fire department visited David City Elementary for a special assembly. Students were divided into two groups, PreK–3 and 4–6, allowing the firefighters to tailor their presentation to the age of the students.

Firefighters emphasized several important safety messages, including the importance of getting out immediately if you see or smell smoke, having a designated safe meeting place for your family, and knowing how to respond in an emergency. Students were also reminded that firefighters may look and sound unfamiliar when wearing their protective equipment, but they are there to help and keep people safe.

*We truly appreciate Scott Steager, Annabelle Clary, and Connor McReynolds for taking the time to educate our students and reinforce these important safety practices.*

**Professional Learning & Staff Development**

On Monday, September 28 staff participated in a full day of professional development and collaboration. Training included trauma-informed care, behavior strategies, MANDT, Marzano instructional strategies, and Pyramid support for PreK. New teachers continued mentor/mentee support and Marzano training, while staff also participated in meetings focused on wellness, safety and security, coaching/sponsorship, crisis response, and employee health insurance options.

I heard many positive comments from staff regarding the trauma-informed care and behavior strategies presented. I hope this information will provide staff with additional tools and strategies to better support students experiencing significant trauma and behavioral challenges.

**High Ability Learners (HAL)**

Our second HAL day will be on October 21. Students will continue exploring Engineering Structures, with a focus on the design and construction of bridges and skyscrapers. Students will also strengthen their logical thinking and problem-solving skills through challenging activities. Time will also be dedicated to preparing for the upcoming Quiz Bowl on November 2, providing students with opportunities to build knowledge and collaborate with peers.

**October Newsletter Link**

**Looking Ahead**

10/2 3rd Grade Field Trip
10/8 Banking in Schools
10/9 Kindergarten Field Trip
10/12 Columbus Day
10/13 End of First Quarter
10/14 Board of Education Meeting
10/16 Scout Camp Day
10/19 Book Blast Launch
10/20 5th Grade Field Trip
10/21 Picture Retake Day
10/26 Red Ribbon Week
10/28 Halloween Parade 2:00 pm
10/28 Halloween Classroom Parties following parade
10/29 No School
10/29 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:00 pm
10/30 No School
11/9 Youth BB & Wrestling Camps begin
11/12 Veteran's Day Program/Luncheon
11/12 Banking in Schools
11/12 Fall Family Literacy Night
11/13 No School - Professional Development Day

**Bellwood Elementary Board of Education Report**
**October 2026**

Date of Report: October 11, 2026

It is crazy to believe that the last day of 1st quarter is on October 12th. It is crazy to think that one-fourth of the school year is already behind us. Overall, it has been a very positive first quarter at Bellwood Elementary.

## Homecoming

Homecoming week is always a highlight of the school year for Bellwood Elementary students. They thoroughly enjoy the dress-up days, and we always have a lot of students participate in them. They also really enjoy attending the pep rally on Friday. To make sure the teachers get planning on the afternoon of the pep rally, Mrs. Neujahr and I worked together to plan all-school PE for grades K-6. This year we planned pool noodle games in the gym for students to participate in prior to leaving for the pep rally.









## Words Update

- We have begun having coaching sessions for the UNL Words program. This year we have 6 teachers at Bellwood Elementary being coached, and they had their first coaching session during the week of September 21st.
- As a part of the Words program, we will be offering after-school tutoring for students who have been identified as needing this extra support.
    - Amy Williams is our tutoring coordinator for Bellwood Elementary. Right now, she is recruiting teachers to provide tutoring.
    - We will identify students we recommend for tutoring during our October data day meeting.
    - Bellwood Elementary's after-school tutoring will be for 5 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting November 3rd.
- All of these activities are funded through our CLSD grant.

## Elementary MTSS Update

- Our first Elementary MTSS meeting for the 2026-27 school year was held from 2:30-3:45 on Tuesday, September 22nd. At this meeting, the team spent a lot of time discussing current initiatives that the Elementary MTSS team has helped implement, such as

Rocket Math and Reading Decision Rules. The team then discussed the need for vertical math alignment discussions.

- On October 7th, members of the Elementary MTSS team held a vertical math discussion. Grades 3rd through 6th met in the morning, and grades kindergarten through 3rd grade met in the afternoon. We discussed things with Reveal Math and how it progresses from grade level to grade level and things we may need to adjust.

**September PD Day**

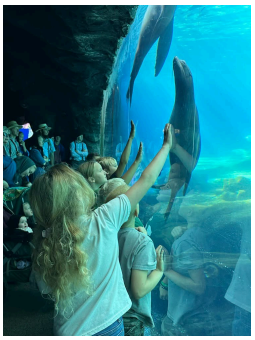
We held a professional development day on September 28th. During this day, all staff heard a presentation on trauma-informed care, and it was followed by a presentation on behavior strategies that work for students going through trauma for elementary staff. I thought both of these presentations were very good and gave teachers some practical ideas to use. During this PD day, many of our required district-wide committees also had an opportunity to meet.

**Field Trips**

We have three field trips planned with different grade levels during the month of October. Traditionally, most field trips have been held in the spring. However, this becomes very complicated to arrange transportation with all of the spring activities, and it is easier to book field trips in the fall with many businesses.

- October 2 - 3rd grade field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo
    - Our students attend the zoo for free through a grant that Mrs. Schmid applies for each year.
- October 9 - Kindergarten field trip to Beauty View Dairy and Eller Pumpkin Patch
    - I just want to note that since the Eller family has a child in kindergarten in Bellwood, they did not charge us to visit their pumpkin patch.
- October 20 - 5th grade field trip to Edgerton Explore-It Center in Aurora










**Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day**

Students always enjoy Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day, which was held on Wednesday, October 7th. It was a beautiful morning for students and staff to get some exercise downtown before heading to school to start the day.



**After-School Pickleball Club**

In an effort to promote wellness at Bellwood Elementary, members of our Wellness Committee have decided to offer an after-school pickleball club at Bellwood Elementary. This will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights during October from 3:35 to 4:00. This started on October 6th, and we had 16 students participate in this club. Link to flyer

**PTO Cookie Dough Sales**



The Bellwood PTO just wrapped up their annual Eileen's Cookie Dough Fundraiser when they distributed cookies on Friday, October 2nd. This year, the Bellwood Elementary student body sold 652 tubs of cookies, which came to $13,040 in total sales. Since the PTO makes 40% profit from these sales, the Bellwood PTO profited $5,216 from this fundraiser. This is the most cookie dough that they have ever sold during this fundraiser, beating last year's total by $1,060. The Bellwood PTO does so much for Bellwood Elementary with the profits that they make from this annual fundraiser. They do a great job of providing experiences for students and supporting teachers in many different ways.

**Upcoming Events**

- October 19 - Book Blast Launch Day
- October 19 - October Data Day/Grade Level Meetings
- October 19 - Fall Literacy Night: Link to Flyer
- October 26-28 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 28 - Bellwood End of 1st Quarter Celebration, Fire Safety, and Halloween Class Parties
    - Halloween Parade is at 3:00 pm on the tennis Courts
- October 29 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 30 - No School
- October 31 - Bellwood PTO's Trunk-or-Treat Link to Flyer

**October Newsletter**

Here is a link to the October Newsletter for Bellwood Elementary: Link

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Peggy Romshek
Bellwood Elementary Principal

10/9/2026
School Board Report: Special Education
Submitted by: Kari Daniels

October 15, 2026; that is the day that our Focused Monitoring responses are due to the NDE. I shared with you last week that our TIP (targeted improvement plan) received all 'green lights'. The green lights are partially responsible for our 'Meets Requirements' designation from the NDE. Our district was, however, chosen to participate in Focused Monitoring. The last time the district was 'monitored' by the NDE was in 2019. The state is required to monitor districts under Part B of the IDEA. The NDE is also required to perform a risk analysis under Uniform Grant Guidance. This is part of what is utilized to calculate an individual school district's risk of noncompliance and to evaluate whether or not the school district has the potential to achieve student outcomes utilizing federal special education dollars. Our teachers do a great job of evaluating students and developing comprehensive plans to meet their needs to improve student outcomes. It is however stressful knowing that the NDE plans to come in and review your processes and procedures, regardless of the reason.

I wanted to share with you some of our current special education data. In grades kindergarten through 12+, we are serving approximately 182 students. This number does not take into consideration the number of students being served in our birth to three year old program. Currently, grades three, four, and five represent our highest grade level numbers with approximately 20, 21, and 21 students in each grade respectively. The 182 student number does include students that are being served at Aquinas Catholic Schools as well. In addition to the number of students on current IEPs, there is a large number of students who are in the process of being evaluated and/or are nearing that stage through the SAT and MTSS processes. The number of students we serve does fluctuate throughout the school year as students are determined eligible to receive services and as others are dismissed. The majority of the specific information regarding special education is highly confidential in nature, but it is beneficial for the public to understand how many students we are serving and how hard our staff is working. Thank you again for all that you do for our students, families and staff members.

# All Scouts Have Power

# Activities Director Report

**Board Meeting – October 14, 2026**

## Weather and Scheduling Updates

This past month has been challenging, to say the least. The consistent rain created significant challenges for events scheduled outdoors and forced several activities to adjust their schedules and locations.

### Football

The football team was forced to move two games to Shelby due to field conditions. I understand that moving home games is not an ideal situation and creates additional challenges for our students, families, and fans. However, I felt this was the safest option for our student-athletes.

The decision to move the game was made by school administration, including Dr. Denker, and myself after gathering information from city field personnel and our athletic trainer.

We inspected the field at approximately noon on Thursday. At that time, there were still 2–3 inches of standing water on approximately one-third of the field, while the remainder of the field was extremely soft and saturated.

The field was not draining or absorbing the additional moisture effectively, resulting in continued standing water on the playing surface. Even on Friday, standing water remained in some areas.

Ultimately, the decision was made with the safety of our student-athletes and both teams in mind. We understand that moving a home game is disappointing and creates logistical challenges, but we felt this was the safest and most responsible decision given the condition of the field.

### Softball

Weather also created challenges for our softball program. We moved a game against Centennial to Sandhills Global Youth Complex when our field was unplayable.

On Friday, October 2, we also moved the Blue River Softball Invitational to Sandhills Global Youth Complex. With the amount of rain forecasted, we anticipated that our fields would likely be unplayable. Moving the tournament was the best way to ensure that games could be completed late in the season.

Despite the weather challenges, softball lost six games due to weather throughout the season. This season required several adjustments to game locations and start times to keep the schedule moving forward.

### Cross Country

Cross country lost two meets that were not rescheduled. One of those was the Aquinas meet. After the Columbus Scotus meet was canceled the previous week, our runners traveled with East Butler to compete and gain some additional racing experience.

# Teams and Activities Updates

## Football

The varsity football team currently holds a 1–6 record following its recent victory over Cedar Bluffs.

## Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team currently holds a 7–16 record and will enter the Southern Nebraska Conference (SNC) Tournament as the No. 10 seed.

The team is scheduled to travel to Tri County on Monday, October 12, to take on Fairbury.

## Softball

The Blue River Panthers softball season concluded on October 8 with a loss to Adams Central in the district semifinal.

The Panthers finished the season with an outstanding 18–5 record and made back-to-back appearances in the Southern Nebraska Conference Championship game. They fell to Wilber-Clatonia in this year's championship.

## Esports

Esports currently has 29 active participants.

The fall varsity season includes the following games:

- Marvel Rivals
- Rocket League
- Chess
- Super Smash Bros.

## Marching Band

The marching band received an Excellent rating at the Pierce Marching Festival and the Columbus Marching Festival.

The group will continue its competition schedule with the Oxbow Marching Festival in Ashland on Saturday, October 17.

## Play Production

Play production remains in the preparation and rehearsal phase as the students work toward their first competition.

The David City Invite will take place on Friday, October 30, and will also serve as the group's public performance before its first competition in Norfolk on Saturday, November 7.

### Cross Country

The cross country team competed at the SNC Meet in Superior on Thursday, October 8. No David City runners finished in the top 15.

The junior high division, which was added to the conference meet last year, continues to provide another competitive opportunity for our younger runners.

The SNC Meet was the team's final competition before the C-4 District Meet on October 14, hosted by Aurora at Streeter's Park.

### Middle School Volleyball

The Middle School A and B Volleyball Tournament was held on Saturday, October 10.

## Other Notes

I attended the SNC Athletic Directors meeting in York on Wednesday, October 7. I will also be attending the NSIAA conference in Kearney on Nov. 7th-9th.

## Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee held its second meeting of the school year on September 28 during our professional development day.

One significant change this year is that the EHA Teacher Wellness Program has been discontinued. This program previously provided quarterly wellness challenges and incentives for district staff.

Moving forward, the committee plans to focus on providing students with more wellness-related information and resources, particularly in the areas of mental health, nutrition, and safety.

Student leadership groups and Stay-U have taken the lead on these initiatives by developing informational posters and other resources to promote student wellness throughout the district.

## Appendix 1 Option Enrollment Capacity

**The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 for the 2027-2028 School Year.** The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2026-2027 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. **Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students Allowed is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.**

| PROGRAM | PROGRAM CAPACITY | PROJECTED ENROLLMENT | NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS ALLOWED |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kindergarten (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 53 | 15 |
| First Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 48 | 20 |
| Second Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 39 | 29 |
| Third Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 43 | 25 |
| Fourth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 49 | 19 |
| Fifth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 39 | 29 |
| Sixth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC) | 68 | 56 | 12 |
| K-6 Building Capacity (BW 140; DC 336) | 476 | 327 | 149 |
| *K-6 Special Education Capacity (BW 20; DC 60) | * | 119 | case by case |
| Seventh Grade | 72 | 47 | 25 |
| Eighth Grade | 72 | 37 | 35 |
| 7-8 Building Capacity | 144 | 84 | 60 |
| *7-8 Special Education Capacity (HS 20) | * | 30 | case by case |
| Ninth Grade (Freshmen) | 72 | 46 | 26 |
| Tenth Grade (Sophomores) | 72 | 42 | 30 |
| Eleventh Grade (Juniors) | 72 | 45 | 27 |
| Twelfth Grade (Seniors) | 72 | 54 | 18 |
| 9-12 Building Capacity | 288 | 187 | 101 |
| *9-10 Special Education Capacity (HS 20) | * | 25 | case by case |
| *11-12 Special Education Capacity (HS 20) | * | 25 | case by case |
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Revised: October 2026; Enrollment from NDE Count

* Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District's Director of Special Education or designee.

# 5006 OPTION ENROLLMENT RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member Marcus Thoendel moved for its passage and adoption, member Justin Krafka seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:Stephanie Summers, Marcus Thoendel, Klay Kasik, Justin Krafka, Kasey Kuhlman, and Don Moravec. The following members voted against the same: None. The following members were absent or not voting: None. The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

**DATED** this 14th day of October, 2026.

**DAVID CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

By: _____
Stephanie Summers, President

Attest: _____
Kasey Kuhlman, Secretary

Students

Option Enrollment

A. Process and Timelines to Option In

For a student to attend David City Public Schools as an option enrollment student, the student's parent or legal guardian must submit an application to the Board of Education of the David City Public School District between September 1 and March 15 for enrollment in the following school year (the "application period"), unless otherwise permitted by law.

Upon receipt of an application, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide the resident school district or, if the student attends a different district as an option student, the option district with the name of the applicant on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

**Provisions for Waiver of Application Deadline**

The application deadline may be waived by the School District for applications to option into the David City Public School District, provided that the application contains a release approval from the resident district or, if the student is an option student attending a different district, the option district attended by the student and satisfies any other requirements of law. Further, the application deadline shall not be waived if the application is for enrollment in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this School District which have been determined by the School District to be at capacity in accordance with the capacity standards (Appendix "1"), and no waiver of the deadline shall be made for such an application regardless of whether such capacity determinations are declared invalid for any reason.

B. Rejection of Applications; Reasons

1. Capacity: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building operated by the School District would be exceeded by accepting the application, and an option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is for enrollment in a program, class, grade level, or school building which has been declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

   The Director of Special Education shall review on a case-by-case basis all option applications for students that would receive or could be eligible to receive special education or related services. If the Director or designee determines that the District does not have the capacity to provide the student with the appropriate services and accommodations, then the Director or designee shall send a denial notice to the parent(s) or guardian(s) and include a description of services and accommodations that the District does not have the capacity to provide.

2. Timeliness: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the application is not filed on or before March 15, and the filing deadline has not been waived.

3. Previous Option Enrollment: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the student has exhausted the number of allowable option enrollments under state law.

4. Other Reasons: An option enrollment application may be rejected in the event the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or the School District determines: The application is not completely and accurately submitted, is not received within the time required by law, or any additional information requested to be supplied is not supplied to the School District within the time lines indicated; or in the event acceptance of the application is not required by law. Matters which are legally prohibited from being considered as standards for acceptance or rejection of applications (including "previous academic achievement, athletic or extracurricular ability, disabilities, proficiency in the English language, or previous disciplinary proceedings" and further including, without limitation, race, national origin, and gender) shall not be considered as reasons for acceptance or rejection.

C. Siblings

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this policy, the application of a sibling of a student who currently attends the District will be automatically accepted. For purposes of this policy, a "sibling" means a child residing in the same household on a permanent basis who has the same mother or father or who are stepbrother or stepsister to each other. The Superintendent or designee has the discretion to waive the deadline for a sibling's application received after the deadline.

D. Priority of Acceptance

Priority shall be afforded to those applications required to be given priority by law.

Filing date determinations are made by the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee. In the event applications within a group are received at the same or substantially at the same time, priority as between such same-date applications shall be determined on the basis of random drawing.

E. Determination of Capacity

The School District will determine and set, on an annual basis, the maximum number of option enrollment applications the School District will accept in any program, class, grade level or school building operated by this School District, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this School District will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and may declare a program, class or school unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity. Such determinations may be made in the form of an Appendix "1" to this Policy. The determination and declaration made for any school year shall continue in effect for the next and subsequent school years unless otherwise determined and/or declared. The capacity for special education services shall be determined on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Director of Special Education or designee.

F. Releases for Options Out

A request for release of a resident student or option student currently attending David City Public School District who submits an option application after March 15 will be granted, unless the administration is considering or has recommended expulsion of the student at the time the application is filed, and the administration determines it is appropriate to complete the expulsion process.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is hereby authorized to execute such releases on behalf of the School District and the School District.

G. Notification of Acceptance or Rejection

In the case of an application to option enroll into the School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall notify, in writing, the parent or legal guardian of the student, and the resident school district or, if the student is an option student attending a different district, that option district whether the application is accepted or rejected on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

If an option enrollment application or a request for release is rejected by the David City Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian stating the reasons for the rejection and the process for appealing such rejection to the State Board of Education. Such notification shall be sent by certified mail.

H. Status of Option Student

A student who is admitted under the enrollment option program shall be treated as a resident student, and in such regard shall be required to provide such enrollment information and documentation as is required for enrollment of other students (e.g., certified birth certificate and evidence of physical examination, visual evaluation and immunization), shall be required to be enrolled on a full-time basis, and shall be required to adhere to student conduct rules. The building assignment for an option student, as well as classroom and grade level assignments, shall be determined solely by the administration.

An option student shall not be entitled to transportation except as required by law. Transportation or transportation reimbursement will be provided only in the following circumstances:

1. The David City Public School District may, upon mutual agreement with the parent or legal guardian of an option student, provide transportation to the option student on the same basis as provided for resident students. The school district may charge the parents of each option student transported a fee sufficient to recover the additional costs of such transportation.
2. Option students who qualify for free lunches are eligible for either free transportation or transportation reimbursement from the option school district. The District's policy is that the District selects which service (transportation or reimbursement) is to be provided to students.

3. For option students receiving special education services, the transportation services required in the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be provided by the resident school district.

I. Information Regarding Schools, Programs, Policies and Procedures.

As part of the option enrollment program, the administration shall make information about the David City Public Schools and the school, programs, policies and procedures available to all interested persons and shall have a copy of the option enrollment policy and regulations available at each school building.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-232 to 79-246

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