



August 7, 2018

Dear Vikings,

During each meeting of our Board of Education, there is time to share school news. Last night's "news" was an invitation of sorts; The District, in partnership with the Mental Health Community Coalition, will be hosting a long-range planning session this Saturday, August 11, from 8-noon at the State Bank of Cross Plains building. In the wake of so much loss, we have been invested in post-vention supports of our students/community (as we should be).

What about prevention? That is the focus of our efforts on Saturday. Our goal is to establish 2-3 activities to focus our time/energy/resources on in our schools. Similarly, what efforts can be accomplished as a community? I have to believe coordinating our efforts upon evidenced based supports and accomplishing them really well will yield the greatest results.

You do NOT need to be an expert in order to participate. None of us has all of the answers, we need your expertise. If you can complete this form by Friday, August 10, at noon that would be most helpful to our planning: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSf4eE-funQcGR1EO1HqdV36L41lzJCWkIB_gv44HqisebBPPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

From the bottom of my heart, I am deeply appreciative of your continued support of our children.

Well, as luck would have it, there was more news from our Board of Education. Here are a few other important tidbits from last night's meeting...

Referendum Update: We continue to be on time and on budget with work at both the buildings.

At the Middle School the secured entry area is nearing completion in anticipation of our students' arrival on August 20. (Similarly, too, the High School's Main Office and secured entrance). While there may be some minor adjustments needed, we should be "good to go". The new heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) valves have also been put in place. When you come by for drop-in night this Wednesday, please be sure to stop by the library to see the new carpeting.

At the High School, the locker rooms, portable classrooms, and south parking lot area are in the final phases of completion. (Though, I hear we will "punch-listing" the parking lot on Monday, August 20 – We are encouraging those using that lot to park toward the middle of the lot that day.) Watching those huge pieces of the retaining wall get set into place was something else ©.

Well, that is all for now. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming parent drop in nights (Early Learning Center this Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. and all other grades on August 15 from 4-7 p.m.) Onward! Upward!!

I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too! Steve