



Keota Community Jr./Sr. High School

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Keota Patrons:

As we enter the second semester of the 2022-23 school year I thought it was the appropriate time to update you on things going on at our school.

Enrollment: In October we certified our enrollment at 360. This is an increase of 14 students from the previous school year.

Performance Profile: In the fall we received our designation from the Department of Education, and both the elementary and high school were rated as acceptable. This is the 3rd highest designation possible. Both schools improved their overall score as well.

ESSER/PPEL: The board and the district continually monitor our current situation with facilities. We have used ESSER funds to replace the chiller at the high school, although this project has been delayed due to supply chain issues. We are anticipating this project to be completed this spring. The district has also partnered with the Keota Boosters to replace the fencing at the baseball field. We are continuing to update technology needs for students and staff. We have used PPEL funds to make repairs to the roof at the elementary.

Teaching/Instruction: The elementary staff has been involved with their second year with the reading curriculum and how to monitor progress and provide needed interventions. They have also been involved with iReady. This is the new math curriculum for the elementary and helps to personalize instruction based on needs. At the high school we are in our second year of offering Computer Science, which will be required K-12 in the near future. Keota is ahead of the game in this area with Mrs. Conrad being certified in this area. We have also started a computer club for students. Other teachers have continued to update curriculum and they have received training in mental health issues, classroom management techniques, as has the elementary staff.

After School Programming: In the fall Keota Schools launched an after school program for students 4 years old through 5th grade. We have consistently had 6-8 students attending and some days with close to 20 students. This runs from 3:45 to 6:00 each day, or 1:15 to 6:00 on early dismissal days. In addition, Homework Help has been incorporated on early dismissal days. Students receive help in completing assignments from community volunteers and high school students during this time.

Finances: Our financial picture has been consistent over the past few years. Our unspent balance is healthy and has increased. Our other funds are in good shape. Again the passage of the Voter Approved PPEL in 2018 has helped immensely.