MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District



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From the Superintendent...Russ Adams

MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District Elementary Project Update – December 16, 2019

Background

MOC-Floyd Valley is extremely fortunate to be a growing district! Our certified enrollment increased by 28 students for the 2019-2020 school year. Over the last nine years, we have grown an average of 18 students per year. This equates to a little over 100 students every six years. The increase in enrollment corresponds with the growth in the communities that make up the MOC-Floyd Valley District, and certainly reflect the efforts of our communities to be vibrant and healthy.

We have undergone several improvements in our district facilities over the years, with the most recent improvements coming at the middle school, where we repurposed the lower level and created six new classrooms. We are fortunate that we expanded in this manner. When the construction began on the middle school project, Grades 6-8 enrollment totaled 304 students. During the 2018-19 school year, we had 364 students at the middle school!

We have also been reimagining and repurposing spaces in our other buildings to increase our classroom capacity. In the past four years, we have transformed five computer labs into actual classrooms that help in accommodating our students and staff. We are very near capacity in every building and need to be prepared for the future!

In February of 2018, the Board of Education hired Jerry McCall, of Education Consulting Services, to conduct a review of our programs and facilities and assist us in our long-range plans. Jerry met with staff and community leaders. He also conducted thorough reviews of all of our facilities. The results of our programming and facilities study underscore the need for more capacity – especially at our elementary levels. With this in mind, we have been developing plans for a new single-site elementary school. We are currently working with the City of Orange City to acquire this (City-owned land) between Orange City and Alton. A part of this transaction will include the City acquiring our current Orange City Elementary property.

On the new site, we will construct a TK-5 elementary school with adequate playground space, parking, and activity space. We are also planning for a middle school practice track and ball fields that will also be available to the communities. Finally, the new building will be constructed so that grade-levels are housed in "pods" that increase collaboration and opportunities for students and staff.

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It is the policy of the MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Russ Adams, Superintendent, 709 8th St SE, Orange City, IA 51041 712-737-4873, radams@mocfv.org

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Updated Timeline:

- 1) We have met with representatives from the City of Orange City, the City of Alton, Orange City Area Health System, Northwestern College, Unity Christian and Orange City Christian School. Each of these entities is planning facilities improvements and we are seeking to create collaborative partnerships wherever possible.
- 2) The City of Orange City has committed to working with us as we work to purchase approximately 40 acres of City-owned land between Alton and Orange City. Part of our planning includes selling the Orange City Elementary property to the City as equity in the land purchase.
- 3) This project will likely serve as a catalyst for residential growth for the cities of Alton and Orange City.
- 4) We have contracted with Piper-Jaffray as our fiscal agent for this project. Their services come in two phases. The first is to assist us in pre-planning where they will provide us with scenarios and information leading up to a bond referendum. The second will occur **if/when the bond referendum is successful**. At that time, Piper Jaffray will facilitate the bond sales and advise along the way.
- 5) We have met with representatives from Hospers to consider second-life possibilities for the Hospers Elementary property. We will continue to explore possibilities.
- 6) We have collected a second round of input from faculty and staff regarding the new facilities (over fifteen pages of suggestions) that are being used in site/program planning. This level of input and the work generated from it will be extremely beneficial as this project moves forward.
- 7) Part of the planning process will be to design the TK-5 building and site to allow for future expansion if needed.
- 8) If the project allows, a small part of will be utilized to create needed expansion of the high school facilities to create additional instructional space and improve the security and student services areas.
- 9) CMBA Architects out of Sioux City is leading us through the pre-bond planning and preparation. **If/When the bond referendum is successful**, they will take us through the actual planning and construction project.
- 10) Our facilities planning team (including Jerry McCall & the CMBA team) has continued joint planning with the Cities of Alton and Orange City to figure out the most beneficial site mix for the purposes of the TK-5 School building and grounds, residential property, and recreational amenities.
- 11) We have worked with Bryan Wells of DGR to determine the best use of the site and have developed a tentative conceptual site plan.
- 12) School Board members and a staff team visited several new elementary buildings in Minneapolis in October, to gather ideas.
- 13) We have assembled a small group of community members to help plan and assist in getting the message out prior to our March 3, 2020, bond referendum.
- 14) We have contracted with W.A. Klinger to serve as our Construction Management team.
- 15) We will be acquiring signatures for the bond petition prior to January 13, 2020.
- 16) We will work with our community team to communicate inform the public regarding the project through out January and February 2020.
- 17) The bond referendum will be held on March 3, 2020.
- 18) Immediately following a successful vote, detailed site and building plans will be developed. Ideally, site work will begin in the Fall of 2020.
- 19) Our plan is to occupy the new school building by August of 2023 at the very latest. We will work for a faster timeline if possible.

Inclement Weather and School Cancellation Information

Several sources will be used when making the decision to close school including personal checks of the roads, conversations with neighboring school districts and county personnel.

Infinite Campus alerts are the first line of communication. MOC-Floyd Valley also notifies KSOU (1090 AM, 93.9 FM), KIWA (1550 AM, 105.5 FM), KDCR (88.5 FM), as well as TV stations KMEG, KTIV and KCAU. Every attempt will be made to have late start or school cancellation announcements posted to the media by 6:30 a.m.

If school starts late, all before-school activities will be cancelled, there will be no AM Transitional Kindergarten, and breakfast will not be served. If school is called off at mid-day and the weather clears up later in the day, we may attempt to hold scheduled events. If this happens, info will be announced on the radio and TV stations listed above.

If school is dismissed early during the day, someone will remain at the central office until all buses have checked in to make sure everyone is accounted for. MOC-Floyd Valley buses have two-way radios for effective communication between drivers and all school buildings.

Note: If school starts late on a Friday (due to weather) with a scheduled early dismissal of 1:15 p.m., dismissal time will be 3:15 p.m.

Receiving Weather Alerts and Informational Messages from the MOC-Floyd Valley School District

Signing up for weather alerts and informational school messages is easy. Infinite Campus is the source of this messaging system.

To choose how you would prefer to receive these messages, sign into your parent portal account, located on our school website homepage, and click on "Receive alerts". If you do not have a parent portal account and would like to have one created for you, or just need assistance, please contact one of the people listed below.

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Friday Dismissals

Please notice below, the designated Friday - two -hour early (1:15) dismissals for professional development.

In the unlikely event that we have a weather-related late start on one of the scheduled professional development Fridays, we will cancel the early dismissal and attend until our regular 3:15 p.m. dismissal time.

MOC-Floyd Valley Professional Development -Early Dismissal Fridays

January 24 February 7, 21 March 6, 20 April 24 May 8

Ashley Van Voorst RN, BSN - School Nurse

TEN HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

The following tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

- 1. I will clean up my toys and keep my room in good order.
- 2. I will brush my teeth twice a day and wash my hands before eating and after the bathroom.
- 3. I won't tease dogs, even friendly ones and keep my hands and face away from their mouths.
- 4. I will drink more milk and water, and limit soda and fruity drinks.
- 5. I will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
- 6. I will find a sport or activity that I like, and do it at least three times a week.
- 7. I will always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.
- 8. I will wear my seat belt every time I get in the car.
- 9. I'll be nice to others and friendly to kids who need friends like someone shy or new to school.
- 10. I'll never give out personal information, or pictures of myself, to strangers or over the internet.

MAKE HEALTH YOUR RESOLUTION

Healthy You: Make healthy food choices, be active, make an appointment for a check-up, vaccination, or screening. Know your numbers – weight, blood pressure, cholesterol. Wash your hands often. Be smoke free. Get enough sleep. Learn and practice a new health tip each week. Make a new friend.

Healthy Family: Plan to eat more meals together as a family. Encourage and support physical activity. Put together a family health history. Know where to go for health care in town if you do not have insurance. Keep pets vaccinated and healthy. Add a health related website to your favorites list and check weekly updates. Spend more time together. Be courteous and practice good manners.

Healthy Home: Go green. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level. <u>Keep cleaning products and medications away from children.</u> Have a winter weather emergency plan and stock your home and car with necessary supplies. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning and hypothermia. Never use generators, grills, camp stoves, or similar devices indoors.

Healthy Community: Volunteer at your church, school or one of the many community centers needing help or an extra hand. If you have received help from others, try to repeat the gesture. Extend a common courtesy wherever you are – they are always appreciated and hopefully duplicated.

Healthy Workplace: Stay home if you are sick. Wash your hands often. Participate in healthy workplace programs. Take steps to prevent job stress. Reduce work injuries and practice good body mechanics.

Enjoy a new year of healthy possibilities!



High School Happenings - Principal Mike Mulder

Student athletes from MOC-Floyd Valley High School and Unity Christian High School will come together to compete on the hardwood on Thursday, January 30. More importantly, members of both school communities will come together to make a difference in our area through our annual 'Reach-Out' event. All funds generated through this event are used to help pay for gas or groceries, thus off-setting expenses for the affected families. More than 650 families have been helped through Reach-Out funds since the start of this fundraising effort.

Together...we are stronger!

Tenth Annual MOC-Floyd Valley/Unity Christian Reach-Out

Location: MOC-Floyd Valley High School

Date: Thursday, January 30

 Times:
 JV Girls
 3:45 p.m.

 JV Boys
 5:00 p.m.

<u>Varsity Girls</u> 6:10 p.m. <u>Varsity Boys</u> 7:45 p.m.

A silent auction will be held throughout the afternoon.

News from the Counselor's Desk: Mr. McDonald

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019

Sign-up for the ACT test www.actstudent.org/start MOC-FV Code is 163-335

- Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- Keep working hard all year; first semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.
- Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines. Follow your school's procedure for requesting recommendations.
- Visit with admissions counselors who come to your high school.
- Attend a college fair.
- Begin your college essay(s).
- Apply for admission at the colleges you've chosen.
- Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to.
- Start the <u>financial aid application process</u>.
- See your school counselor for help finding financial aid and scholarships.

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Information for Sophomores



Friday, January 10, 2020 Northwest Iowa Community College

Your sophomore will learn about the great career opportunities available right here in Sioux County. Presenters will represent community businesses, industries and colleges. [Schedule and details on back.]



Viernes, 10 de Enero, 2020 Colegio Comunitario Northwest Iowa

Estudiantes de Segundo año estan invitados para aprender sobre las excelente oportunidades de trabajo disponibles aqui en el condado de Sioux. Presentadores representaran negocios, industrias, y colegios de nuestra comunidad [Detalles atras.]



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
J	ANUAR	Y	Holiday Vacation	School Resumes- MS Wrestling Practice Begins- S GBB Practice Begins-	3 4:45pm BB-G/JV George-Little Rock 4:45pm BB-B/JV George-Little Rock 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity George-Little Rock 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity George-Little Rock	4
	6:00pm BB-G/9th Sibley-Ocheyedan 7:15pm BB-B/9th Sibley-Ocheyedan	7 4:15pm BB-B/9th Central Lyon 4:45pm BB-G/9th Central Lyon 5:30pm BB-B/JV Central Lyon 6:00pm WR-Varsity MOC-Floyd Valley vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm WR-JV MOC-Floyd Valley vs. Multiple Schools 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Central Lyon 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Central Lyon	8	9 5:30pm BB-G/Varsity LeMars 7:00pm BB-B/Varsity Dakota Valley	10 End of 2nd Qtr- 11:00am Soph Your Future at Work Day at NCC- 4:30pm WR-Varsity Spirit Lake 4:45pm BB-G/JV West Lyon 4:45pm BB-B/JV West Lyon 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity West Lyon 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity West Lyon	9:00am Quiz Bowl at Unity- 10:30pm WR-Varsity West Sioux
12	No School 4:30pm WR-JV West Sioux 6:00pm BB-G/9th Sioux Center 7:15pm BB-B/9th Sioux Center	6:15pm BB-G/JV Hinton 7:45pm BB-G/Varsity Hinton	15	4:00pm BB-G/7th Sioux Center 4:15pm BB-G/8th Sioux Center 6:15pm WR-Varsity Sioux Center vs. Multiple Schools 6:15pm WR-JV Sioux Center vs. Multiple Schools	17 5th Chorus Concert- (a) Orange City Elementary 4:45pm BB-G/JV Boyden-Hull 4:45pm BB-B/JV Boyden-Hull 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Boyden-Hull 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Boyden-Hull	18 10:00am WR-Varsity BH / RV
19	Strong Foundation Honor 6th Grade Honor Band, SC East- NWI Honor Choir at Dordt College- 4:00pm BB-G/7th Sergeant Bluff-Luton MS 4:15pm BB-G/8th Sergeant Bluff-Luton MS 4:45pm BB-G/9th Sheldon 5:00pm WR-JV Storm Lake 7:15pm BB-B/9th Sheldon	21 4:45pm BB-G/JV Sioux Center 4:45pm BB-B/JV Sioux Center 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Sioux Center 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Sioux Center	22	ILCC Jazz Festival- NWI MS and HS Honor Orchestra at Dordt College- 6:00pm BB-B/9th LeMars 6:00pm BB-G/9th LeMars 6:15pm WR-Varsity Okoboji-HMS vs. Multiple Schools 6:15pm WR-JV Okoboji-HMS vs. Multiple Schools 7:15pm BB-G/JV LeMars 7:15pm BB-B/JV LeMars	24 1:15pm Early Dismissal- 4:15pm WR-MS MOC- Floyd Valley vs. Multiple Schools 4:45pm BB-G/JV Sheldon 4:45pm BB-B/JV Sheldon 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Sheldon 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Sheldon	District Large Group Speech Contest- 4:45pm BB-G/9th (Rescheduled from 11- 26-19) West Lyon 6:15pm BB-G/JV (Rescheduled from 11- 26-19) West Lyon 7:45pm BB-G/Varsity (Rescheduled from 11- 26-19) West Lyon West Lyon
26	27 IHSMA All-State Music Auditions, St. Lake- 4:15pm WR-MS BH / RV vs. Multiple Schools 4:15pm BB-G/7th Boyden-Hull 4:15pm BB-G/8th Boyden-Hull 6:00pm BB-G/9th Western Christian 6:30pm Large Group Speech Showcase- 7:15pm BB-B/9th Western Christian	28 4:45pm BB-B/9th Okoboji 4:45pm BB-G/9th Okoboji 5:30pm WR-JV Sergeant Bluff-Luton vs. Multiple Schools 5:30pm WR-Varsity Sergeant Bluff-Luton vs. Multiple Schools 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Okoboji 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Okoboji	29		31 4:45pm BB-G/JV Rock Valley 4:45pm BB-B/JV Rock Valley 5:00pm WR-Varsity Sioux Center vs. Conference 6:00pm BB-B/9th Rock Valley 6:15pm BB-G/Varsity Rock Valley 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Rock Valley 9:00pm-11:30pm Winter Ball- @ HS Old Gym	

Calendar subject to change. For a complete list of school events and up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.moc-fv.org.

MOC-Floyd Valley Breakfast Menu - January 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast each scho all buil	ol day, in	No School	2 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	3 Donuts Fruit Juice Milk
			Muffins (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)
6 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	7 Waffles Fruit Juice Milk	8 Toast w/Jelly Egg Omelet Fruit Juice Milk	9 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	10 Cinni Minis Fruit Juice Milk
Donut Holes (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)
13 No School	14 Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	15 Toast/Jelly Scrambled Egg Fruit Juice Milk	16 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	17 Muffins Fruit Juice Milk
	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)
20 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	21 French Toast Fruit Juice Milk	22 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk	23 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	24 Donuts Fruit Juice Milk
Muffins (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)	Cereal (MS, HS)
27 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	28 Waffles Fruit Juice Milk	29 Toast w/Jelly Egg Omelet Fruit Juice Milk	30 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	31 Cinni Minis Fruit Juice Milk
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MOC-Floyd Valley Lunch Menu - January 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 No School	2 Mr Rib on a Bun/BBQ Hash Brown/Ketchup Baked Beans Kiwi Applesauce Cups Snickerdoodle Milk	3 Macaroni & Cheese Mini Corn Dogs/ Ketchup Carrots Peas (H5) Peaches Rice Krispie Treats (H5) Milk
6 Hamburger on a Bun Cheese/Lettuce/ Tomatoes Confetti Fries/ Ketchup Fruit Milk	7 Taco in Bag Cheese/Lettuce/ Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple Apple Churro Milk	8 Hot Dog on a Bun Potato Wedges/ Ketchup Broccoli Apple Cookie Milk	9 Ham Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll/Jelly Fruit Graham Snacks (MS & HS) Milk	10 Grilled Cheese Potato Coins/Ketchup Carrots Fruit Granola Bar (HS) Milk
13 No School	14 Pizza Breadstick/Marinara Corn Bananas Milk	15 Tacos Lettuce/Cheese/ Tomatoes Baked Beans Tortilla Chips/Salsa (HS) Pears Milk	16 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Fresh Veggies/Dressing Garlic Bread Applesauce Milk	17 Popcorn Chicken/BBQ Sauce Potato Smiles Green Beans Oranges Dinner Roll/Jelly Rice Crispy Bar (MS & HS) Milk
20 Chicken or Cheese Quesadillas Salsa Spinach Salad/Dressing Strawberries Milk	21 Mr. Rib on a Bun/BBQ Confetti Fries/Ketchup Baked Beans Fruit Milk	22 Chicken Strips/ Ketchup Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Broccoli/Cheese Dinner Roll/Jelly Fruit Cookie Milk	23 French Toast Sticks/Syrup Sausage Potato Wedges/Ketchup Peaches Orange Juice Milk	24 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Corn Stir Fry Vegetables Fruit Side Kick Milk
27 Nachos/Ground Beef Cheese/Lettuce/ Tomatoes Baked Beans Carrots Fruit Milk	28 Meatball Sub Cucumbers & Carrots/ Dressing Doritos Fruit Cup Milk	29 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll/Jelly Pineapple Milk	30 Pizza Breadstick/Marinara Lettuce Salad/Dressing Bananas Milk	31 Egg/Sausage/Cheese on a Bun Hash Brown/Ketchup Fruit Cocktail Juice Box Milk

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