

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

JULY 5, 2023



Dear CPU Families, Staff, and Community Members:

I am excited to officially begin serving as the next superintendent of the Center Point-Urbana Community School District after spending the past two years as its assistant superintendent. Nearly 24 months ago, my family and I moved to the district based on its excellent reputation including the strong community support for both academics and activities. Simply put, we are happy to be part of **#CPUNation!**

The district's mission statement is to “...to develop successful, life-long learners by providing a safe and caring environment, a stimulating curriculum, and a dedicated staff working with supportive parents in a friendly, small-town atmosphere.” This will be a driving force for leadership as we focus our efforts on a unified vision with staff, families, and the community to ensure all students learn at high levels. This vision will be accomplished while maintaining safe and secure schools, building a healthy culture, and aligning our systems for efficient and effective operations.

I'd like to remind all stakeholders that the District Office has now relocated back to Center Point in the high school. The main reason for this relocation is that family, staff, and community members have expressed how much they value accessibility and approachability in the next superintendent. My hope is that this will increase access to our administrative team and provide a more centralized location for district operations. I also believe it will lead to improved communication throughout the district.

There are a great number of celebrations and exciting events occurring in CPU. One major commitment by all leaders—beginning with me—is to be as transparent, communicative, and as celebratory as possible. **Major positives from this past and forthcoming school year includes:**

- Two new 7-12th grade activities were added in 2022-23 (girls' wrestling and e-sports)
- A new high school agriculture academic and FFA program for 2023-24
- A \$200,000 School Safety Grant (\$50K per building, pending final approval) that will focus on the installation of security cameras at the Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools while the High School's illumination will be upgraded this fall/winter
- Recent adoption for 2023-24 of K-2 Math, 3-5 ELA, and PK-12 social emotional learning curriculums

I am excited for this opportunity and look forward to leading the collaborative effort to continue making the Center Point-Urbana School District a great place to live, work, and educate students. I also am honored to call my family and myself “**Stormin' Pointers!**” and will strive to ensure the district is a destination and model in Iowa. Thank you for your support!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Elkin".

John W. Elkin

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