

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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Dear CPU Families, Staff, and Community Members:

Now that the 2023-24 school year has ended, I'd like to share some high-level celebrations related to our district's progress and continuous improvement. Please know that our leadership understands there is no true 'arrival'; our goal is to achieve our mission statement: "...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."

## Student Achievement (Goal 1)

We have made significant progress in CPU's collaborative teaching culture to improve learning and achievement for our students:

- 4 out of 9 grade levels achieved 90% or above proficiency in English Language Arts on the ASAP, with the overall composite score for the district (grades 3-11) at 86.5%.
- 8 out of 9 grade levels scored 80% or above proficiency on the ISASP Math assessment.
- Annual staff collaborative culture results reached 87%; our goal this year was 80%, and the three-year upward trend has been: 64%, 75%, and 87%.

## Safe and Caring Culture (Goal 2)

We have implemented ongoing school safety measures this past year, including:

- Securing a Federal School Safety Grant, which funded the installation of security cameras and upgraded lighting.
- Reviewing and updating CPU's Crisis Manual.
- Partnering with both Linn and Benton County law enforcement agencies for crisis management situations.

## Communication (Goal 3)

While there are areas for growth and focus for the 2024-25 school year, this year's Communication Survey results show significant improvement:

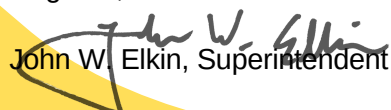
- **83%** of respondents gave the district high marks and would recommend it to a friend, colleague, or family member. In 2022-23, this result was **68%**.
- **88%** were satisfied with the quality of communications, and 90% were satisfied with the timeliness of communications. Last year, these results were **74%** and **69%**, respectively.
- **95%** of respondents affirmed trust in the district's communications, a major improvement from **67%** in 2022-23.

## Finances and Facilities (Goal 4)

- We have been working on CPU's Master Facilities Plan all year and on June 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm there is a Board Work Session where the Community Task Force will be presenting to the Board its recommendation for CPU's future
- A new playground at the Primary School will be installed this summer.
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) updates have improved conditions for our staff and students.

While we are aware of the areas for growth and focus, and will strive for continuous improvement, we'd like to celebrate and showcase the positive accomplishments at CPU. Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools.

Regards,

  
John W. Elkin, Superintendent

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