

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

AUGUST 9, 2024



Dear CPU Families, Staff, and Community Members:

As the 2024-25 school year approaches, I want to update all stakeholders on the exciting developments happening in our district. These initiatives are directly aligned with CPU's 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" and/or to our 2024-25 District Goals and Priorities.

Primary Playground

Earlier today, the final required inspection for the playground occurred and as it was given the "greenlight," it is now open! Additional information and/or gratitude about the playground:

- Thanks to the PTO (led by Ms. Heidi Goetsch and Ms. Jennifer Dunn), the community, all sponsors, volunteers, district staff, and school board for this collaborative effort
- The project had a total cost of \$318,000 paid for by:
 - CPU District in the amount of \$168,000 from the SAVE fund (one cent sales tax)
 - PTO in the amount of \$150,000 via donations, fundraisers, etc.
- Again, the playground is now officially open
- On Tuesday, August 20 at 2:00 pm, there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony with refreshments

Safety and Security Upgrades and Actions

Over the past 18 months, the district has secured \$185,000 in safety and security upgrades through a Federal Grant while also undergoing other safety-related actions. These efforts include:

- Installation of security cameras in the Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools
- Upgraded LED lighting at the high school, both internally and externally
- Review and update of CPU's Crisis Manual
- Ongoing partnership with Linn and Benton County law enforcement agencies for crisis management


Approval of General Obligation Bond Petition for Future Facility Planning

On July 17, at a Special Meeting, the School Board approved moving forward with a General Obligation Bond Petition for the November 2024 election, not to exceed \$20.61 million. If placed on the ballot after securing the required number of verified signatures, this would provide funds to construct, furnish, and equip additions for:

- Safety and security improvements at the Primary and Middle School buildings
- High School upgrades including an auditorium, lobby, multi-purpose practice space, and weight room
- Site improvements including parking and renovations to athletic facilities, such as baseball and softball fields, and a concession stand

Additional information about the GO Bond will be provided after the August 19 School Board Meeting. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer, and thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools!

Regards,


John W. Elkin, Superintendent

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