

High School Principal's Report to the Board
2/8/16

1. I am happy to report that we are down to 3.1% of our student body who failed a class first semester. This equates to 13 students. We attribute this significant decrease to the addition of intervention time weekly to work with students who are struggling and re-teach as needed. BLT has asked that we consider adding this time more frequently than just once a week.
2. I am about halfway through my meetings with Juniors for goal setting before Iowa Assessments. It has been eye opening to see how they feel about them and to talk about why they are important. We will follow up with homerooms at the beginning of March before the tests. We are also contemplating the idea of what rewards will work for high school students for improving their scores.
3. We continue to work on STEM BEST and Iowa BIG. Please feel free to ask the team that is presenting lots of questions tonight. We will be taking 3 staff members to Cedar Rapids on February 22 for a full day visit.
4. 8th grade registration at the middle school and St. Joe's is this month. This will help us predict some numbers for staffing and offerings next year and begin building relationships with students as they transition.
5. The high school staff is working heavily on standards based learning during professional development. The goal is to build and use 1 unit 2nd semester that is taught purely based on standards and proficiency and mastery of those standards. The AEA is walking us through that process so it can be easily and immediately used in classrooms.
6. FFA week begins February 15th. We push back our activities to the next week due to State Wrestling. You are welcome join us on February 24th at 2:15 for our Ag Ed assembly which always includes some great games and the highlights of what FFA brings to our district.

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