

HS Principal's Report to the Board
August 21, 2017

1. Schedules are done and we are working on balancing students to even out class sizes. We are eliminating some sections to address classes that are under 20 students. The puzzle becomes more intricate each year as we have many single sections of elective courses and departments make changes to meet the needs of students.
2. Our Iowa BIG initiative has 33 students tentatively enrolled and is ready for year two of programming. We are excited to be giving elective credit in English, science and CTE to this group of young people who will be project driven in completing proficiencies.
3. We have 2 new teachers at the high school this year that joined us for new teacher orientation on August 16. Maggie Konecne will be teaching upper level English and Caleb Ciavarelli will be joining us for PE and health.
4. Please feel free to join us the first week of school. We will have large group activities both the 23rd and 24th, focusing on our continuing PBIS effort and leadership.
5. We are dedicating all of our professional development this year to Project Based Learning and growing the program from Chickasaw Challenge last year, to J-term this year, and then use throughout the school year. Thank you for your support in our continuing endeavor as it will take some creative thinking and planning as we move forward.
6. We had 16 high school teachers attend training at Charles City with High Tech High from San Diego to help us continue to make forward progress with Project Based Learning. Teachers were able to work on their J-term courses and design other elements to use in their classrooms throughout the year. We are hoping to continue this relationship with HTH as we move forward.

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