

## High School Board Report January 18, 2021

1. We have finished our first semester! We had fewer F's than many of the other schools that have done different formats with students. Focusing on 4 classes has some advantages and disadvantages, but it makes it easier for students having to miss large amounts of time.
2. Third Session begins 1/19 with periods 1,3,6,8. We will then have session four begin on 3/19 until the end of the year. This will allow seniors to have equal 9 week sessions before graduation. Snow days will be added to the end of the fourth session.
3. IBN students were able to provide small gift bags for families in need before Christmas. It was great to see so many students and staff coming together to help families in need around the holidays.
4. Our students continue to be able to participate in extra curricular activities. We continue to look at ways to reduce the risk of exposure at activities, in school, and at events. We are guided by public health and the governor's proclamations.
5. We are getting ready for registration next year shortly. This year we will be having students apply for any PE waivers at the time of registration. Once received, applications will be reviewed to determine if criteria qualify for an exemption. When reviewing the guidance from the Department of Education, this was an area that we needed to further clarify.
6. The FFA has received a memorial donation they are using to purchase extra jackets, a larger TV for the Ag Shop, and other items. In addition, they received an Iowa Stem Best Enhancement Grant for \$10,000 to add auto steering to the UTV. This past week they also got a McElroy grant for \$2000 to get iPads to create ag videos that will be Public Service Announcements. This feeds into their contest's as well that will be happening later this winter.
7. Some of our teachers have been using a device we use for the board meetings to zoom with students. They have enjoyed the flexibility and the ability to connect with students. It is nice for students to see the entire class and participate in class discussions.