

Middle School Board Report  
May Board Meeting

**IA Assessments**

Iowa Assessment results have been distributed to students, parents, and staff. We definitely saw significant gains in math. I would attribute a lot of that to our block scheduling for math. We continued to see gains in reading at most levels. See the attached results.

**IARA**

Seventh and eighth grade students took the Algebra Readiness Test in April as well. We have established criteria for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Algebra. It includes MAP assessments, Iowa Assessments, and the Algebra Readiness data. Seventeen students met the criteria.

**MAP Assessments**

All goals were met in reading, language arts, math and science. The middle school science department asked to test for science each year in the spring versus just the spring of seventh grade to hopefully provide them more feedback on science goals. We were proficient in each grade level of science this spring as well.

**IYS**

The Iowa Youth Survey results came in from last October. Overall the data suggested some needs for establishing clear expectations and boundaries at school. We are hoping our PBIS expectation matrix and lessons will clear some of those issues up for next year. Staff will also be going through the lessons prior to students to clear up any confusion amongst adults as well.

**2015-16 Scale-Up Award ST Math**

We were informed that our applications for ST Math (impacting 140 students) was accepted for implementation in the fall of 2015, contingent upon sustained state appropriation funding legislated by the State of Iowa in support of the Governor's STEM Initiative for FY2016. We will be utilizing this in our 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade math classrooms with the option expanding it to the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade math rooms.

**PBIS**

We had our final PBIS meeting of the year in Decorah. We have since completed our signage, behavior matrix, and opening days of school for next year.

**Fourth Grade Transition**

I will be meeting with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 18th to discuss what 5<sup>th</sup> grade will look like next year.

**Summer Items**

Ms. Peters will be running summer band lessons from Week 1: June 1 - June 18 and then August 10-13. Forty one kids have already signed up and we are still waiting on grades 5-8 because their forms just went out. We have around 125 kids enrolled in band grades 5-8 for next year. We still do not have St Joes numbers so we are anticipating more.