



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Date: January 16, 2019

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding has concluded its work of examining how tax dollars are distributed to schools. The Commission has put forth recommendations in 19 different areas. Examples include per pupil adjustment and per pupil aid, declining enrollment, timing of school aids distribution, revenue limit adjustments, special education categorical aid, mental health, summer learning loss, consolidation, and educator workforce shortage. It's not clear yet how these recommendations will be addressed in the legislature.

Senator Patty Schachtner attended an area superintendent meeting on January 4th. Several topics were discussed, including state funding, mental health, parent resources, and early childhood learning opportunities and supports.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The District has been scheduled for window security film install for late February. We are working with CESA 10, who has contracted NuVision to do the install. The camera system is being designed, with an anticipated install for phase I beginning later this spring or summer. We have developed Go Bags in case of emergency. These bags will be in each classroom and office area. Additionally, each classroom and office, will be equipped with a window punch that can be used in case of an emergency. Lastly, the District purchased a load of sand to spread on all the ice in our lots and on our sidewalks.



ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACEs) TRAINING

The District has again teamed with the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County to bring about an opportunity for our staff to learn about ACEs. ACEs are serious childhood traumas that result in toxic stress that can harm a child's brain, impact a child's ability to learn, interpret and function socially, and increase the risk of poor health, addiction, and difficulty functioning as an adult. Building awareness of ACEs helps create a shift in perspective in how we view health and social issues. Betsy Byker, ACE Interface Master Trainer, will be joining us at our January 21st in-service.

What is ACE's?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cckKfkcF>

ACEs include:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Physical neglect
- Emotional neglect
- Intimate partner violence
- Mother treated violently
- Substance misuse within household
- Household mental illness
- Parental separation or divorce
- Incarcerated household member