SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

MONTHLY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

At Sigourney Community School District, we believe the strength of our school is built through the strong partnership we have with our families, staff, students, and surrounding Savage community. We are excited to introduce our **Monthly Community Connection**, a newsletter designed to streamline our communications; minimize the flooding of your inbox; and keep you informed, engaged, and connected to the great things happening across our district.

Each month, we will share important district updates, celebrate student and staff achievements, highlight upcoming events, and provide information about initiatives that support student success. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for every student.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Celebrating Success with Indian Hills Community College

At the October school board meeting, Indian Hills Community College (IHCC) provided the Board with a high-level overview of our high school concurrent enrollment data. Last school year, over 77% of our 11th- and 12th-grade students participated in IHCC dual-credit courses, earning both high school and college credit. This impressive level of participation reflects our district's commitment to academic excellence and providing students with opportunities to go above and beyond in the classroom. We remain dedicated to challenging students, and are beginning conversations with IHCC to provide more opportunities for our students and ultimately better preparing them for success beyond high school.

Cumulative Concurrent Enrollment Data

Students Graduating 2026-2029

Sigourney High School	**84** students	**2,297** credits	**$500,746** in IHCC tuition saved

Celebrating Academic Excellence – FAST Benchmark Results

We are proud to share that Sigourney Elementary School District's recent K-6 FAST benchmark assessment results reflect our continued commitment to academic excellence. FAST is an assessment given to most elementary aged students across the state. Sigourney Elementary achieved one of the highest percentages of students meeting proficiency benchmarks when compared to other school districts in Keokuk County, the South Iowa Cedar League Conference, and the Great Prairie AEA region.

These outstanding results are a testament to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the continued support of our families and community. While we celebrate this achievement, we recognize that academic excellence requires continuous improvement and a commitment to meeting the needs of every learner. We encourage everyone to celebrate this with their children and to challenge them to reach their full potential, and maintain high expectations for academic success in the classroom. We are proud of our students and staff and look forward to building on this continued success!

Sigourney FFA Soil Judging Team Crowned State Champions!

Congratulations to the Sigourney FFA Soil Judging Team on earning the title of STATE CHAMPIONS at the Iowa FFA State Soil Judging Contest held earlier this month at Iowa State University in Ames! The team competed against 30 of the top teams from across Iowa after previously earning first-place finishes at the Quad County, South Sub-District, and Southeast District contests. The championship team included Ella Bruns, Cooper Moore (7th overall), Rex Flynn (3rd overall), and Dayne Chittick (Individual State Champion).

Soil judging challenges students to evaluate soil characteristics, agricultural productivity, land management practices, and sustainability for agricultural and non-agricultural uses. This accomplishment reflects the students' dedication, preparation, teamwork, and application of skills learned beyond the traditional classroom. The team will now advance to the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this spring, where they will represent Sigourney and the state of Iowa against top teams from across the country.

We are incredibly proud of these students and their commitment to excellence. Their success is another outstanding example of the opportunities available to Sigourney students through our agricultural education and FFA programs.

Congratulations, State Champions, and best of luck at Nationals!

CONNECTING FOR STUDENT GROWTH

Expanding Student Opportunities

At the recommendation of district administration, the Board of Directors approved the addition of several coaching and activity sponsor positions at the October board meeting. These include junior high assistant coaches when participation numbers justify additional support, an assistant high school girls wrestling coach, and a district social media and marketing sponsor to provide timely updates and highlight the accomplishments of our students and schools. These additions reflect our continued commitment to providing all students with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed. All positions are posted to the district website.

Partnerships Through District Collaboration

At the October Board meeting, the Sigourney Community School District Board of Education approved a

sharing agreement with Tri-County Community School District to join S-K bowling. This partnership will allow Tri-County students to participate in our high school bowling program, expanding opportunities and relationships for students in both districts. This agreement is another great example of how collaboration with neighboring school districts can strengthen programs, maximize resources, and provide students with meaningful opportunities beyond the classroom. SCSD remains committed to working together to create positive experiences and opportunities for all students.

STAFFING UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN OUR TEAM

Interested in Becoming a Substitute Teacher?

Sigourney Community School District is looking for substitute teachers! Earn $150 per day while making a positive difference in the lives of our students. Substitute teachers are required to complete Substitute Teacher Authorization courses which are available through Iowa AEA Learning Online, making it easier to get started. After completing 10 substitute teaching days in our district, we will reimburse you for the cost of the Substitute Authorization course.

If you are interested in joining our team and helping support student learning while enjoying a flexible schedule, reach out to Missy Sellers at 641-622-2025.

Long-Term Substitute Positions

In an effort to maintain transparency with our families and community, Sigourney Community School District would like to recognize the individuals currently serving in long-term substitute positions: Christine Howard (Talented and Gifted), Leanne Voyles (K–12 Vocal Music), and Naomi Gretter (Elementary Special Education and Title I Reading). While these individuals do not hold all the credentials required for a fully licensed teacher in their respective assignments, they bring dedication, commitment, and a genuine desire to support our students. This notification also meets federal requirements to annually notify the public of long-term substitute positions.

We sincerely appreciate their dedication, flexibility, and commitment to supporting our students and district this school year. These positions will be reposted for the 2027–2028 school year as we continue working to provide high-quality educational opportunities for all students.

District Job Postings

All district postings that are open to the public are posted on the district website. If you are interested, or know someone who you believe would be a good fit to our district team, please help connect them with us! Our **current employment opportunities** are posted here!

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

New School Board Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome and express gratitude to our new School Board Members. Kyle Green, appointed in August, and Melissa Bird, appointed in September, have joined us in serving the Sigourney Community School District.

Kyle and his family live in Sigourney and his children attend Sigourney Elementary School. Mel and her family reside near Hayesville and her grandchildren attend Sigourney Elementary School.

Thank you both for your commitment to our community and for your willingness to serve on the School Board. We are grateful for your leadership and dedication.



Board Meeting Recap

This monthly school board meeting recap is intended to keep our school community informed and engaged by highlighting key topics of discussion, Board action items, and important district updates. We are committed to transparency and keeping our families, staff, and community members informed about decisions that impact our schools.

The October Board of Directors meeting was held on October 14, 2026. Here is the **October board recap.** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the High School Media Center. Community members are welcome to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS

District Lunch Menus Available Online

Sigourney Community School District lunch menus are available online for families and community members to view at any time. Stay informed about upcoming meals and plan ahead by visiting the link below. **View District Lunch Menus**

When Winter Weather Hits

The district continually reviews its inclement weather procedures to ensure timely, consistent, and informed decisions that prioritize student and staff safety. We evaluate weather forecasts, road conditions, and other factors while recognizing that conditions can vary throughout the district and change quickly. Our goal is to communicate clearly, make the best decisions possible with the information available, and support families in making safe decisions based on their individual circumstances. Please take a look at this link for the complete communications related to inclement weather. **Inclement Weather Information**

Urgent Communications & Weather Notifications Test

Sigourney CSD will test its emergency notification system on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 6:00 pm. We want to ensure our families and students are informed of school cancellations due to inclement weather in our school community. The annual test of our automatic notification system ensures the district has

accurate contact information for families and students. A district communication will be sent via Infinite Campus; in advance, please verify that your contact information are accurate in the the **parent portal of Infinite Campus**

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our communication channels up-to-date and for your commitment to the safety and well-being of our school community.

Elementary Happenings

Stay up to date with everything happening at Sigourney Elementary by checking out the "**Elementary Happenings"** document, which highlights important upcoming dates, lunch menus, guidance lessons, and other helpful information for families.

District Dates for Your Radar

Nov. 2 Practice Starts - HS Girls Bowling & Wrestling, JH Girls Basketball, JH Boys Wrestling
Nov. 9 Practice Starts - HS Girls Basketball
Nov. 16 Practice Starts - HS Boys Basketball & Bowling
Nov. 24 1:30 PM Dismissal
Nov. 25 - Nov 27 No School Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30 No School PD Day
Dec. 1 School Resumes
Dec. 9 6-12 Music Concert
Dec 10 K-5 Music Concert

QUESTIONS?

Please reach out if you have any questions or feedback!



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