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Staff, below is information for families and you. Additionally, I want to remind everyone to stay home when sick. Even if you believe it is not COVID, please take extra precautions. Our Page County numbers are rising and there is no contact tracing per guidance districts have been given. As shared before, masks are strongly encouraged, yet optional, on buses and in classrooms. Stay healthy and safe!

Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

The school year started on a **positive** note, and we are now looking forward to school improvement efforts.

The first **School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)** meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 15 from 5:30-7:00. The board appointed committee fulfills requirements of Iowa Code Section 280.12(2) and makes annual recommendations based on analysis of needs assessment data in the following areas:

- Major educational needs
- Student learning goals (and outcomes)
- Curriculum, assessment, and instruction
- Long-range and annual goals, including and not limited to, state indicators addressing reading, math, and science achievement
- Bullying and harassment prevention, goals, programs, training, and other initiatives

Aligned with SIAC work, on September 8, 2021, the CCSD School Board will hold a **work session** to consider creation of more **authentic, work-based learning experiences and utilization of district facilities**. The 1180 building on S. 16th has been an adventure, as the district has needed to pivot a few times. Although there have been interested collaborative partners for use of the parking lot and use of the actual building, both have taken another direction. The CCSD was close to hosting **Pella Corporation**, as they were looking to move a division of their operation to Clarinda for two years. Pella Corporation has been growing, and the collaboration would have brought light manufacturing and jobs, as well as opportunities for student learning. As business goes, a better opportunity in their own backyard came to fruition. With that said, Pella Corporation is dedicated to partnering with the school district through **job shadows, tours, internships, guest instructors, registered apprenticeships, teacher externships and other career-related experiences**.

If you are interested in running for school board, please note the following learning opportunities on August 31st and September 21st: IASB Webinar Series: **Tuesday Talks with IASB – So You Want to Run for School Board?** @ www.iasb.org/learninghub. You are also welcome to contact me at cbergman@clarindacsd.org to engage in informal conversation about the critical roles and responsibilities of serving on the school board.

Respectfully,

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