



Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

“Knowledge is power.” This age-old statement continues to be critical in today’s world.

- If you haven’t seen the invitation to our family/caregiver learning focused on **vaping**, please know that it will take place **tonight at 5:30 in the 7-12 auditorium**. Rhonda Grebert from Page County Public Health will be partnering with us to share information.
- School districts are bound to privacy legislation and follow aligned board policies/legal counsel guidance. Due to FERPA and HIPPA laws which point to a “reasonable means of identifying an individual,” parental/caregiver notification of exposures to medical conditions such as **RSV and Covid** or nuisances such as **head lice** are not shared. The school nurses and I have sent **information** regarding these questions; however, if you need clarification, please let me know.
 - <https://educateiowa.gov/resources/legal-resources/legal-lessons/head-lice-nuisance-not-medical-or-health-hazard>
- The state and nation are in a time of **heightened teacher shortages**. If you are interested in knowing more, please connect:
 - https://www.kmaland.com/news/kmaland-administrators-sound-alarm-on-teacher-shortage/article_e458f5da-d06b-11eb-9443-f74861c8e2ce.html
 - More information regarding **alternative pathways (without a 4-year degree in education)** to becoming an educator will be provided in the future. Until then, feel free to reach out with any questions you might have about **servicing students in this capacity**.
 - At the CCSD board meeting this Wednesday, approval is being sought for a preschool alternative licensure pathway which would be partially funded by a grant, the individual and the CCSD.
 - It is anticipated that the CCSD will need an **Industrial Technology** teacher for 2nd semester or next fall. Please, see other high demand areas of need at the following:
 - <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/educator-quality/practitioner-preparation/teacher-shortage-areas>
- Our **students** are amazing! (Our **teachers** are as well!). Over the weekend, FFA contest teams placed 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. Friday, **Agriland and Agrivision** supported student learning about new technology and internship/job shadow opportunities.
- The CCSD will host a site of the **Clarinda Craft Carnival** at the 7-12 building. Vendors will begin set-up on Friday, so please consider the **increased traffic/parking availability** and **plan accordingly** for Friday night’s activities.

Respectfully,

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