

Dear Cardinal Staff and Families,

It's that time of year...

Please, see the information below the line for additions to the newsletter. There are additions to the board calendar and answers to a few great questions from patrons.

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The weather is everchanging, the birds are chirping and spring is somewhere around the corner.

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This week, I would like to share a few items regarding the Clarinda Community School District calendar. At our next board meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2022, the board will take action to approve or deny the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

A team consisting of teachers and administrators created the draft calendar using professional learning for teachers as a main driver for decision-making. The calendar was sent to all staff, a public hearing date was set on January 26th, and a public hearing will take place at this week's school board meeting on February 23rd. If approved, families and staff will be able to begin any necessary planning.

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The Open Enrollment deadlines for the 2022-2023 school year are quickly approaching. To learn more about the deadlines for open enrolling your child, please visit the following link:

https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/SY22-23_OpenEnrollmentApplication_508.pdf

Regarding deadlines, you will want to pay close attention to the table on page 2 of the document, as there are different dates for specific situations.

If the application is being filed after March 1st for 1-12 grade students, please view the table on page 3 of the document which provides request approval or denial based on various circumstances.

Take care,
Chris

An Open Enrollment Question from a patron:

Q: If my student is currently open enrolled, do I need to "re-apply?"

A: Once a student is approved for open enrollment into a district, the student is a member of that district. The only exception would be if the open enrollment agreement was "broken" by a parent/guardian deciding to homeschool or choose another option. At that point, the process starts over.

A Calendar Question from a patron:

Q: Where can I find the calendar prior to the board meeting on Wednesday?

A: A copy of the draft, team-created and proposed calendar will be attached to the published, regular board meeting agenda.

More Links to View the Upcoming Board Meetings:

Here is the link for the regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the McKinley Boardroom: <https://youtu.be/YtGNLCNGUBM>

Here is the link for the special meeting (Joint Session with South Page) on Thursday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the McKinley Boardroom: <https://youtu.be/097yt1PwWMk>

Here is the link for the next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the McKinley Board: <https://youtu.be/fi44runXK64>