



Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! The turnout at Friday night's activities demonstrated Cardinal pride, and the year promises to be filled with learning, growing, and celebrating.

The CCSD prides itself on putting students first and has identified student outcomes to drive our work. These student outcomes include:

Creativity	Communication	Collaboration	Curiosity
Critical Thinking	Innovative Mindset	Emotional Intelligence	Agility

With our staff and families, we will be creating the culture we aspire to live each day. Defining **#theCARDINALway** and identifying behaviors that elicit each student outcome will focus our work. When we are clear on these steps, we will move into identifying the teacher, administrator, family and community behaviors that will help us realize our goals.

In order to tell our CCSD story, we have increased our **social media presence**. All platforms sync so that information is streamlined. Throughout the year, we are encouraging all Cardinals to seek accurate information. Starting with the person **closest to the source**, please, reach out to your child's teacher(s), building principal(s,) and/or me to avoid miscommunication. We are here to serve student needs and appreciate it when this process is followed by all.

It is a blessing to be back in classrooms in a face-to-face learning environment, please note the following about the **Return to Learn** <https://www.clarinda.k12.ia.us/>:

The plan was created through **collaboration** between the administrative team, school nurse, Page County Public Health, nutrition staff, and custodial staff with feedback from teachers. The plan is **responsive to data and fluid in nature**.

Please note, it is similar to board policy; it provides expectations/direction and requires professionals such as teachers, staff and administrators to problem solve while applying it to various situations and contexts. The goal is to maintain the safest possible learning environment.

Top ways to support the plan:

Stay home if you are sick

Stay hydrated with a bottle of water from home or use cups/fill stations around the building

Wear a mask, if you choose. The school district strongly encourages employees and students to wear masks on buses and in school buildings; however, it is not required.

The CCSD is dedicated to **work-based learning and opportunities** for students to engage in the workplace. Out of 453 schools, 121 schools have initiated such experiences. The CCSD is one of them! Through our iJAG and internship opportunities, there are many ways for business and industry to partner with us, including job shadows, internships, guest speakers, virtual or in-person tours, etc. If you are interested, please send an email to Kristin Wagoner at kwagoner@clarindacsd.org. Kristin is creating a central database for this purpose.

Today, our teachers are engaging in learning around Leader in Me, Google Classroom, trauma-informed care, safety, and PBIS.

Tonight, teachers are ready to meet you at **Meet the Teacher Night** – PK-6 (5:00-7:00) and 7-12 (7:00-8:00)

Tomorrow, August 24th, from 4:00- 6:30 is the **Back-to-School Bash** sponsored by the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce.

We are still in the market for substitute teachers, paraeducators, and custodial staff. For those interested in **joining our CCSD team**, please check out the openings on Teach Iowa! <https://iowa.schoolspring.com/>. If you need help trouble-shooting please contact Kristin Wagoner at kwagoner@clarindacsd.org

Respectfully,

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