



October 2020

Dear SCC Community,

As September draws to a close, midterm is here and the fall harvest is well underway, I have taken a moment to reflect on my first three months as a member of the South Central Calhoun Community School District. Yes, there have been a number of challenges like COVID-19, keeping adults and kids healthy and in school and most recently allegations that have challenged our student's human character but believe it or not, these are not the prominent themes of my short time here. Instead, I think about the 200+ employees that have bent over backwards to do things we have never asked them to do before and are doing these things with grace and dignity, or about the various clubs and community organizations that continue to support Titan Nation through and through but most importantly, I keep coming back to our kids. I am proud at how they have adjusted to returning back to school full time in either a face-to-face or online format. I continue to be impressed with how they handle adversity in spite of the obstacles thrown at them. But probably more important than anything, is how our kids are there for each other. These are the things that make me proud to be a Titan and these are the things that I will walk away from 2020 knowing I was fortunate enough to be a small part of.

The following are six items that we would like to keep everyone informed of for October:

NEW COVID-19 Guidance Regarding Masks-

On Tuesday, September 29th Governor Reynolds unveiled new guidance with respect to parties who are jointly wearing masks. This guidance specifically speaks to quarantining and can be found at the following link:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/61/covid19/resources/WhenToQuarantine.pdf>

If you have further questions regarding this guidance we would encourage you to call Calhoun County Public Health and/or to email or call your school building's certified nurse.

Football Allegations

This past week the District learned of allegations that were made via Facebook during the Homecoming football contest toward SE Valley football players by SCC players. The District has taken these concerns very seriously and have spent countless hours interviewing and visiting with all parties involved. We will continue to support our student-athletes and keep the general public informed as new information becomes available.

Midterm/ Grade Checks/Eligibility

It is officially midterm and with that comes grade checks and determinations of extra-curricular eligibility. To learn more about District eligibility policies and how often grades are checked please refer to the student handbooks located online at <http://www.scc.k12.ia.us/>.

SIAC Meeting #1

Our first of two School Advisory Board meetings will be held on Thursday October 22nd from 6:30-8 p.m. in the MS Media Center in Rockwell City. We invite anyone from the general public that would like to learn more about SCC student data and programming. In addition, we will be asking questions of our community this evening to garner valuable feedback for the Board and Administration moving forward. We thank you in advance for your consideration in attending this evening.

Volunteers, Donations and Materials Needed

The District is working towards an upgrade to the Baseball/Softball concession stand in Lytton. Plans have been developed and we are ready to break ground. Currently we have about \$40K of the \$70K project raised. As a result, we would kindly ask our local community for labor, donations and/or materials to help us finish this project. Please contact Beth McCarter, SCC Booster Club Secretary/Treasurer to donate or to volunteer your time or materials.

October Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SCC Board of Education will be held Monday, October 19th @ 6 p.m. in the MS Media Center in Rockwell City. You are invited to attend this evening.

Sincerely,

Brad Anderson
Superintendent

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