

# The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

**Believe in the Blue! Believe in Learning! Believe in Bellevue!**

### Events on the Calendar

- **April 12-April 23 - Iowa State Assessments of Student Progress for students in grades 3-12**
- **The school district utilizes these scores to recognize strengths and areas of improvement in our instruction, along with providing needed support to students based on the results and other learning data throughout the year.**
- **Additionally, the state utilizes these test scores as one of the measurements of our school district's overall success. As always, please encourage your student to give their best effort, as they ideally do each day!**
- April 28: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 17: 6-12 Band Concert
- May 18: 6-12 Vocal Concert
- May 22: High School Awards Night
- May 28: Last Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- May 29: Bellevue CSD Graduation
- July 25-August 1: No School Activities as sanctioned by the state athletic and fine arts programs; Buildings will be closed to students during this time period.
- August 2 & 3: School Registration
- August 9: Fall Athletic Practices Start for the 2021-2022 school year
- August 23: 1st Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year (Tentatively Scheduled)

### School Board to LOWER the Tax Rate

Below are tax rate trends for the Bellevue Community School District over the last several years, along with projected rates for FY22 that will be discussed at the next board meeting. Once again property tax rates will be lowered for our residents. Below is a trend of our tax rates from FY16 until now, with the projected FY22 tax rate included:

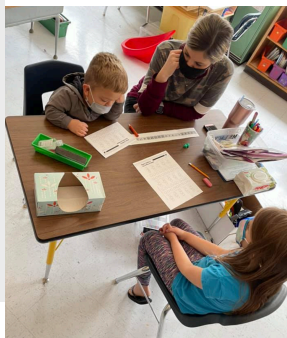
FY16	12.2979
FY17	12.2942
FY18	12.1923
FY19	12.1619
FY20	11.7808
FY21	10.8840

FY22 10.8732 (projected - it will not be more than this)

The district has strived to maintain appropriate funding for education programs and student learning, and has a strong financial standing at this time with unspent budget authority. Although this year our enrollment decreased (somewhat impacted by COVID-19), and as a result our funding for next year was also reduced from the state as funding for schools (and allowable tax revenue) is determined by the enrollment of the school the prior year. Yet, the district is still dedicated to providing low tax rates to our stakeholders. As a whole, the Bellevue CSD and the Board of Education has the lowest tax rate (if not the lowest) in our area over the last several years.

### Student Learning

Students learn in a variety of ways in school daily, including core subject areas, collaboration and communication skills, and many other life skills on a daily basis.



# Bellevue Community School District

*We believe real world learning opportunities build passionate and engaging experiences for student success in life.*

## Enrollment

**9.6**

Percent increase in Bellevue CSD enrollment since 2015.

**22.4**

Percent increase in Bellevue Elementary enrollment since 2015.

**40.0**

Percent increase in preschool enrollment since 2015.

## Graduation Rate

**98**

Percent of students graduate in four years.

**91**

Percent is the average rate statewide.

## Family Connection

**99**

Percent

of families connected to school, learning, and activities of their children through Seesaw, Google Classroom, Facebook, Twitter, and more.

## Class Sizes

**7:1**

Student to staff ratio at 3 and 4 year old preschool.

**13:1**

Student to teacher ratio at 3 and 4 year old preschool.

**18:1**

Student to teacher ratio in grades K-5.

**22**

Average core course size at Bellevue Middle School.

**23**

Average core course size at Bellevue High School.

**15**

Average size of all classes combined at Bellevue MS/HS.

## After School Programming

**15**

Amount of after school programs offered annually at Bellevue Elementary through the Comets After-School Program for Students.

## College Courses

**1300**

Over 1300 college credits are completed annually by BHS students.

**18**

Average college credits earned by BHS graduates.

**77**

Percent of Bellevue HS students receiving an "A" or "B" in college courses.

**3.17**

Average GPA in college courses by Bellevue HS students.

## ACT Scores

**100**

Percent of students required to take the ACT at BHS.

**\$0**

Cost for students and families to take the ACT test.

**22.1**

Average ACT score over the last 5 years in relation to the state average number of students taking the test.

**21.7**

Average state ACT score.

## Technology

**700+**

The amount of devices for student at Bellevue Elementary and MS/HS.

**380+**

Chromebooks and Macbooks sent home with students each day for learning.

**300+**

Student Chromebooks and iPads at Bellevue Elementary.

## Bellevue BIG

**30**

Number of BHS students annually who participate in a passion-based learning program focused on student interests benefiting the school, community, area, and beyond.

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**6th Grade Student at BCSD**

*The primary aim of education is not for students to do well in school, but to help them do well in their lives outside of school.*

