

ELWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

502 First Avenue
PO Box 107
Elwood, Nebraska 68937-0107

Phone: (308) 785-2491
Fax: (308) 785-2322

Daren Hatch, Superintendent
Kilah Oaklund, Counselor

Ryan Jones, Principal
Kurt Banzhaf, Activities Director

September 25, 2023

Dear Community Member:

As the Elwood Public School Superintendent, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in Elwood Public School's Community Engagement meeting.

The Board of Education and Administrative Leadership Team will embark on the process of stakeholder engagement to identify and address priorities and needs to support and grow learning for students. Effective Community Engagement involves key stakeholders working collaboratively to build consensus. A critical component of the process is to ensure a diverse representation of community and district stakeholders is empowered to share their personal perspectives, thoughts, and ideas in relationship to education in the Elwood Public School District. The identified stakeholders will include parents, community members, retired citizens, business leaders, teachers, support staff, and students.

We invite you to attend our meeting on Thursday, October 26th, at the Elwood School Gymnasium. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please be prepared to share your brief comments on the following:

- a. **Identify challenges that may impact the district in the next three to five years.**
- b. **Identify the knowledge and skills a student should possess as a graduate of this school district.**
- c. **What more can the district do to attract students/families to the area to grow enrollment?**
- d. **How can the Board/District improve communication to inform patrons of the district's needs and priorities?**

We look forward to working with you on this initiative. Please contact us at the following email: feedback@elwoodpirates.org to confirm your availability and/or interest in participating. We look forward to working collaboratively with you as we embark upon this most exciting endeavor to assist in shaping the future of Elwood Public School. Working together, we can strengthen our students' learning experience and success. On behalf of the students of our community, we appreciate your contribution to this and other school support initiatives.

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to participate.



Daren Hatch
Superintendent



Jeff Moore
President, Board of Education

"HOME OF THE PIRATES"