



GIANTS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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 Letter
From Our D19 Superintendent

Dear District 19 Community,

I would like to begin by expressing my deep appreciation to the entire District 19 community for your unwavering support and dedication to the success of our schools. The collaboration between our devoted educators, parents, and enthusiastic students has resulted in a vibrant and dynamic learning environment.

In the year 2023, we achieved significant milestones in our pursuit of excellence, particularly in receiving exemplary and commendable state designations. Our students have demonstrated remarkable accomplishments both inside the classroom and through their involvement in extracurricular activities. Their talents and dedication have made us all immensely proud to be a part of the Alden-Hebron School District.

However, as we embark on a new year, we anticipate new challenges and opportunities. Our primary focus remains unwavering in providing the best possible education for our students. We are committed to fostering an environment that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning.

In the upcoming months, we will closely collaborate with educators, parents, and community stakeholders to enhance our curriculum, implement innovative teaching strategies, and ensure the safety and supportiveness of our schools for all students. Additionally, we will continue investing in professional development for our teachers, equipping them with the latest tools and methodologies to inspire and guide our students towards success.

Our partnership with the community is crucial to the ongoing success of our schools. I strongly encourage you to actively engage in your child's education, attend school events, and provide valuable feedback. Your input is invaluable, and together, we can create an educational experience that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I eagerly anticipate celebrating the successes, both big and small, that will undoubtedly arise in the coming months. I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a prosperous and fulfilling new year.



With Giants Pride,
Tiffany Elswick
Superintendent

STRATEGIC PLAN

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Student Success

Foster a dynamic learning environment where every student reaches their full potential, develops essential life skills, and achieves academic excellence.



Effective and Engaged Staff

Cultivate a work culture where our employees are empowered, motivated, and dedicated to achieving our District's mission and vision.



Culture, Climate, Community

Build a culture that reflects our shared values, fosters inclusivity, and nurtures a sense of belonging within our District's community.



Financials and Facilities

Be responsible stewards of our financial resources and provide well-maintained, safe, and conducive facilities that support the educational mission of our district.



Closing

An ongoing process that requires dedication, collaboration, and a commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students

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2023 SUMMATIVE DESIGNATION

Building
Our Future.
Together.



AH Elementary School **Commendable School**

- Overall performance not in the top 10% of all schools
- Must have no targeted student groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5% of schools
- High schools must have a graduation rate higher than 67%



AH Middle School **Exemplary School**

- Overall performance in the top 10% of all schools
- Must have no targeted student groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5% of schools
- High schools must have a graduation rate higher than 67%



AH High School **Commendable School**

- Overall performance not in the top 10% of all schools
- Must have no targeted student groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5% of schools
- High schools must have a graduation rate higher than 67%

D19 thanks the teachers & staff for
their hard work and dedication.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

"SMALL SCHOOL,



GIANT DREAMS!"

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I can't believe the year is halfway over already! Year 3 of our "Small School, Giant Dreams" journey has been going fantastic! Our motto this year is "Level Up," and our staff has risen to the challenge. We have been zeroing in on data and working toward putting an individual plan in place for every single student in our building. For example, in addition to our intervention time which we call W.I.N (What I Need), we also have "My Time" for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. During our half hour "My Time" we group the kids based on their IAR data and provide small group instruction at their level. It's an "all hands on deck" type approach where we can isolate the skills at the exact level each child needs. I am very proud of the work our staff is putting in to ensure that each child in our building gets exactly what they need to improve academically.

We have also had several fun events for our families and are planning many more in the near future. The elementary PTO has hosted a "Trunk or Treat" event, Sweets with Santa, and are planning a bingo event in January and a "Daddy/Daughter Dance" in March. There is always something fun to look forward to at the elementary! We are also very proud of our Veteran's Day program, NED show assembly, and the money we have raised for "Project Playground." We have a generous community and so many people who we can count on when we need it. We hope to gather the remainder needed in donations to have an all new blacktop at the elementary this summer!

Lastly, I want to thank YOU. If you are a parent, I want to thank you for the countless hours you put in supporting your students and our school. If you are a grandparent or relative, I want to thank you as well, as many of us count on that support and love when we need it. If you are a community member, I want to thank you for spreading the word about supporting our children and our schools. These kids are the most important members of our community, and I take pride in the responsibility of keeping them safe, happy, and educated. Thank you for your support as it truly means the world to me! Let's have an amazing 2024!



Love,
Mr. Slocum
"Small School, Giant Dreams!"
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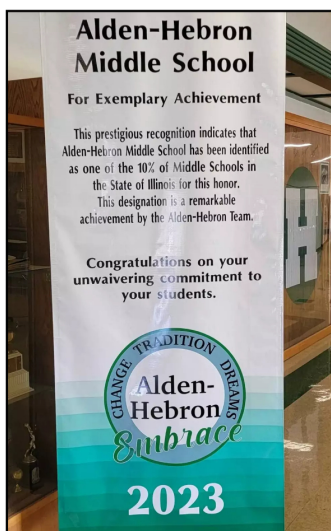
Alden-Hebron High School/Middle School



News

Dear Alden-Hebron Community,

We have had an exciting first half of the school year. Our students and teachers have been working very hard in all facets of education. The Middle School has been acknowledged as an "Exemplary" school in the state. This is a great honor and shows the dedication and hard work our students and staff have.



The staff has already started to have discussions on what the next steps are to maintain and improve the educational experience for all of our students. Our students have stepped up and shown solid growth in their I-Ready diagnostics. The addition of enrichment classes this year has been a highlight for staff and students. Watching our students learn new skills in these classes has been a lot of fun. Thank you to the teachers for stepping up and making enrichment classes so impactful.

The High School has been a busy place as well. Many of our students participate in athletics and they have shown great determination this year. Ben Vole received All-State Honors in football. We are very proud of Ben and his accomplishments.



Our students and teachers have been working hard to have a GREAT year. The staff has been looking at the state data reports and identifying what the next steps are moving forward. We will be beginning SAT prep in most of our classes in the 2nd semester. We believe this will help our students prepare for some of the state tests. All of the teachers have been working hard to make sure their classes are helping the students' overall performance. Staff is also looking at what classes can be added for the next school year. Some of the classes include dual credit business classes, Horticulture, and Honors English. More news will come in the spring about the final details.

I would like to thank everyone for the support you continue to show our School District 19. Every day I come to work I feel blessed to be the principal and a member of the Alden-Hebron community.



Sincerely,
Aaron T. Butler, Principal

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D19 Hosts Annual Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony

HEBRON, IL-On November 8th, Alden-Hebron District 19 honored local and national veterans who have proudly served our nation during this year's Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony.

The program included an honor guard, live music from Navy Band Great Lakes, and keynote speaker, retired U.S. Lieutenant Colonel Jack H. Achs.



District 19 students and staff paid gratitude and showed thanks to our local Veterans with a luncheon followed by a Veterans Day program that all of our students attended.



DISTRICT 19



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Board
of Education

D19 BOARD OF EDUCATION

UPCOMING BOE MEETING DATES & TIMES

*January 17	7:00pm
*February 14	7:00pm
March 6	7:00pm
*March 20	7:00pm
*April 17	7:00pm

***All meetings to be held in the MS/HS Auditorium.

YOUR D19 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

- Penny Smith, President
- Ken Winkelman, Vice President
- Andy Madsen, Secretary
- Brandon Berg, Board Member
- Johnny Eskridge, Board Member
- Kate Johnson, Board Member
- Matt Misiek, Board Member
- Tiffany Elswick, Superintendent



CONNECT with District 19

Communication is an essential component to the mission of Alden-Hebron School District 19 and the School Board.

WAYS TO CONNECT:

- Newsletters
- Website
- Facebook
- Twitter
- SchoolReach
- PowerSchool App
- Google Calendar

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TOGETHER.



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District 19 School Board

The District 19 Board of Education is dedicated to supporting the district's vision of "Success for Every Student." As an elected school board, we are also committed to engaging with our community in a clear and consistent way.

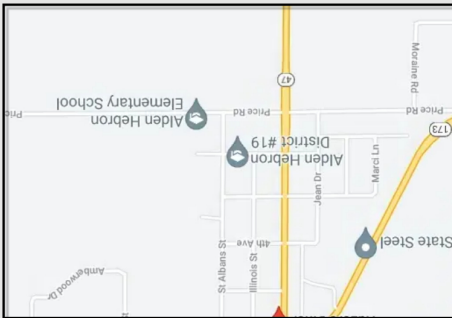
CHECK OUT THESE LINKS ON THE BOE PAGE
ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

- POLICY MANUAL
- MEETING DATES
- MEETING RULES
- AGENDAS/MINUTES
- DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2023-24 DISTRICT 19 FACULTY & STAFF



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Our Mission Statement
Alden-Hebron School District 19, in partnership with our community, will educate and inspire our students to reach their individual potential enabling them to be responsible members of society.



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