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## **Superintendent Report**

## January 2025

## **Tiger Tots Childcare Project:**

The Childcare Project continues to move forward. The former storage building on the Elementary campus was removed during the first days of January. The application for a building permit was approved by the Benkelman Zoning Committee and now will be on the agenda for the regular Benkelman City Council meeting on Monday, 01/20/2025. The Communities 4 Kids group held a meeting on Thursday, 01/09/2025 that addressed several items in the organization of the childcare facility as well as its licensure. The deadline for submitting bids for the facility construction was Friday, 01/10/2025 so there will be a meeting this week to go over where those numbers came in at. There are a lot of things in motion as we move forward. I will travel to Cambridge tomorrow (Tuesday, 01/14/2025) to visit the program they have operating currently that closely resembles what we are proposing to have.

### ESU #15/16 Board Member Workshop:

The annual ESU #15 & 16 Board Member Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, 01/15/2025 in North Platte, NE (North Platte High School). I plan on departing from the Jr./Sr. High School at 1:45 p.m. (M.S.T.). The following board members are registered to attend (Jennifer Fries, Nick Ladenburger and Shad Stamm).

## **Job Opening(s):**

There have been some applications received for the 2025-2026 position opening(s). I have offered interviews for a couple applicants and am waiting for responses to set those up.

#### Title IX:

A U.S. District Court in Kentucky has recently vacated the Title IX regulations that had been put into place in 2024. This decision means that the regulations that are now in force are what were passed in 2020. There will be updated policies that will now be coming out in the near future that will require board adoption. Along with that update, new staff training will have to be implemented in order to comply with the 2020 regulations along with any updates that may be enacted with the new administration.

#### **Superintendent Leave (2024-2025):**

Mr. Alan D. Garey Superintendent 308.423.2738 alan.garey@dcstigers.org Mrs. Sandy O'Neil Jr. High/High School Principal 308.423.2738 soneil@destigers.org Mr. Kris Freeland Elementary Principal 308.423.2216 kfreeland@dcstigers.org

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Work Day(s): 134 days available

Sick Leave: 10 days available (04 days used) = 06 days remaining

Vacation Leave: 15 days available (03 days used) = 13 days remaining

\*current as of 01/13/2025

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