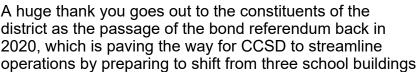


Mid Year Edition 2021-22

It's a true pleasure to be a servant leader in the Clinton Community School District. We are blessed to have wonderful students, outstanding educators, a devoted Board of Education, and a community that emanates Cougar Pride. The devotion and pride in our educational system is front and center as constituents and visitors alike express their amazement in the renovations and additions taking place at two of our buildings.





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to two. Earlier this year, we shifted grades 7 and 8 to join grades 9-12 at what is now referred to as Clinton Junior/Senior High School. The existing middle school houses only grades 5 and 6 as significant renovations began around Thanksgiving and will last throughout the school year and into summer. The old high school, now middle school, will soon be Clinton Elementary School. It will house grades 4K-6 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Construction is wrapping up at the Junior/Senior High School where additions to the Agriculture, Technical Education, and Physical Education spaces have drastically improved the educational environment for our students. Renovations in multiple other classrooms also occurred and we are finally seeing the last of our new furniture arrive as the supply-chain issue plaguing the country impacted our abilities to procure certain items. The additions, renovations and capital improvements in the Junior/Senior High School were on schedule and under budget. With historic low interest rates, taxpayers will be saving over \$14 million dollars in interest costs over what was projected. These low rates will also shorten the repayment time on the loans by six years.

Achieving educational excellence, and exercising responsible financial stewardship, is a priority. I'm extremely proud to have overseen a budget operating in the black for the past five years. The vast majority of the budgetary savings has been placed into Fund 46 which is geared towards capital improvements to ensure that our buildings and grounds get the priority needed to remain viable for generations to come. As a District, we have worked vigorously to be as fiscally prudent as possible, while continuing to provide an enriching educational experience for our students.

District residents know – and numerous studies demonstrate – that quality public schools have a positive impact on local communities. It's apparent that strong schools equal strong communities. Thank you for your continued support and Go Cougars!



Mrs. Sheri Mullooly School Board President shmullooly@clintonwis.com

A Message from your School Board President,

Mrs. Sheri Mullooly

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the 2021-2022 school year. Back in August, we were hopeful to have a school year that could sustain face-to-face instruction. I am so pleased that this has been the case. I cannot thank the nursing staff, custodians, office personnel, food service, transportation, teachers, paraprofessionals, administration, and families enough for the continued efforts to make this happen.

The board has also continued to work on our goal of increasing communication district-wide. Some of the additions include: a weekly board message to staff, short introductory videos of new staff, videos to spotlight groups throughout the district, increased communication on social media outlets, weekly newsletters by each principal, and we recently held a staff/board linkage meeting where staff could have face-to-face conversations with board members

about district initiatives. In addition, this initiative is on all meeting agendas to ensure we keep it at the forefront of our decision-making. One area we still feel needs attention is increasing communication with our student body. We have brainstormed different ideas and are working on various possibilities.

Another priority for us this year is transitioning from three buildings down to two. Words cannot truly explain how fortunate we are to have Gary Gilbank on our school board. His knowledge and expertise have been instrumental in helping make sound decisions during the referendum process. I am confident that the final renovations will be even better than we anticipated. We have also continued meeting with the CCSD Steering Committee. This provides an opportunity for board members, administration, and staff to discuss what is working well with the transition and what areas are of concern. As a board member, this collaboration has been one of the highlights for me, and I hope it continues for years to come.

This time of year offers a perfect opportunity to look back and celebrate the successes we have had and to refocus on what still needs to be accomplished. I am very grateful to be serving the Clinton Community School District and look forward to continuing to work with you all to provide the best educational experience possible.

Sincerely, Mrs. Sheri Mullooly CCSD Board President









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Calling All Veterans

The Jr./ Sr. High School is in the process of updating the Veteran display case. We are looking for the following information:

- 1. Name
- 2. Branch of Service
- 3. Years Served
- 4. If you were a Clinton graduate and what year

You may include a picture. Please mail to:

CCSD- Veterans Board P.O. Box 566 Clinton, WI 53525

Or email to: dekolanda@clintonwis.com



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Mr. Bryan Erskine Technology Director brerskine@clintonwis.com

Technology Director, Mr. Bryan Erskine

"You can't build a great building on a weak foundation. You must have a solid foundation if you're going to have a strong superstructure" (Gordon B. Hinkley) This quote can describe a physical building, however, it can also describe a family, a community, or a school district. As I think about this quote, I think about the Clinton Community and it brings to mind the old African proverb "Omwana ni wa bhone" or as most people know it, "It takes a village to raise a child." This sentiment is strong in our community, everyone is always looking out for one another and all of our children as a collective. In the end, it's always apparent that no matter the opinion, this community's primary focus is always centered around what's best for our children. I'm proud to be a member of this community and equally proud to have my own children being raised in such a strong and caring environment.

I'm also proud to be a part of this referendum project as it's building a strong foundation for our school district and community moving forward. Though we are reducing from three buildings down to only two, we are actually increasing our total square footage. With all of the wonderful additions that are being

added, we will have more square footage for our students in two buildings than we had with three. This will better support our students academic success and better provide our students with the opportunities they deserve.

Along with the new physical additions we are continuing to upgrade our technologies to support student growth and learning as well. We have upgraded our old Multimode Fiber infrastructure which got us about 500 Mbps to a Single-Mode Fiber infrastructure capable of 10 Gbps (10,240 Mbps) between closets. This will increase connection speeds for our staff and students and provide the district with a fiber backbone that should last for many years to come. The current Middle Schools ethernet cabling is also being replaced throughout the building upgrading to CAT6 cabling to increase speeds for our staff and student devices and wireless access points.

In partnership with the Buildings and Grounds department we have procured and installed HALO detection systems in the Junior-Senior High bathrooms. These state of the art devices were found and procured by Mr. Loomer and his team with the assistance of the Technology department who then helped with the technical specifications, installation, and configuration of these devices. These devices will help in maintaining the safety of our students and staff in a number of ways. First, is the ability to sense and report levels of Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Air Quality, Temperature, and TVOC detection. The ranges for each have been configured into the device and should any of our bathrooms exceed the normal operating ranges an alert will be instantly sent to designated staff in order to investigate immediately. Second is the aggression and tamper detection. If a device is opened up, disconnected, or tampered with in a number of other ways an alarm goes off notifying any who would be attempting to tamper with the device while simultaneously alerting designated staff. The aggression detection system will alert staff when there is a fight, call for help, or loud mischief occurring in the bathrooms. Lastly, is the ability to detect Vaping, Vape masking, THC, and Tobacco usage within the bathrooms. Should any of these occur an alert is sent directly to designated staff.

The Technology department also assisted the Building and Grounds department in the installation of another Raptor System up at the Junior-Senior High. It matches the one we've been using at the Elementary School for almost four years. This device allows the front desk to scan the drivers license of any and all visitors to perform a quick search through all 50 states sex offender registries. Visitors will then get a sticker printed with their picture and destination to go on their chest allowing staff and students to challenge those who may not be in their intended destination. This system has been and will continue to keep our students and staff safe.



Mrs. Sarah Duncan Business Manager saduncan@clintonwis.com

Director of Business Services, Mrs. Sarah Duncan

Following a two year decrease in property taxes, community members this year saw an increase in their property tax bills. The mill rate for 2021-22 was set at \$12.50 which was an increase from \$9.81 in 2020-21. This increase is due to the community's support of the District in passing two referendum questions in November 2020. During the referendum process it was projected and communicated that, if both questions passed, there would be an increase of \$3.81 to the mill rate. Partially due to favorable interest rates, the actual increase to the mill rate was \$2.69. While this is still a large increase, the District is pleased that it is less than what was expected and communicated. \$12.50 is very close to the District's historic mill rate of \$12.24.

The District is so appreciative of the amazing support by the community in passing the \$32 million facilities referendum. That referendum is allowing the District to make much needed renovations and improvements to what will soon be the Jr/Sr High School and Elementary School buildings. The additions and

renovations are currently on time and under budget. Because the District was able to finance the project during a time of historically low interest rates, there will be over \$14 million saved in interest over the life of the borrowing period. Those low interest rates will also shorten what was projected to be a 26 year repayment period to 20 years, six years less debt payments! The District is working hard to ensure that the funds provided are being used in the most effective ways possible to improve the educational environment for students both now and in the future.





Mr. Ben Simmons Elementary School Principal besimmons@clintonwis.com

Clinton Elementary School Principal, Mr. Ben Simmons

New Era Set to Begin for CES

Just over 45 years ago, an addition was made to Clinton High School located at 115 Milwaukee Road. It included an auxiliary gymnasium, music and art rooms, and updated technology education labs. That same building is now undergoing a new construction phase and is set to become the new site of Clinton Elementary School in the 2022-2023 school year.

How exciting it must have been in 1976, for both staff and students, to witness the construction taking place to improve upon the current school facilities. The anticipation during the construction process was probably similar to what Clinton Community School District staff is feeling today. When the construction process is all done, Clinton Elementary School will consist of the following:

- 30 traditional classrooms for 4K-6th
- Seven additional learning spaces for our special needs, English language learners, and advanced learner populations
- An art classroom almost twice the size of our current art classroom
- Large music/band room
- Library Media Center more than twice the size of our current Library Media Center
- Commons/lunch area big enough to accommodate up to 180 students at one time

Although this is an exciting new era for Clinton Elementary School becoming a 4K-6th grade building, we must not forget that challenges remain for us. It's important we close any learning gaps that may have emerged due to the disruption of traditional school that has occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new and renovated facilities will give students a more modernized learning environment and our staff will continue to work hard to give high quality instruction to all groups of students.





Mr. Tyree Gamble CHS Dean of Students & Athletic Director tygamble@clintonwis.com

CJSH A.D. and Dean of Students, Mr. Tyree Gamble

Wow! It's hard to believe that we're already in the second semester of the school year, and before we know it the winter months will be behind us. However, I will say that spring is one of my favorite seasons of the year! I enjoy the change in weather as it begins to warm up and we start to enjoy outside activities such as baseball, softball, golf, and many more.

With that being said, here's a quick summary of everything that has taken place this year! First, football had a fun fall season where they finished with a record of 5-4, (2 losses coming via forfeit) and they just missed out on the playoffs. Volleyball had a fun fall because they were able to open up play on the new gym floor. If you haven't had a chance to see it, it looks great! Girls golf played well this fall, but ultimately just missed out on advancing to the sectional. Lastly, cross country had numerous runners qualify for the state cross country meet!

After fall, we moved right into our basketball and wrestling seasons. Our boys basketball team started the season with a bang as well. They snapped a long-standing losing streak dating back a couple of years and have won a few games since then. Our girls basketball team has been putting up a lot of points this winter with some hot shooting from a plethora of shooters. Finally, wrestling has been doing well, too! For the first time in our history, we have four girls advancing to the state tournament! At one point in the season, all four girls were ranked highly in the state.

Another highlight from this school year includes the opening of the new auxiliary gym just a few weeks ago, and it turned out fantastic! The middle school girls basketball teams have been able to break in the new space with numerous games. One of our own girls scored the first points in the new gym.

Important reminders:

Some important start dates to keep in mind as we continue to march towards spring.

- Track– March 7th
- Middle School Track– April 4th
- Softball– March 14th
- Baseball– March 21st-

(Pitchers and Catchers report- March 14th)

Soccer– March 21st

Important reminders:

All student-athletes must have all their paperwork and fees paid before they will be allowed to compete. Paperwork can be completed online. Please visit the athletic webpage: <u>Becougarproud.com</u> in order to access the online registration paperwork. You can also turn documents into Mrs. Cary in the athletic office. The athletic office needs to clear you, before you are able to participate.

A quick checklist of the items needed in order to participate are as follows:

- 1. Clinton High School acknowledgement of codes and policies form
- 2. Medical Emergency Card
- 3. Physical Card or Alternate Year Card
- 4. WIAA Participation Form
- 5. \$25 Participation Fee

I look forward to finishing the 2021-2022 school year strong here at Clinton Junior Senior High!

#BECOUGARPROUD

Mr. Tyree Gamble Athletic Director/ Dean of Students Clinton Junior/ Senior High



Mrs. Erika Stewart Jr./Sr. High School Principal erstewart@clintonwis.com

Clinton Junior/ Senior High School Principal, Mrs. Erika Stewart

What an exciting start to the 2021-2022 school year at Clinton Junior/Senior High School (CJSH). The new auxiliary gym is beautiful and has been buzzing with spirit since the junior high girl's basketball teams helped us celebrate the grand opening this January! If you haven't made it out to an event yet, we welcome you to join us and cheer on our Cougars! The expansion of the Career and Tech Education area has positively impacted student learning by providing space to build motorized scooters in small engines class, weld shop tables and other large projects in our welding classes, and examine small animals in our vet science class. Thank you to the community for your support with our building improvements!

With the building improvements and the transition of seventh and eighth grade students up to the junior/senior high, our focus at CJSH this year has been to establish a strong 7-12 community. While building community and culture

takes time, the supportive staff and administration at CJSH has facilitated a smooth transition towards the 7-12 culture and community that we desire.



CJSH staff and students are working hard to establish new traditions, while maintaining old favorites, in our new 7-12 community. Student leadership groups such as Student Council, FFA, and DECA are collaboratively working with all 7th through 12th grade students to develop stronger programs that are inclusive to all students in our building. DECA recently sent twelve students to a local district competition where they competed in a multitude of events. Of the 12 CJSH students, five of them came back with hardware to

show their hard work. The dedication displayed by these upperclassmen has really encouraged junior high students to get involved with extracurricular activities at a younger age, bolstering an already strong program. Our student council has included all grade levels in spirit competitions during spirit weeks. Students have worked in multi-grade teams to problem solve and gain points during spirit competitions. It's great to see all of our students working together! Recently, CJSH staff and junior and senior students embarked on a mission of establishing a mentor program with our seventh and eighth grade students. Several upperclassmen have been paired up with younger students to build positive relationships and serve as a mentor helping them with schoolwork, friend issues, and other struggles students may experience. Mr. Gamble, our Dean of Students, and our counseling staff have assisted our mentors and helped to work out a schedule and answer questions they may have. After speaking with students involved in this opportunity, it's clear that a strong student culture is being built.

When we talk about what makes for a vibrant school community at CJSH, it's about the abundant academic and Career and Tech Education opportunities that allow students to explore and prepare for rewarding future careers. In sports and extracurricular activities that are both challenging and rewarding, and in a supportive environment in which students can develop socially and form rich and lasting friendships. With the additions and updates to our school facilities, the inclusion of the seventh and eighth graders and the creation of a new Clinton Junior-Senior High School, we look forward to the expansion of academic and extracurricular opportunities. We're now, more than ever, the inclusive and vibrant school that our students and community deserve. At CJSH, we are looking forward to a great spring semester, and we hope that you will join us at one of our many spring events. I look forward to seeing everyone!



Mrs. Janae Gile

Director of Academics & Innovation and Middle School Principal

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Director of Academics and Innovation and Middle School Principal , Mrs. Janae Gile

What an exciting time to be a CCSD employee! Between the approved referendum dollars and ESSER fund availability, we not only have visible renovations to the Clinton Jr./Sr. High building being completed but the additions and renovations on the future 4K-6 building rolling right along, too. It's even more exciting to me that we are looking at updating our curriculum resources and training opportunities inside our walls as well!

ESSER Funds

Clinton Community School District will benefit greatly from the ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief) funds which are part of the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). The money is to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.

Funds can be spent in five areas:

- Preparedness and Response to COVID-19
- Mental Health Services and Supports
- Educational Technology
- Addressing Long-Term School Closure
- Addressing Afterschool and Summer Learning

The district has sought staff input on items that would be impactful to students within their classrooms as well as addressing any continued building and grounds possibilities. Focusing on updating our curriculums and resources utilized within 4K-12th grade as well as in-



creasing opportunities for professional development for staff are some of the main areas that we are focusing on at CCSD. The district seeks community input for the upcoming months as well.

Curriculum Updates

State standards are reviewed and updated on a rotating basis. CCSD is moving towards a model where each curricular area is reviewed on a similarly scheduled rotating basis. This work began a couple years ago, but COVID took our focus off of that and placed it onto instructional models and technologies instead. As we are getting back to that focused work, staff have been diligently reviewing curriculums and resources. Our plan to utilize ESSER funds to increase and update our resources also applies to some larger textbook adoptions as well. Grade levels and/or departments are also looking at adding to their supplemental resource materials and identifying training needs as well which will be a big step towards increasing achievement and instructional levels.

Mr. Brandon Loomer Director of Buildings and Grounds brloomer@clintonwis.com

Hello Clinton Community! I'm very excited to report to this great community that the referendum projects at the newly renovated Clinton Junior-Senior High School are now complete! Our partnerships with JPCullen & EUA have truly been a blessing to our district. Our district's Core Team



members have built outstanding working relationships with these two companies. We hit our planned occupancy date, and as a team, made sure sched-

Director of Facilities, Grounds & Safety, Mr.Brandon Loomer

ules and deadlines were met throughout the process. The renovations and enhancements to our TechEd areas and Auxiliary Gym really turned out fantastic. When you're in the area, I encourage you to check them out.

Now that we're in 2022, the 4K-6 construction project at the (soon-to-be) Clinton Elementary is full steam ahead. The construction crews are working at a feverish pace, and we appreciate the double shifts they're pulling. They're trying to get us into our building by the end of August 2022, if not a couple weeks sooner.. As a Core Team, we have worked tirelessly to stretch this budget as far as possible. We worked hard not to leave any stone unturned. Due to initial budget constraints, we didn't think we would be able to get some items, but we did! Here are a few:

- New tile throughout all the corridors
- A corridor on the east side of the school that will now connect our rear metal building to our main building at the end of our projected 3rd grade hallway
- New desks and furniture for all the students and staff
- New back gym flooring
- Refinished front gym floor
- Both gyms, as well as the musical stage, were painted

You'll love the finished product, which gives students a great learning environment for years to come. Below are a few of my favorite photos as well as our phasing schedule, which shows the projected dates certain areas will be under construction.





Mr. Matthew Huettl Director of Pupil Services mahuettl@clintonwis.com

Director of Pupil Services, Mr. Matthew Huettl

We are about half of the way through the 2021-2022 school year! As a district, we have high expectations to engage the children who attend our schools. As a parent, grandparent, or community member, I know you have many hopes and dreams for the children in this district to be successful in school and beyond.

To ensure those hopes and dreams are realized, we as a district are making a committed effort that children who attend CCSD attend school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to higher student achievement and post-graduation outcomes.

Attending school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in four-year-old kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and become more independent, families and the community play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

A recent review of student attendance data by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction shows that regular school attendance is essential to successful learning, Department of Education (2022):

- Every day counts. Even missing school 10% of the time has a significant impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th-grade test scores.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students with good attendance performed better in math and reading. Children who had good attendance in Kindergarten through second grade were more than twice as likely to score proficient on state math tests by the time they reached eighth grade as their peers who missed more school. In reading, there were similar results.
- Good attendance starts early. Research has shown that the attendance habits established Kindergarten through second grade have lasting effects on students throughout their education: children with high attendance in the early grades continue to have good attendance, and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have low attendance—and lower academic performance—throughout their elementary and middle school years.

Please reach out if you have any questions and thank you for your assistance in helping all of our children succeed.

Mr. Matthew P. Huettl Director of Student Services Clinton Community School District P.O. Box 566, 112 Milwaukee Rd. Clinton, WI 53525 PRSRT STD ECRWSS U.S. POSTAGE PAID EDDM Retail



Varsity Girls Softball (Home)

3/25 vs. East Troy High School 5:00 p.m.
3/31 vs. Edgerton High School 5:00 p.m.
4/7 vs. Jefferson High School 5:00 p.m.
4/11 vs. Cambridge High School 5:00 p.m.
4/19 vs. Big Foot High School 5:00 p.m.
4/23 vs. Turner High School 10:00 a.m.
4/26 vs. Brodhead High School 5:00 p.m.
5/3 vs. Whitewater High School 5:00 p.m.
5/10 vs. McFarland High School 5:00 p.m.
5/12 vs. Evansville High School 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Boys Baseball (Home)

4/1 vs. East Troy High School 4:45 p.m.
4/14 vs. Evansville High School 4:45 p.m.
4/15 vs. Turner High School 4:45 p.m.
4/18 vs. Delavan-Darien High School 4:45 p.m.
4/21 vs. McFarland High School 4:45 p.m.
4/28 vs. Jefferson High School 4:45 p.m.
5/3 vs. Big Foot High School 4:45 p.m.
5/9 vs. Edgerton High School 4:45 p.m.
5/12 vs. Whitewater High School 4:45 p.m.
5/14 vs. Multiple Opponents 10:00 a.m.
5/16 vs. Faith Christian High School 4:45 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer

4/7 vs. McFarland High School 6:45 p.m.
4/11 vs. Delavan-Darien High School 6:45 p.m.
4/14 @ Whitewater/Palmyra- Eagle 6:45 p.m.
4/21 vs. Evansville High School 6:45 p.m.
4/28 @ Edgerton High School 6:45 p.m.
5/2 @ East Troy High School 4:45 p.m.
5/5 vs. Jefferson High School 6:45 p.m.
5/9 vs. Big Foot/ Williams Bay High School 6:45 p.m.
5/24 vs. Burlington Area School District 6:45 p.m.

Varsity Track

4/2 @ Home 11:00 a.m.
4/5 @ Turner High School 4:30 p.m.
4/8 @ Elkhorn High School 4:00 p.m.
4/12 @ Brodhead High School 4:30 p.m.
4/19 @ Home 4:30 p.m.
4/22 @ Brodhead High School 4:00 p.m.
4/26 @ East Troy High School 4:30 p.m.
4/29 @ Janesville Craig High School 4:00 p.m.
4/30 @ Palmyra- Eagle High School 10:30 a.m.
5/6 @ Turner High School 4:30 p.m.
5/10 @ Campbellsport High School 4:00 p.m.
5/17 @ Edgerton High School 4:00 p.m.
5/19 @ Evansville High School 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Boys Golf

4/19 @ Yahara Hills Golf Course 3:30 p.m.
4/21 @ Willowbrook Golf Course 3:30 p.m.
4/25 @ Evansville Golf Course 3:30 p.m.
4/28 @ Abbey Springs Golf Course 3:30 p.m.
5/3 @ Glen Erin Golf Club 3:30 p.m.
5/12 @ Evergreen Golf Club 12:00 p.m.
5/18 @ Riverside Golf Course 9:00 a.m.



We would like to give a big thanks to the Clinton Booster Club for all the support they show our school and community!

- Are you looking for a way to support the Booster club?
- The Booster Club typically meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month @7:00pm at Cougar Lanes.
- Any individual or business who is interested in supporting the Clinton Booster Club can purchase a sponsorship to help support all Clinton programs!
- Be on the look out for the 2nd Annual Golf Outing coming this Spring!

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