



BOISTFORT SCHOOL DISTRICT #234

"Learn, Perform, Excel for a Better Tomorrow"

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Dear Boistfort Community members,

Boistfort has a long history of education, establishing the first school in the state in 1853. The students of Boistfort school have benefited from living in a community that values them and the benefits of a free public education. Receiving an education in a small school also affords our students benefit from personal attention. With this as our priority, the Board diligently works to ensure that the taxpayers' money is used in the wisest possible way to carry on the proud tradition of education in the valley.

Over the past decade, the board has discussed options to provide service to our high school population. The school funding formulas in this state are complicated and are based on larger districts with high schools. With no high school, we are required to pay tens of thousands of dollars each year, from our local levy money, to other high schools for each high school student. The lack of a high school and the requirement of these non-high payments increasingly reduces our ability to provide for our K - 8 students.

A solution appeared this summer. An online school that has been in operation for over a decade working out of another school district heard about our inquiries and offered to partner with our school to use their program as a high school opportunity. The deadline for the approval from the state to do this had passed, but OSPI allowed us to apply, as the deadline was within the previous week. We had to move quickly to get all the applications in, and now, just over a month later, we are approved and Boistfort once again has a high school.

What does this mean for parents? We are trying to minimize any changes that high school students and their parents will see. Our students will still be able to choice in to WF West and Adna. We plan to continue transporting high schoolers as we have in the past (although we have a continuing need for bus drivers). Our high school students will also be able to use the online school, if they desire.

What will this mean for our community? It means that Boistfort School will be able to continue our long history of striving to provide our kids with an excellent education. There will be high school students from all over the state who will be using our online High School, but they will not be attending here physically.

This is an amazing opportunity for us as a school and a community. As in many local communities, the school is a source of great pride, and we want to make sure we can keep our history of success going far into the future. We realize this was a big decision made quickly by the board, but we feel strongly that seizing this opportunity will yield benefits for years to come.

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If you have a desire to discuss this with a Boistfort School Board member, please feel free to contact any one of us.

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