

Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Blue Streak Community,

Welcome back! As we eagerly approach the start of a new school year, I am excited to share some amazing updates with you regarding our summer projects and preparations across our district.

Geothermal Project:

This summer, we embarked on a significant initiative to implement geothermal heating and cooling systems in our middle school and high school. This sustainable technology will ensure a more comfortable and energy-efficient environment for our students and staff.

New Road Infrastructure:

The new road by the elementary was designed to enhance traffic flow and ensure safer drop-off and pick-up zones, promoting a smoother start and end to the school day for everyone.

Security Enhancements:

Ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff is always our top priority. Over

the last two summers, we have invested in comprehensive security updates, including enhanced surveillance systems and controlled access points, to provide a secure learning environment for all. We have installed signage across the district to aid first responders and installed additional security panels at every building entrance that provide added security across the district.



Building Upgrades:

Our commitment to providing top-notch facilities for learning and growing continues with

ongoing building upgrades. From revitalizing classrooms to updated classroom technology. As we look forward to welcoming students back for another successful academic year, these projects reflect our dedication to continuously enhancing the educational experience within our district. We are excited about the opportunities these improvements will bring and remain committed to fostering a

School begins for students on **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024**. The Ida Public Schools Board of Education, faculty, and staff would like to welcome everyone back, as we begin another exciting year.

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supportive and enriching environment for every student. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in our mission to provide excellence in education.

Together, we can make this upcoming school year one of growth, achievement, and success for all.

Warm regards,
David Eack
Superintendent



Ida Public Schools Strategic Plan 2024-2029



SUMMARY

Our Mission

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

Our Vision

Ida Public Schools is the place where students successfully grow, learn, and develop.

Our Belief Statements

- All students can learn
- The learning process and mastery of learning is unique to each individual student
- Community is essential to educating the whole child
- Quality education is essential to future success

Strategic Goal Categories

Academics, Programs,
and Initiatives

Family, Partner, and
Community Engagement

Positive Climate and
Culture

Finances, Operations,
and Facilities

Personnel and
Leadership

Food Service

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Once again this year, **every student is eligible for one free breakfast and one free lunch. Anything beyond that will need to be paid for.**

Breakfast will be served in each building

- Students will go directly to their building cafeteria to eat.

Lunch

- Ala Carte will be available, as usual in the Middle and High school during lunch times.
- If your child packs his/her lunch, milk will be offered for .50.

If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the participant from eating the regular school meals, we will make reasonable substitutions to the meals for students who are considered to have a disability or medical need that restricts their diet. **This is done on a case-by-case basis.**

A doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school. The Dietary/Allergy form may be obtained on the school website, in the school front office, or the Food service dept.

We will provide building lunch menus as usual. These can be found on the school website under the specified building. Elementary breakfast menu will also be provided.

There is a Nationwide food chain supply issue. There may be menu changes that are out of our control, due to product shortages. Please be patient as we will do our best to provide the best for our students... which is a yummy and healthy meal. We look forward to a great school year here at Ida Public Schools!

If you have any questions please call Pam Oberski, Food Service Director 734-269-9003 ext.3510 or email Pam at oberski@idaschools.org.

Don't Scrap the App!

We still need your household to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application that will be arriving in the school packets. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc. These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology
- **Numerous fee waivers for high school students (Please see your counselor for more information)**

We are asking that you please complete and submit it as soon as possible to ensure that additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application submitted is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the application, our school cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

Ida Public Schools
Family Open House
4 pm-6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 27th
Meet your teachers,
find your classes,
see your friends!

**YOU'RE
INVITED**



We are HIRING!

Bus Drivers: Full time or substitutes

- *No CDL necessary to apply - we pay to train!
- *CDL reimbursement
- *Paid holidays and sick time
- *Apply on-line or complete a paper copy



FACILITIES **IMPROVEMENTS**



The new road to the elementary is under construction!

The bus lot has been in need of improvements (paving) for some time. We were able to use the gravel that was in the bus lot to be the base for the new road, saving the district money on purchasing all new gravel.



Pictured left, equipment used to drill wells that will be used as part of the heating and cooling aspects of the new geothermal system. There are 131 wells, each 300 ft deep, located in this field. This will allow the middle and high school to maintain a consistent mid-70s temperature year round. Below, the bus yard is sporting new black top, a great improvement.



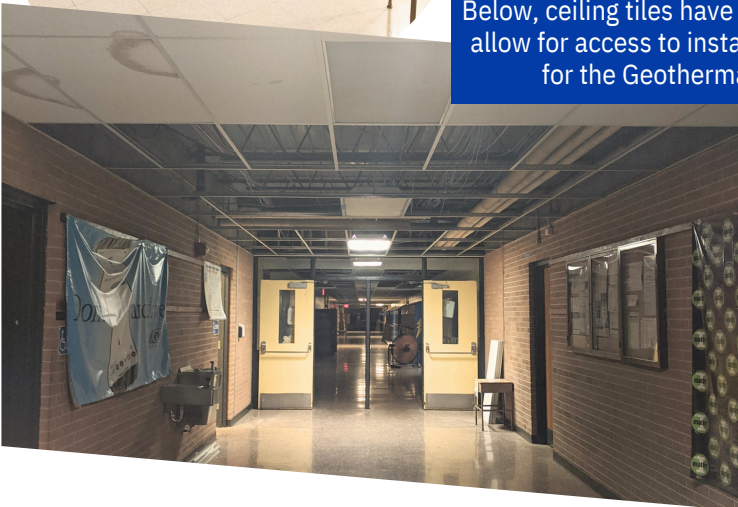
Thank you, Ida voters for approving our sinking fund!

We have been hard at work putting these funds to use making major facility improvements around campus. Geothermal heating and cooling are being installed in the Middle and High schools, and new access to campus off of Ida East is being constructed to serve Elementary School traffic.

Additionally, all buildings have received safety upgrades.



Right and left, materials staged in the high school cafeteria to install geothermal heating and cooling to all areas of the building. While gathering feed back for our strategic plan, improved temperature regulation in the buildings was the number one request of our students, and we are very grateful to the voters for passing the sinking fund to be able to make this request a reality. Below, ceiling tiles have been removed to allow for access to install new ductwork for the Geothermal system.



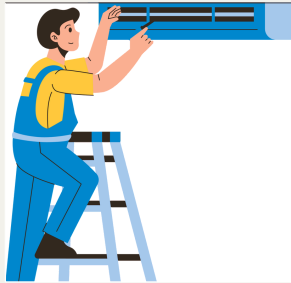
All buildings have received security upgrades, including security panels on outside doors, updated door numbering consistent with other schools in the county, and indoor and outdoor “pop out” reflective door labels to aid in first responder access.



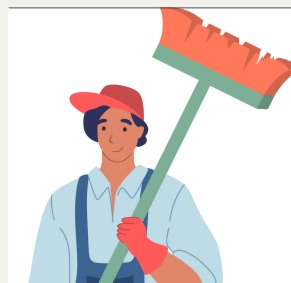
Welcome to *our new staff*



Anne Smith
Bus Driver



Gregory Pello
Grounds + Bus driver



Sarah Hovizi
Custodian



Teresa Clarke
6th Grade ELA

About me: Hello! My name is Teresa Clarke, and I'm thrilled to join the Bluestreak family! I'm originally from Dundee (please don't hold that against me!), but I am excited to start this new adventure in such an amazing community. My husband, Allen, our 7-year-old daughter Maddy, our 3-year-old son PJ, our cat, and our dog love going on adventures and spending time together. I also love to read, and I have a dream of becoming an author one day.

The best place I have visited: I absolutely love traveling, and my favorite trip so far was this past March when my mom, sister, daughter, and I spent an unforgettable week in Paris. We got to see a Taylor Swift concert and eat our weight in macaroons.

My favorite time of year: Fall is hands down my favorite season. Give me pumpkin spice everything, chilly weather, a good book, and a cozy sweater, and I'm in heaven.

About Me: I graduated with my Master's in School Counseling from the University of Akron, and have been in the counseling field for 7 years...can't believe I'm already on my 8th year! My hobbies include cuddling with my 2 yorkies, swimming, riding my bike outside, reading, and playing crossword/word puzzles. Wordle anyone?

The best place I have visited is the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. I am grateful for being able to take a "pause" with the busy-ness of our day to day lives in order to appreciate the beauty of the nature and mountains. Fills up my soul!

My favorite time of the year is winter! I love the Christmas music classics, twinkling lights, hot cocoa, and watching Hallmark Christmas movies (yes, I know they are cheesy - lol).



Alexa Young
Elementary Counselor



Danielle Miller
MS Resource Support

About Me: Hello, my name is Danielle Miller and I am excited to be joining Ida Public Schools! This fall will mark my 21st year of teaching special education in Monroe county. I grew up in Northern Michigan and hope to retire in northern Michigan someday. I went to college at Central Michigan University, and found a job in Monroe right after, then met my husband and started a family. My husband, Doug and I have three children, Maddy, Bre, and Dylan. Dylan will be joining me at Ida Middle School this fall as a 6th grader. In my free time I enjoy reading and cooking!

The best place I have visited is northern lower Michigan and the upper peninsula! While I love a good warm destination, the places here in Michigan are what I truly enjoy, and can visit more often.

I cannot pick a **favorite time of year**. Our family is active in all seasons, from boating, tubing, 4 wheeling, hunting, and snowmobiling. We look forward to each new season and the adventures that await us.

Mrs. Maddux taught 8th grade English at Ida Middle School last year, and is excited to be joining the High School English team this year.

About Me: I love spending time with family, reading, and watching movies. I attended Northern Michigan University for two years, but graduated from Wayne State University, where I also received my Masters.

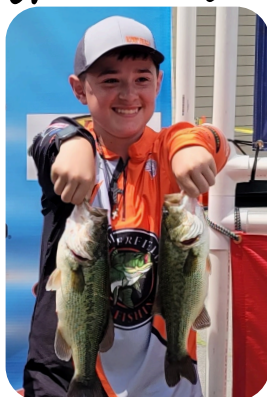
The best place I have visited: I enjoy the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where I was lucky to call home for seven years.

My favorite time of year is fall. The colder temperatures make me very happy, and I get to spend time with my family enjoying all the fall colors and scents.



Nicole Maddux
High School English

*Greetings from
Summer Vacation!*



This summer I have been fishing a lot! Both for fun and for a fishing team. I had the pleasure to go to Saginaw river, Devils Lake, and Detroit River so far. Sometimes I catch some fish, sometimes I don't. I just have fun. It's called fishing not catching.
--Jayden Nicholson, 8th Grade

This summer I went camping at Sleeping Bear Dunes with two friends and their families. We did a ton of activities. We swam, hiked the dunes, and even did a bike ride. We also went to a nearby town, Glen Arbor, and got souvenirs. I loved the trip and would do it again!

-- Isabelle Riley, 6th Grade





Ida Public Schools

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2024-2025 School Year Traffic Flow

Elementary: Pick up and drop off

All elementary parents are to utilize the new drive. The new drive will be one way only and consist of two lanes. Traffic is to enter from Ida East proceed to drop off/pick up point at the elementary and exit Ida Street.

Staff parking at the elementary: If you park from Ida Street to the north we ask that you enter on the new road. If you park in the small lot or south of Ida Street we ask that you enter from Ida Street or Firestone Drive.

There will be two sets of gates. One set of gates will be by the road (Ida East) and the other set of gates will be by the school. The gates at Ida East will be closed every day from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The gates by the school will be closed from 8:30 am to 2:55 pm.

Middle School and High School: Pick up and drop off

All middle school and high school traffic that is coming from the north on Lewis Avenue must use Ida Street to enter school grounds.

Any middle school and high school traffic coming from the south on Lewis must use Firestone Drive.

All middle and high school parents are to use the loop to drop off and pick up their student(s) in front of the school. No students are to be dropped off around the back of the shop or over by the high school band room.

High School Student Parking:

High school students coming from the north on Lewis are to come down Ida Street all the way to the elementary and then go to the left of the island then to student parking. They are to exit the same way.

High school students coming from the south on Lewis are to enter and exit school grounds through Firestone Drive.



2024-2025 School Calendar

August 2024

Tues. Aug. 27	Professional Development Day (8-3:30); Open House – ES 4:30-6:00 p.m., MS 4:30-6:00 p.m., HS 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug. 28	Professional Development Day (8-3:30)

September 2024

Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day – No School
Tues. Sept. 3	First Day for Students

October 2024

November 2024

Fri. Nov. 1	Professional Development Day (no students)
Fri. Nov. 1	End of 1st Marking Period
Mon. Nov. 25	½ day; K-4 P/T Conferences (1-3 and 5-8); 5th grade Conferences (1-4); 6th-8th grades and HS PD (1-4)
Tues. Nov. 26	½ day; K-4 P/T Conferences (1-4); M.S. and H.S. Conf (1-3 and 5-8)
Wed. Nov. 27	½ Day
Thurs/Fri. Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess – No School

December 2024

Sat., Dec. 21	County wide Winter Break
Sun., Jan. 5	

January 2025

Mon. Jan. 6	Classes Resume
Mon. Jan. 20	Professional Development Day (MLK Day) (no students)
Wed. Jan. 22	Exams Begin
Thur. Jan. 23	First Semester Exam – ½ day
Fri. Jan. 24	First Semester Exam – ½ day (90 Days with students, 94 teacher days)
Mon. Jan. 27	Second Semester Begins

February 2025

Mon., Feb. 17	Professional Development Day (Presidents' Day) (Online PD) (no students)
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March 2025

Fri. Mar. 21	End of 3rd Marking Period
Mon. Mar. 24-28	County wide Spring Break
Mon. Mar. 31	Classes Resume

April 2025

**Wed. Apr. 9	SAT 11, PSAT 8, all grades report to school
**Thur. Apr. 10	PSAT 9, PSAT 10, WorkKeys 11, all grades report to school
Fri. Apr. 18	Holiday/Good Friday

May 2025

Mon. May 26	Memorial Day - No School
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June 2025

Wed. June 4	Exams Begin
Thur. June 5	Second Semester Exams – ½ day
Fri. June 6	Second Semester Exams – ½ day
Fri. June 6	Students Last Day

Ida Public Schools Board of Education Meetings

At their Annual Organizational Meeting the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal Year 2025. Ten (10) of the twelve regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All Board meetings will begin at **6:00 p.m.** and will be held in the high school media center, unless the Board determines a more appropriate site is available.

July 15, 2024*	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting
August 12, 2024	Regular Business Meeting
September 9, 2024	Regular Business Meeting
October 14, 2024	Regular Business Meeting/Student Enrollment Certification
November 11, 2024	Annual Financial Meeting, including Budget Hearing
December 9, 2024	Regular Business Meeting
January 13, 2025	Regular Business Meeting/Second Annual Organizational Meeting/First Review of 2025-2026 Budget
February 10, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
March 10, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
April 14, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
May 12, 2025	Regular Business Meeting
June 23, 2025**	Regular Business Meeting/Uniform Budget Meeting/End of Fiscal Year
July 14, 2025	Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting

*3rd Monday of the month
**4th Monday of the month

The Ida Board of Education reserves the right to schedule Special Meetings, or to reschedule or cancel any of the Regular meeting(s) listed above, based on the needs of the school district. Please see website for updates.

Ida School District Mission Statement

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

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Elementary School: K – 4

269-3605 or Ext. 3501 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Principal: S. Maynard3500
Secretary: J. Wehner3501
Secretary: A. Akens3502
School Counselor: A. Young3521
Student Services Provider: D. Banker3520

Middle School: 5 – 8

269-2220 or Ext. 2502 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: L. Becker2500
Assistant Principal: A. Georgic2501
Secretary: T. Gagnet2502
Secretary: M. Hosler2503
School Counselor: J. Butz2504
School Counselor: B. Pawlak2514

High School: 9 - 12

269-3485 or Ext. 1502 Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: C. Fuller1500
Assistant Principal: P. Riley1501
Secretary: W. Hiteshaw1502
Secretary: R. Nowak1503
School Counselor: R. Daniels1506
School Counselor: C. Ryan1505

Central Office

269-3110 or Ext. 4002 Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Superintendent: D. Eack.....4000
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Transportation: C. Galloro4001
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Building & Grounds: B. Cherry4001

Business Office5002
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Food Service Director: P. Oberski3510
Technology Director: R. Kisonas5005
School Nurse: W. Rhoades1510
School Social Worker: R. TinneyES-3036, MS-2520
School Psychologist:ES-3036
MS-2518
HS-1518