

Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Ida Public Schools Community:

Congratulations to the Top 10 Seniors and the Class of 2022! Their dedication to academics and their community sets a high standard for underclassmen. I am appreciative of their leadership and the difference they make each time they work hard, show kindness and respect others. It has been enjoyable observing them in the halls, at lunch, at games and other extra-curricular activities. They know how to have fun! I wish each of them the very best. Graduation is not an end, but a beginning. Again, congratulations!

On behalf of the Ida Board of Education and the Ida community, I submitted a proposal to the Michigan Senate Budget Committee for state funding assistance for an entrance to the school campus from Ida East Road. This would allow safe, essential, and adequate traffic flow to the campus while not obstructing emergency routes. The Mannik & Smith Group assisted with the proposal. This proposal has now been submitted to

the Senate Appropriations Chair's office as a priority for Senator Zorn. This office will decide based on funding available.

Even though I am retiring on June 30th, my most meaningful experiences are the relationships and the sense of community which will continue long after I retire. I would like to thank the parents and staff for partnering with me. We both wanted what was best for our students, and we were stronger together. I am fortunate to have some of my former students as current Ida parents and staff. A message to all students, past and present: Discover what you were wired to do and do it in kind service to others! To me, this is the definition of greatness.

Thank you for your acceptance of me into your family. Once a Blue Streak, always a Blue Streak!

Sincerely,

Sandy Kreps

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Ida's 2022 Top 10 Seniors



Valedictorian
Katherine Hovest

Activities, awards and honors:

- National Honors Society
- Student Council
- Basketball - Captain
- Volleyball
- Honors English Student of the Year 2019, 2020, 2021

College and intended course of study:
Michigan State University: Human Biology



Salutatorian
Kaitlyn Volpi

Activities, awards and honors:

- Student Leadership
- Algebra 2 Student of the Year
- Key Club
- St. Paul's United Methodist Youth Fellowship
- Student Prevention Leadership Team

College and intended course of study:
Michigan State University: Biology
or The University of Toledo: Pharmacy

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Ida's 2022 Top 10 Seniors - continued



Ajay Morelli

Activities, awards and honors:

- President of the Class of 2022
- Vice President of the Ida High School Student Council
- Drumline Section Leader in the Ida Marching Thunder
- National Honors Society member
- 2019-2022 Ida High School Underclassman of the Year

College and intended course of study:

The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor: Economics



John Winkelman

Activities, awards and honors:

- Ida Band Program: Drum major
- Ida High School Student Council: Treasurer
- Treasurer of the Class of 2022
- National Honors Society
- Track and Field team

College and intended course of study:

University of Michigan or University of Toledo: Pharmacy



Veronica Sorter

Activities, awards and honors:

- Competitive Cheer - Captain
- Sideline Cheer - Captain
- Track and Field
- Academic All-Star Award
- Sportsmanship Award - for both Competitive and Sideline cheer

College and intended course of study:

The University of Michigan: Biochemistry



Amanda Plontz

Activities, awards and honors:

- Student Leadership
- All A's Honor Roll

College and intended course of study:

Monroe County Community College: Nursing



Hayden Mannor

Activities, awards and honors:

- Varsity Soccer (Team Captain)
- Varsity Basketball
- National Honors Society
- Student Council
- Key Club

College and intended course of study:

Monroe County Community College (IEMC Program), transfer to another college for Bachelor's: Engineering



Liliana Patrick

Activities, awards and honors:

- Student Leadership Executive Board
- Student Council
- All A's Honor Roll

College and intended course of study:

Michigan State University: Human Biology

Ida's 2022 Top 10 Seniors - continued



Cameron Carner

Activities, awards and honors:

- Academic All -State for Football
- National Honors Society
- Tri-M Music Honor Society - Treasurer
- Erie - Ida Varsity Swim
- 4-H Small Animal Board at Lenawee County Fair

College and intended course of study:

University of Toledo: Electrical Engineering



Hailey Lambert

Activities, awards and honors:

- National Honors Society
- Academic All-Star
- Varsity Softball
- Student Council - Parliamentarian
- Advanced Student Leadership

College and intended course of study:

University of Toledo: Science



Mark Your Calendar

Event	Date / Time	Location
LINKS Ice Cream Social	May 12	High School
Baccalaureate	May 22 @ 6:00	High School
MS Band Spring Concert	May 24 @ 6:00	MS Gym and MS Cafeteria
Senior Exams/Seniors Last Day	May 27	
Decision Day	May 27	
Honors Night	June 1	High School Gym
Marching Thunder Ice Breaker	June 1	
Graduation	June 5 (June 12 rain date)	Hemelgarn Field
Retiree Celebration	June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.	Room 103
Board Meeting	June 13 @ 7:00 p.m.	HS Media Center
Harvest Academy Graduation	June 15 @ 12:00 p.m.	HS Media Center
Board Meeting	June 27 @ 7:00 p.m.	HS Media Center

Ida Public Schools recognized as a higher growth district during COVID

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Ida Public Schools Community:

Based on data from the 2020-21 school year (heart of COVID-19), the Michigan Department of Education, assisted by EPIC and MSU, identified Ida Public Schools as a higher growth district in Michigan during the pandemic. Their findings were not based on Ida's tradition of solid achievement scores which continued throughout COVID. These findings were based on the rate of growth surpassing expected achievement and other benchmarks determined by the MDE. In my interview with the research analyst, I stressed we worked as a team to survive and then thrive during COVID-19. It took all of us, the parents, students, and staff. From the start, we developed a collaborative framework and educational options based on surveys, team meetings, instructional needs, and local health data. We continued this process throughout, communicating information and updates, and adjusting infrastructures as the challenges of COVID increased and then waned. All these efforts went into our students not experiencing the learning loss that was predicted for students during COVID, instead showing marked higher growth. Our goal throughout was keeping children in school, with the options that parents were comfortable with, without putting their children at a risk greater than what the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, our health official, mandated, and the parents and staff deemed safe. Parents, thank you for partnering with us.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kreps



IDA'S SAFETY CITY PROGRAM

TRANSPORTATION EZ-ROUTING - Parent Portal

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, all students needing school bus transportation will be required to register. A district wide communication will be sent out prior to registration beginning. More details to follow.

In its 24th year, Ida's Safety City program will be held June 20th - July 1st. This program runs from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for the two weeks and is open to incoming kindergarten students. They learn about safety in various settings. Student will learn about bus safety, street safety, electrical safety, fire safety, swim safety and much more. Children will experience learning in fun ways through guest speakers, hands on practice, and field trips.

Bond Update

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD, BUILDING TASK TEAM AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dear Ida Public Schools Taxpayers:

The Ida Board of Education, in collaboration with the Building Task Team and the Building Committee, recommended and approved an updated bond proposal for the August 2, 2022 ballot.

After our bond attempt in November, the Building Task Team, The Building Committee, and the Ida Board of Education sought feedback as to why it did not pass. Using this information, these groups re-evaluated and revised the bond proposal. All groups agreed, the need does not go away. As shared in the Superintendent Brief in January, we are on borrowed time. [Superintendent Brief January 31, 2022.](#)

Ida Public Schools secures 2 mills each year from the general budget to take care of manageable projects which is not enough to take care of the bigger ticket items, especially when all buildings were built within 14 years of each other. We will continue to seek a bond to meet those needs.

Hopefully you will take time to go over the questions and answers (Q and A) on our website. If your questions or concerns are not addressed in the Q and A, contact the superintendent, another member of the building committee or consider attending one of the parent meetings.

Truth be told, economy wise, there is never a good time to propose a bond, one that has been needed for the past 10-15 years for safety and security, and our heating systems alone. We still have one middle school classroom waiting, as of 4/28/22, for parts to be made and is still functioning with portable heaters.

Even though our superintendent retires in June, the facility study was conducted by experts and the decision making by three groups, the Building Task Team, the Building Committee and the Board of Education. It is not dependent on who the superintendent is. The current in-depth facility study, that took 10 months to complete, is a view for the next 30 years and is the districts strategic facility plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal and what we could do together for our kids, grandkids, and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Ida Public School Board of Education, Building Task Team and Building Committee

April 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.	PTA	Elementary All Purpose Room (All Elementary Parents Invited)
May 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.	Athletic Boosters	High School Media Center
May 24, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.	General Parent Meeting	High School Media Center
June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.	Band Boosters	High School Media Center



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August 2, 2022 Ida Public School Bond Proposal Election

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS
(DOES NOT REFLECT THE ENTIRE PROJECT)

Elementary School

- PreK education expansion
- 7 classroom addition with corridor and bathrooms
- New double entry main entrance that enters directly into a new main office and offices
- Every classroom, hallway and office with new floors, ceilings, millwork, and doors
- Replace one 47 year old boiler and all piping (Piping is original 72-years old)
- Replace all unit ventilators (Current units are original and replacement parts not available)
- New playgrounds
- New lockers and LED lighting and controls
- Multi-purpose room/full size gym addition for curriculum and after hour athletic, rec and community use



Current entrance



New secure entrance



Gymnasium/multi-purpose room addition

Middle School

- Update 6/7/8th grade science labs
- New double entry main entrance that enters directly into a reconfigured main office
- Replace 35 year old existing boiler (Parts are not available.)
- Replace all unit ventilators (Current units are 68 years old and parts not available)
- Replace exterior 5/6 wing and 7/8 wing walls
- Reconstruct shifting interior classroom walls in 7/8 wing and interior walls that are eroding and not watertight
- New lockers, interior doors and LED lighting and controls
- Update targeted classrooms, ceilings, paint, millwork, added storage



New secure entrance

High School

- Update and expand biology and chemistry labs and upgrade physics' room and lab
- New counseling/career and college ready center
- Girl's locker room addition (In addition to serving our athletes, will allow us to have districts here)
- 1,900 sq ft entrance addition to the gymnasium with concessions, tickets bathrooms and wall of fame
- New double entry main entrance that enters directly into a reconfigured main office with workstation
- Replace all classroom unit ventilators (Current units are original and parts not available)
- Update targeted classrooms, ceilings, paint, millwork, added storage
- New lockers, interior doors and LED lighting and controls



New secure entrance



Addition to the high school gym

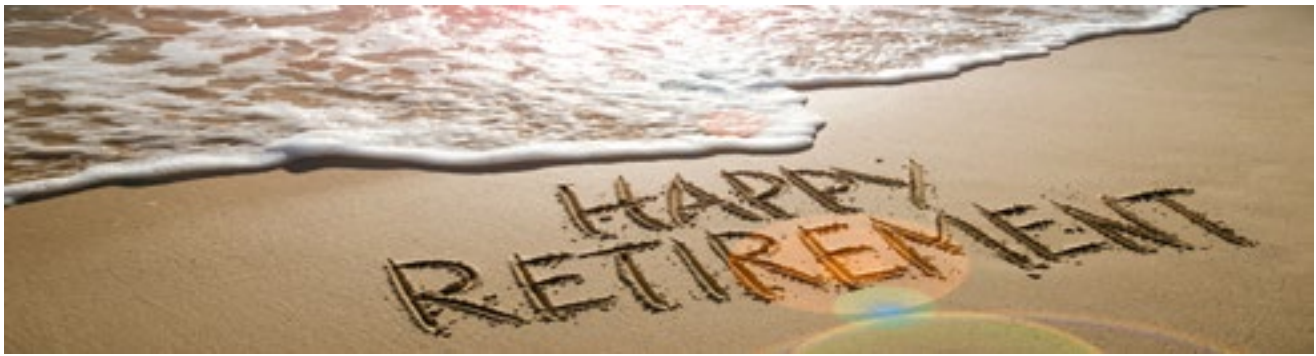


IPS - Bond
Information

Absentee Ballots: Many families and individuals will be super busy this summer and/or at the fair or on vacation August 2, 2022, election day for the bond and primaries. If you prefer, you can register for an absentee ballot at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/VoteAtHome> or in person at the township office. This link takes you to the section from the Secretary State website where you can download an application.



Bond FB page



Robin Sweigert
26 Years of Service

Connie Guthrie
20 Years of Service

Becky Clymer
20 Years of Service

Connie Ducharme
23 Years of Service

Connie Heikkila
19 Years of Service

Cheryl Duncan
19 Years of Service

Tracy Steils
24 Years of Service

Scott Shepherd
25 Years of Service

Carolyn Clark
25 Years of Service

Jeff Donahoe
26 Years of Service

Sherry Locke
21 Years of Service

Cathy Songalewski
14 Years of Service

Sandy Kreps
3 Years of Service

Cheryl Leimenstoll
21 Years of Service

Kay Friend
29 Years of Service

Retirees as of June 1, 2021 - August 1, 2022; more than 300 years of service with Ida Public Schools.



Who is invited: You

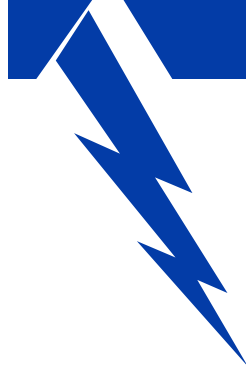
Why are we celebrating: Since COVID-19 we have not had the opportunity to celebrate our retirees.

When: June 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Ida Public Schools
High School Room 103

**Karen Commet
Linda Cousino
Linda Howell
Amy Janssen
Sharon Kimling
April Paratchek
Suzette Peterson
Beth Rupp
Donna Scott
Bert Wagner
Forrest Wenman
Lisa Ziesmer**

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 2022. Eleven of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the high school library, unless the Board of Education determines a more appropriate site is available. Remaining meetings for the 2022 fiscal year:

June 13, 2022
June 27, 2022

Regular Business Meeting
Regular Business Meeting
Uniform Budget Meeting/End of Fiscal Year

Board of Education

Officers

Michael Mero, Jr.
Board President

Jamie Hunter
Board Vice-President

Matt Darr
Board Treasurer

Heather Schafer
Board Secretary

Trustees

Sara King
Sarah Lambert
Ryan Winkelman

Open Board Seats for the November Election

We have four (4) board seats that expire in December. If you are interested or considering, please contact one of the current board members or the superintendent for information. Board members and email links are provided on our website. The filing deadline for School Board Nominating Petitions (or the \$100 filing fee) and Affidavits of Identity is 4:00 p.m., July 26, 2022. Required form can be filed at any time between now and then at the Monroe County Clerk's Office at 106 E. First Street, Monroe MI or call 734-240-7020 for more information.

Ida School District Mission Statement

The Mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring students, staff, and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long 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: T. Massingill3502
School Counselor: M. Wickenheiser3521
Student Services Provider: D. Banker3520

Middle School: 5 – 8

269-2220 or Ext. 2502

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: D. Eack2500
Secretary: T. Getzinger2502
Secretary: M. Hosler 2503
School Counselor: J. Butz2504
School Counselor: B. Pawlak.....2514

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: L. Becker1501
Secretary: W. Hiteshew1502
Secretary: R. Nowak1503
School Counselor: K. Riley1506
School Counselor: C. Ryan 1505

Central Office

269-3110 or Ext. 4003

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Superintendent: S. Kreps4000
Secretary: J. Dressel4002
Transportation: J. Elkins4001
Secretary: A. O'Dell4003
Building & Grounds: B. Cherry4001

Business Office5002
Business Manager: C. Baas5003
Bookkeeper: D. Nieuwkoop5002
Payroll: C. DuCharme5001
T. Ridner 5001

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Curriculum Director: S. Ash.....2510
Food Service Director: P. Oberski3510
Technology Director: R. Kisonas5005
School Nurse: W. Rhoades.....1510
School Social Worker: R. Tinney.....ES-3036, MS-2520
School Psychologist: T. StocktonES 3036
MS-2518
HS-1518