

# ABOUT THE IOWA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **Student Population: 14,285**

*(October 1, 2018 certified data)*

Iowa City Community School District is the  
5<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Iowa.

## **School Sites**

- 17 preschool sites
- 21 elementary schools
- 3 junior highs
- 3 high schools
- 1 alternative high school

## **Student Languages**

Approximately 80 different languages are spoken.

English is the predominant language, followed  
by Spanish, Arabic, Swahili, Chinese and French.

## **District Size**

133 square miles

More than 100 buses transport 5,000 students daily

## **Average District Class Size**

20/1 at the elementary level (Grades K-2)

23/1 at the elementary level (Grades 3-6)

28/1 at the secondary level (Grades 7-12)

## **District Personnel**

57% Certified Staff

40% Support Staff

3% Administrators

## **Budget Percentage**

84% personnel costs

16% operational costs

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Godwin, President

Paul Roesler, Vice President

J.P. Claussen

Shawn Eyestone

Phil Hemingway

Ruthina Malone

Lori Roetlin

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Stephen Murley

*Superintendent*

Matt Degner

*Assistant Superintendent*

Craig Hansel

*Chief Financial Officer*

Amy Kortemeyer

*Assistant Superintendent*

Chace Ramey

*Chief Human Resources Officer*

## IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## 2019



IOWA CITY  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Child-Centered : Future-Focused



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# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## 1 SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID MUST BE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY.

It should be set before all other budgetary priorities. Timely and adequate funding for education is critical to responsible planning and budgeting for school districts. The ICCSD is currently averaging growth of over 300 new students per year, which makes it even more critical to know our budget well in advance.

## 2 EXTEND THE SAVE PENNY TAX BEYOND 2029.

This one cent statewide sales tax allows districts to plan appropriately for building and infrastructure needs.

## 3 FULLY FUND 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTION FOR QUALIFYING STUDENTS.

Children never get a second chance at a good start and students that complete preschool are better prepared to become successful students.

## 4 SUPPORT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STUDENTS.

Extend weighted English Language Learner (ELL) funding from five years to seven years per pupil, in accordance with evidence-based practice. The ICCSD has seen a 300% increase in ELL students over the past four years and is now home to nearly 1,400 ELL students.

## 5 RESTORATION OF CHAPTER 20

The state of Iowa should be leading the country in attracting talent to our school districts. Restoring Chapter 20 will have a direct impact on the recruitment and retention of educators and morale within our schools.

## 6 NO VOUCHERS

Vouchers are a diversion of public education funds to programs that do not have to follow Department of Education rules. All schools receiving any federal or state dollars should adhere to ALL federal and state rules and regulations.