

Ankeny Schools Snapshot

A monthly district newsletter

November 2021

Advancing the Vision

with Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Erick Pruitt

I had the opportunity to work with four Orbis students, Ethan Hance, Faith Lilly, Caden Lynch, Braeden Thorn, and project mentor, Joel Fox, on the first-ever Ankeny Community School District podcast—[Jag-Hawk Talk](#). The first episode is titled "[Exploring Orbis](#)." New episodes will be released weekly and can be found on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Thank you to all that attended the November PAC Meeting last evening. We discussed facility planning that included enrollment projections, building utilization, district-wide student transitions, grade configuration, and attendance area boundaries . This is the first of many conversations we will be having around this topic. I encourage you to review the [presentation](#) from this meeting and look for future information in this monthly newsletter and our website. The next [PAC meeting](#) will be on Thursday, December 9, 2021, 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Northview Middle School.

Fall Break is next week, and I hope that you and your family are able to enjoy some fun and relaxing time together. Thank you for all you do to make Ankeny Community School District a better place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Erick Pruitt



Strategic Plan - We Need Your Help!

As we've shared with you over the past few months, our district is currently engaged in the process of updating our strategic plan, the vision and goals that will guide the Ankeny Community School District over the next three to five years.



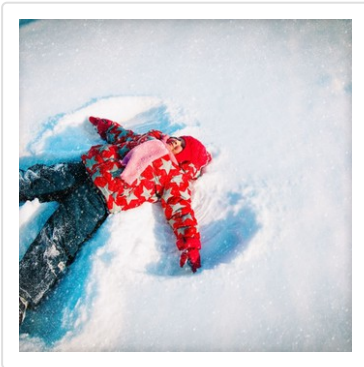
We are excited to announce that, thanks to the hard work and collaboration of our [Core Planning Team](#) of students, parents, community members, and staff, we have developed a [draft strategic plan framework](#). This draft includes proposed updates to the district's mission statement, core beliefs, strategic directions, and parameters within which we will operate. We are committed to ensuring our strategic plan reflects the aspirations our community has for our students, so we encourage you to share your [feedback](#) on this framework and/or to share your input on what [school is now](#) and what [school should be](#).

The next step in our strategic planning process is to build out in more detail the steps we will take to reach the goals outlined in the framework. To do this, we will establish Action Teams, groups of staff, parents, and community members who will work over the next few months to establish concrete paths forward in specific focus areas. Action Teams will meet regularly (likely weekly or bi-weekly) at a mutually-convenient time from early December through late March with breaks during school holidays. By the end of March, each team will present an action plan to the Core Planning Team for review and inclusion in the overall strategic plan. Each of our seven Action Teams will focus on one of the following topics:

- Post-Secondary Readiness
- Educational Program & Student Learning
- Social Emotional Learning & Mental Health
- Family & Community Partnerships
- Human Capital
- Facilities Management

- Technology

If you would like to serve on an Action Team and/or would like to nominate someone to serve on an action team, please complete [this brief form](#) by November 22, 2021. While we will make every effort to engage as many interested individuals as possible, capacity restrictions may cause us to place limitations on some groups. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. And, as always, thank you for all you do for our district and our community!



Closing and Delays Procedures

With winter weather season approaching, we want to be certain that parents/guardians are aware of how closings and delays are communicated within our district.

Text and email messages are sent via Blackboard with the phone numbers and email addresses in Infinite Campus. This means that it is very important to keep your information updated in the Infinite Campus system so that we are able to contact you in an emergency.

For morning closings before school has started, the system uses the primary contact phone number and email address in Infinite Campus.

For closings and early dismissals, after school has begun, the system uses all contact numbers and emails in Infinite Campus, including emergency contacts.

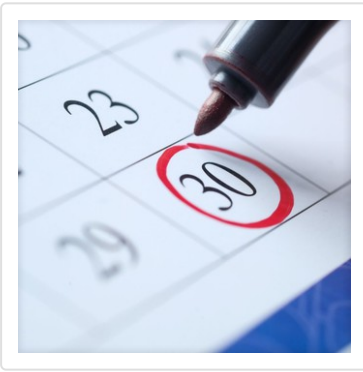
Please click [here](#) for additional information on our Closing and Delays Policy.

November Virtual Backpack

Find this month's vBackpack [here](#)!

- [Arts and Entertainment](#)
- [Camps and Scouts](#)
- [Educational Opportunities](#)
- [Sports and Activities](#)
- [Volunteering, Drives and Giveaways](#)





Upcoming Events

Fall Break - November 24-26

December PAC Meeting - Thursday, December 9



Winter Break - December 22-31



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