



Revenue Purpose Statement Communication

Dear Colo-NESCO Stakeholders,

The Colo-NESCO School Board has approved a Revenue Purpose Statement (“RPS”) and ordered an election to be held on March 5, 2024. The RPS specifies the use of revenues the Colo-NESCO Community School District (the “School District”) will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund (“SAVE” fund). The SAVE fund is generated by the statewide penny sales, services, and use tax imposed by the State of Iowa. The School District receives SAVE fund revenue whether it has an RPS or not.

The School District’s current RPS was approved at an election held on June 30, 2009, and it will expire on January 1, 2031. If a majority of voters approve the new RPS, then it will replace the current RPS, and it will remain in effect until replaced or amended by the School District.

(Please see page 2 for more information)

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The Colo-NESCO Community School District is committed to guiding and nurturing the academic, emotional, physical, and social development of all students, while promoting lifelong learning and citizenship in today’s rapidly changing world. #RoyalWay



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Here is a copy of the new RPS:

In the Colo-Nesco Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Colo-Nesco Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Colo-NESCO Community School District.

If the RPS should fail to be approved by a majority of the voters who vote on the question, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the SAVE fund.

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If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this RPS, then upon expiration of the current RPS, revenues received by the School District from the SAVE fund shall be expended in the following order:

The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged;

Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies;

Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2;

Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2;

For any authorized infrastructure purpose of the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6); and

For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Sections 423E.5 and 423F.4.

I just wanted to communicate this information prior to the March 5th Election. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

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Multiplication

by Amirah Perkins, Third Grade

This year in math my class has been learning its multiplication facts. At first it was hard, but now I can do it. Some facts are still hard but I'm trying my best. The easiest facts are times 1 and 0, but the hardest are ones with the numbers 9 and 8. I like to play "Multiplication Top-It," which is a card game like the game "War," but you multiply the cards to see who comes out ahead. Multiplication is difficult, but I like it!

--submitted by Mr. Todd Crow





Important Dates

Mar. 5 - Revenue Purpose Vote

Mar. 5 - Parent / Teacher Conferences (2:30 dismissal)

Mar. 7 - Parent / Teacher Conferences (2:30 dismissal)

Mar. 8 - No School

Mar. 9 - Royal Gala at Dakins CC in Zearing 5:00 pm

Mar. 11-15 - Spring Break

Mar. 22 & 23 - HS Musical 7:00 pm

Apr. 8 - 12 - MS / HS ISASP Testing

Apr. 15-19 - 3rd Grade ISASP Testing

Apr. 20 - Prom (Walk-in 6:30-7:30 pm... Dance starts 7:30)

Apr. 22-26 - 4th Grade ISASP Testing

May 7 - MS / HS Spring Concert 6:30 pm

May 14 - K-4 Spring Concert 6:30 pm

May 15 - Baccalaureate and Awards Night 7:00 - 9:00 pm

May 19 - HS Graduation 2:00 pm

May 22 - 3rd / 4th Grade Living History Farms

Preschool Buddies

Sutton Sheets (right) enjoys the company of her Preschool Buddy, second grader Hailee Grisham.

Preschoolers pair up every other Friday to read with a second grader at the Elementary.



FCCLA Success!



Under the leadership of sponsor Kelsie Engelken, eight members of the Colo-NESCO FCCLA competed at the Heartland District meeting on Feb. 19. CN junior and FCCLA VP of PR, Cerra Muntz, presented at the meeting and Hannah Matteson was elected to serve as District Officer for next year! Of the seven CN FCCLA members that competed in Star Events at the meeting, seven qualified for the State STAR Competition!

The silver medalists and state qualifiers are:

Erynn Dulaney & Jadyn Niemeyer: Nutrition & Wellness

Katie Rouse & Lily Stalzer: Event Management

Sydney Ingle: Career Investigation

Annabelle Heller: Job Interview

Cerra Muntz: Teach and Train

Congratulations to All!

Student Business and TAG News

...by Kim Heidemann

Students in Colo-NESCO's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club participated in its first District event on Jan. 27th at Waukee's Innovation and Technology Building. We had 6 students compete (which is a fantastic number for a first time) and three qualified for State (which means they finished in the top 2).

**Those participating
in District competition were:**

Katie Rouse
Cerra Muntz
Avery Lambert
Haylee Jackson
Britney Jacobs
Sam Harrington

Those qualifying for State were:

Avery Lambert (Organizational
Leadership)
Haylee Jackson (Advertising)
Britney Jacobs (Intro to Business)

The above students will have a chance to compete in these once again at State Competition, which is held March 24-26 in Cedar Rapids. Please help me in congratulating all of these students for their work and participation!

New this year to CN's courses is a class called Business Communications (offered second semester). Many of you know the importance of good communication practices in the workplace, which is exactly what our class is all about. In order to help students get a real world experience, I am taking them to visit local businesses and organizations to learn from professionals in the workforce about their internal and external company communication practices. A big thanks to Almaco's HR staff for hosting us on Jan. 30th and agreeing to be our first visit. We look forward to getting to know other companies in our surrounding communities.

Thanks to all who supported the High School TAG's request for people to donate Clorox Wipes. The wipes will be donated to Ronald McDonald House.

In other High School TAG news, we went to Iowa State on Feb. 22nd to meet with Justus Jones. While there, we learned about resources (mental health, academic, health and nutrition) for student athletes, toured the student athlete's building, including a visit to the locker rooms, equipment room and football training field.



Kindergarten Happenings

By Erin Hulshizer



Well, we've made it to the middle of the year and, boy have we been busy! We've gained and lost a few students up until this point, but right now we are sitting at 12 boys and 10 girls. As always, we have the range of students at all learning levels, creating the age-old problem of meeting every student's need. Thankfully we have a wonderful support staff, and I am proud to say that every student has made amazing progress this year!

Along with academics comes the extra fun stuff! We had a great field trip in October to Calkin's Nature Area in Iowa Falls. I like to take the kids there because my son-in-law is the naturalist, but more importantly they have a great supplemental offering of all things nature to go along with the programs we receive from Story County Conservation. If you are interested in Iowa's Native American history, Calkin's is a great place to visit. Once again in October, students at the elementary were invited to Trick-or-Treat the downtown Zearing businesses. I love this tradition, being very aware that many places would never allow students this childhood experience. We also were able to learn about fire safety from our volunteer fire departments. Just a few of the many things to be thankful for in a small district.

Every year in November I do a unit on Pilgrims. Students find out what the lives and challenges were like for some of our oldest predecessors. By the end of the unit, I think kids are pretty thankful for the cushy lives we all enjoy. December, then, Christmas comes, turning good children into barely present, excited little bodies of energy. Teachers still teach, but the resistance is strong as all thoughts have turned to other things.

Now we're in February, having just completed a unit on the ocean and the creatures that live in it. Valentine's Day falls this week, and we have milk jugs waiting to be decorated! I love the little token of caring and giving as I watch kids light up, thanking their friends for a tiny card and maybe a treat. When I think of teaching 5-6-year-olds, I sometimes wonder what they will remember of their kindergarten year. I think the little moments with a lot of feeling attached will be what they remember.

The one hundredth day has now passed and we're headed down the kindergarten mountain. We will look forward to Spring, be disappointed that it snows again, and then remember we live in Iowa, so why did we bother to feel disappointed. We will learn lots more things, make more memories, and the year will be over. Just like that. Time flies and we will do our best to enjoy the ride. If you happen to run into a teacher, associate, cook, custodian, bus driver, secretary, nurse, administrator or anyone else working with children in the school, please know you are looking at the face of a person who cares deeply for your child, who is most likely receiving less pay than they could get elsewhere, but who is choosing to be with your child. Most of us give everything we have every day. We go home, lay in the fetal position for a few minutes, then get up and take care of our home lives. Then we get up the next morning, prepared to make it a better day than the day before and all because we love your children.

DISTRICT SPEECH



Erynn Dulaney, Mailey Short, Hope Heidemann and Gemma Bower also received a division 2 rating for Improv.

Katie Rouse, Cerra Muntz and Annabelle Heller earned a Division 2 rating for their Improv performance at Valley High School Jan 20.



*Speech is a great opportunity to try something new!
Congratulations to these ladies and their sponsor, Jessica Owens!*

Todd Frohwein Attends Ag Ed Summit



Mr. Frohwein attended the first ever Iowa Ag Ed Summit held January 21-23, 2024, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, Iowa.

The theme and learning objectives of the conference was Transformational Learning. Participants in this professional development platform learned from Blaze Currie on the impact of transformational learning and the growth that it can cultivate among their students. Presenters from several states included Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, California, Minnesota, and Georgia conducted workshops to help introduce topics related to the ALL IN FOR AG ED by 2029 initiative of Iowa Team Ag Ed.

The Colo-NESCO Agriculture Department teaches many academic concepts using agricultural contexts. We strive to teach real world ag practices with real Industry standards. Practices used in metal fabrication, animal, and plant science, ag business, as well as drone technology and beyond.

Colo-NESCO FFA Sub-District Results:

Parliamentary Procedure Team

(Bronze)

Hunter Moeller
Jackson Wonders
Colton Niemeyer
Ross Upchurch
Brady Handsaker

Conduct of Meetings Team

(Silver)

Audrey Campbell
Alyssa Moeller
Hope Heidemann
Callie Jedlicka
Hunter Purvis
Hunter Carlson
Jonas Porter

Creed Speaking

(Bronze)

Josh Anderson

Individual Ag Sales

(Bronze)

Alex Olson

Job Interview

(Silver)

Rylee Upchurch



FFA

**Steamboat Rock
February 19, 2024
Contest and
Workshop**

LIL' ROYALS PRESCHOOL

COLO-NESCO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

*3 Year old Preschool Half/Full Day Option

* 3 Year old is subject to availability
(child must be 3 years old before September 15, 2024)

*4 Year old Preschool Half/Full Day Options

(child must be 4 years old before September 15, 2024 to
receive Statewide Funding)

*Priority given to in district students

*Possible Scholarships available for 3 year olds only



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1st Team
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and
Academic
All-State**



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Mention**



**Jadyn Niemeyer
Hon. Mention**



**Gannon Short
2nd Team**



**Gemma Bower
2nd Team**

*All-Conference
Iowa Star South*



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