



# 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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402-223-1500

## MISSION

The mission of Beatrice Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, staff, families, and community, is to guarantee all students achieve academic excellence and develop responsible citizenship by providing aligned, rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction that utilizes 21st Century tools in a system that is measurably among the best in the nation.

The Beatrice Public School district includes a single-site preschool, three elementary schools, a middle school and a high school with PK-12 enrollment totaling around 2,150.



## FACULTY & STAFF

The faculty and staff of Beatrice Public Schools for 2018-2019 included 160 classroom teachers and 11 administrators. Support staff consisted of 90 classroom paraprofessionals, 24 office workers, 5 nurses, 25 maintenance/custodial staff members, and 25 kitchen personnel.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jon Zimmerman, President  
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The Board meets for their regular meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM and on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 PM for a committee meeting. Meetings are held at the administration building (320 N 5th St) and are open to the public.

This report has been prepared to provide a “snapshot” of our school system and is not intended to be a comprehensive report on the condition of education in our district. We ask you to visit our schools and take an active role in the education of Beatrice students. This report is produced by the Superintendent’s Office. Comments or questions concerning this report should be directed to 402-223-1500.

AQuESTT  
classified Beatrice as  
**GOOD!**

**67** students from the class of  
2019 earned a total of **1,169**  
hours of college credit



BHS offered **11** dual credit  
courses to students

& **35** Career Academies

The Beatrice Educational  
Foundation awarded over  
**\$81,000** in scholarships

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Cross Country: Girls RCC Runner-up
- Softball: RCC Champions & State Runner-up
- Girls Golf: RCC Runner-up & District Champions
- Wrestling: 4 state qualifiers
- Swimming & Diving: Girls RCC Runner-up
- Boys Golf: District Runner-up
- Girls Tennis: RCC Runner-up
- Girls Track: RCC Champions; District Runner-up
- All-State music selections included 4 students for choir



**441**

Students in at least one activity (2.972 GPA average)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- AQuESTT rated "Great School"
- Hope Squad, a school based peer to peer suicide prevention program continues to make an impact at BMS
- BMS began a journey in becoming a "High Reliability School"

### ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

- At the start of the 2018-2019 school year, the district made the decision to make Lincoln & Stoddard grade level specific. Students in grades K-2 attended Lincoln and students in grades 3-5 attended Stoddard. This change created very specific learning targets geared for specific ages and skills.
- Paddock Lane started the school year with the opening of a new addition that houses fourth and fifth grade students. This addition gives Paddock Lane the ability to move to a three section building for grades kindergarten through five.
- A Family Game Night was hosted on October 8th.
- On March 27th, students from Paddock Lane & Stoddard spent the morning cleaning the Scott Street ball fields as a community project following the flood of the big Blue River.



## **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

Students in grades 4-12 participated in activities during the 2018-2019 school year. At the elementary level, students enrichment activities included: Zoo to You experiences, after-school problem-solving activities, Field Trips to the Symphony and Omaha Children's Museum. At the middle school level, students focused on problem-solving with drones. At the high school, students were enrolled in challenging courses, focusing on developing a strong career pathway.

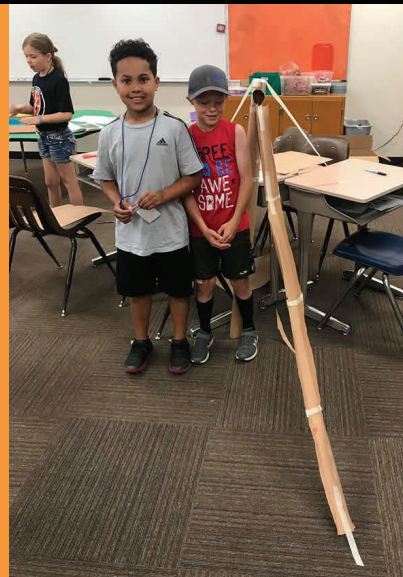


## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- Expanded mental health services for special education students PK-12
- Addition of CORE behavior program at Paddock Lane
- Circle of Friends programs have increased across the district
- Kafe Kindness at BHS was a great success and wonderful experience for everyone involved

## **SUMMER SCHOOL**

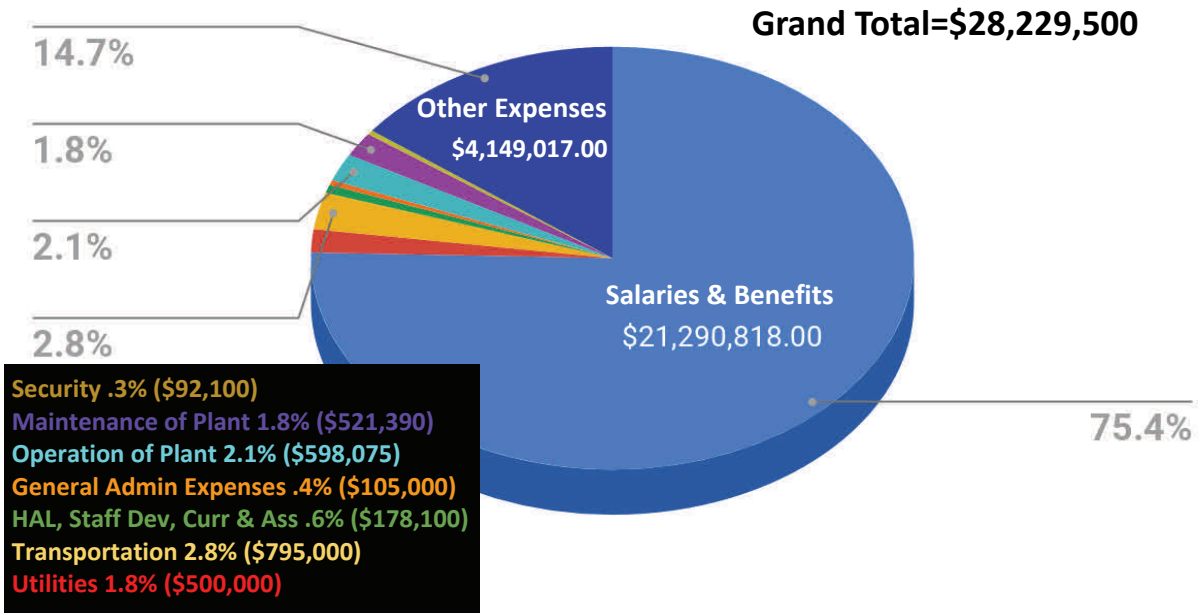
During the month of June, approximately 330 students participated in the elementary Best Possible Summer experience at Beatrice Public Schools. The Best Possible Summer learning experience provided hands-on, engaging activities while weaving in the core principles of reading, math, science, and writing to help students focus more on the application aspect of learning. Every week, students were able to choose a session which sparked their interest. The District partnered with the Beatrice Public Library, the Homestead National Monument, Community Players and the UNL and Gage County Extension Offices.



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Beatrice Community Preschool is a collaboration between Beatrice Public Schools and Blue Valley Community Action/Head Start to provide high-quality developmentally appropriate, hands-on play based learning opportunity for all preschool children. A strong social emotional curriculum helps develop the beginning skills young learners need to be successful in the elementary classroom. During the 2018-2019 school year, over 220 3 and 4 year old children were served in an inclusive setting throughout 13 sections of preschool. Beatrice Community preschool offers half day three-year old and four-year old classes as well as all day four-year old classes. Child outcomes are measured with Teaching Strategies GOLD. District-wide scores were well above the state average for the 2018-2019 school year. Students and teachers work hard to develop strong learning and social emotional skills while developing the love for school.

## 2018-19 Budgeted Expenses



<u>General Fund Actual Expenditures</u>	
11-12	\$20,706,940
12-13	\$21,432,434
13-14	\$20,865,641
14-15	\$21,526,715
15-16	\$21,705,574
16-17	\$22,519,909
17-18	\$23,153,081
18-19	\$23,099,083

<u>District Levy</u>	
11-12	1.1649
12-13	1.1632
13-14	1.1594
14-15	1.1608
15-16	1.1353
16-17	1.0820
17-18	1.0871
18-19	1.0795

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	
11-12	\$889,698,245
12-13	\$909,428,408
13-14	\$968,401,515
14-15	\$1,028,944,945
15-16	\$1,131,274,591
16-17	\$1,175,507,275
17-18	\$1,221,609,626
18-19	\$1,223,893,312

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