Cossatot River School District Report to the Public

Our mission is for the district's students, parents and communities to work together to ensure student success. A supportive environment will be cultivated at all schools to provide opportunities for all students to gain the knowledge necessary to become productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

Overall Goals of the District

- Improve test scores and academic achievement with all students
- Continue to provide teachers meeting the Arkansas Qualified Teacher status and quality staff while supporting teachers on ALPs as they move to completion of the requirements to meet qualified status
- Create a safe and supportive learning environment at all campuses
- Engage parents and communities in the overall process of student learning

Efforts to meet Safety Goal

Security doors have been installed on all campuses. A video, buzzer, and locking system are in place so that visitors cannot enter without first being screened. In addition to the School Resource Officer already in place, two new positions have been added in cooperation with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Accreditation

Cossatot River School District schools all had approved accreditation status in the 2017-2018 school year. All accreditation questions were resolved with approval of the Arkansas Department of Education.

District Accountability

Our Report Cards are available for view by the public on the website https://myschoolinfo.arkansas.gov/. We continue to strive for improvement on all campuses. Wickes Elementary has a B. Van-Cove Elementary has a B. Umpire School has a B. Cossatot River High School has a C but is 1.1 points away from a B.

School Board

All current school board members completed the required hours of training for the 2017 calendar year. Trainings are scheduled and members are in the process of completing 2018 requirements.

Federal Programs/Improvement Plans

Each School's Improvement Plan is available for review on the district website www.cossatot.us under State Required Information. In this same area of the website the Parental Involvement Plans are available for review.

Policies and Handbooks

Policies and Student Handbooks are available on the district website under State Required Information.

Gifted and Talented

The Arkansas Department of Education will be conducting an onsite visit on October 31, to ensure we are meeting our standards within the GT program. We have 91 students involved in our program district wide. The nomination process is ongoing for the inclusion of additional students. GT students are involved in a variety of activities ranging from quiz bowl to AP courses. This school year we hope to increase community involvement and the presence of GT students within our district. Future activities will include chess tournaments, quiz bowl tournaments, possible field trips and community service. There is a link on our district website specific to the GT program which will be kept up to date with upcoming events.

School Reports

- Umpire School: K-6 has an enrollment of 68 students, with 1 new faculty member. Grades 7-12 have an enrollment of 55 with 2 new faculty members.
  The principal is on an ALCP. Goals for the 2018-2019 school year are to improve our ACT Aspire scores as well as our Istation assessments across the curriculum and make great strides in educating the students of today. We hope to engage parents and communities with the student learning process.
- Van-Cove Elementary has an enrollment of 217 with 4 new staff members. Goals for the 2018-19 school year are to provide opportunities for ALL students to grow intellectually and become academically proficient on Istation and the ACT Aspire assessment. Van-Cove Elementary will ensure the highest standards and a safe environment to continue to help ALL students to strive to reach their full potential.
- Wickes Elementary has an enrollment of 333 with 6 new staff members. Goal for the 2018-19 school year: Wickes Elementary will provide each child with opportunities to achieve at their highest level through personalized learning, which will engage, inspire, and nurture students to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

- Cossatot River High School has an enrollment of 397 with7 new staff members. Goals for the 2018-19 school year are to involve families and stakeholders in the unique learning needs of each student and create meaningful learning opportunities within a safe, healthy and inclusive environment.