



# Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Marauder Families,

Thank you for your continued support, patience and flexibility as we navigate these challenging times. We understand that the new normal is difficult for many.

I am writing to you today to implore you to reconnect with Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, your school building and your teacher(s). While we all feel like we are doing our best, some alarming numbers have come across my desk and I would be remiss if I didn't take an opportunity to address them.

Currently, our failure rate is as high as I have ever seen it. I truly believe that this is due to a disconnect between our families and the school, in general, but it is something that we need to fix before the adverse effects settle in and it becomes too late.

Here are the current failure rates:

- Ovid-Elsie High School - **277; 151 failing at least one classes; 62 failing two or more**
- Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School - **21 failing one or more classes**
- Ovid-Elsie Middle School - **143 failing one or more classes**
- E.E. Knight Elementary School - **84 failing one or more classes**
- Leonard Elementary School - **NA** (grades are not utilized - participation is still low)

Understandably, the emergency teaching and learning that took place in the past Spring was not ideal, but this school year is different. Grades count. Attendance counts. Failures matter. The success of our students matters.

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I simply ask that you take time to check-in with your student(s) and further, check their progress in PowerSchool. This will give you a snapshot of the progress, or lack of progress, being made by your student(s).

Again, thank you for all your support and for all that you are doing to help us through these difficult times.

Yours in education,

Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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