

IDA Insights

IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Valedictorian - Emily Heil - "For my undergraduate studies, I plan on majoring in biomedical engineering with a concentration in pre-medical studies at either The Ohio State University or University of Toledo. Ultimately, I hope to continue my education through medical school and become an anesthesiologist."

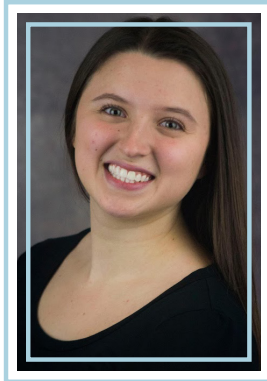
Salutatorian - Skylar Willis - "Starting next school year, I plan to attend Eastern Michigan University to pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Once I complete those four years, I want to go back to school for an additional two years to obtain a Master's Degree to become a nurse practitioner."

Salutatorian - Matthew Zlonkevicz - "After I graduate, I plan to attend the University of Michigan in the fall and earn my Master's Degree in Finance/Accounting. My goal is to become a financial leader or acquire a financial administration position."

IDA's 2018 TOP 10 Seniors



Emily Heil
Valedictorian



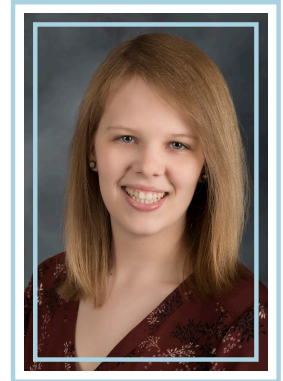
Skylar Willis
Salutatorian



Matthew Zlonkevicz
Salutatorian



Kaylyn Carsten



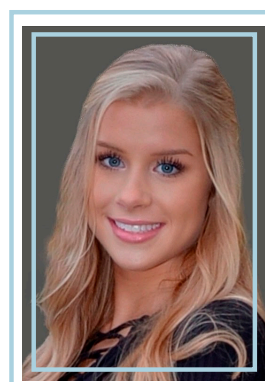
Lauren D'Haene



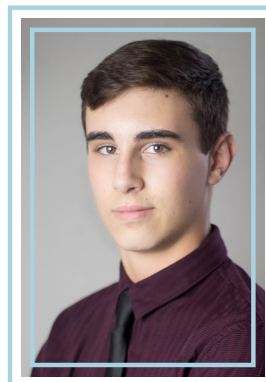
Madison Eby



Sydney Janssen



Jordyn Levicki



Brett Polak



Whitney Wegener

The Carsten Connection

The economic downturn of the last decade has hit school district funding hard and school districts across the state have struggled to maintain programs and services for our students. While the economy has been growing slowly for several years the recovery of school district funding continues to be problematic. In an effort to get a better perspective on this issue the School Finance Research Collaborative worked with two school funding research firms to determine the cost of educating students in Michigan. The Collaborative released the results in January and it clearly demonstrates the need to reform Michigan's school funding system. The key findings to the latest report include:



- The base per-pupil cost to educate a regular education student in Michigan is \$9,590 which does not include transportation, food service, or capital costs (2017-2018 foundation allowance of \$7,631).
- Transportation costs should be funded at \$973 per rider until further study can be carried out.
- Funding increases need to be provided for districts under 7,500 students.
- A percentage should be added to the base per-pupil cost for special education students (0.7 – 1.15), English Language Learners (0.35-0.7), Career and Technical Education programs (0.1) and students living in poverty (0.35).

Please talk with our legislators about this funding study and encourage their support to reform Michigan's school funding system. They can be contacted at SenDZorn@senate.michigan.gov and JasonSheppard@house.mi.gov.

School safety is at the forefront of the national conversation and we need to continually evolve and update our safety practices to address societal issues. Some changes that have occurred this school year and plans for the future include:

- A buzzer system was installed on the front doors to the elementary school and all exterior doors are locked throughout the school day.
- Cybersecurity training for students in grades 6-10 will occur in April.
- A cybersecurity workshop for parents will take place on April 17, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Internet safety video program developed by the Monroe County Prosecutors Office will be shown and discussed with students in grades 7-12. The program includes information on sexting, internet predators, texting while driving, cyberbullying and consequences of making threats toward others/schools.
- ALICE training for students in grades 6-12 will occur by the end of April.
- An active shooter drill is scheduled for this spring.
- ALICE training for all support staff and new teachers in August.
- Replacing selected doors at the middle school and high school as well as adding a buzzer system to the main entryways of the buildings which will enable us to keep the building locked throughout the school day.

These updates are planned for the summer of 2018.

All teachers and administrators at Ida Public Schools have been trained in the ALICE protocol which is the best research based active shooter training available today. Plans are underway to provide this training to all support staff as well. Staff will be working with students to bring age appropriate training for them. The elementary school teachers were each given a book titled, [I Am Not Scared I Am Prepared Because I Know All About ALICE](#), that will be read within all classrooms and available for student independent reading. We will be using training videos and class discussions to help prepare our older students for potential active shooter events within our communities. I encourage you to sit down with your family members and have a discussion on this important topic. Additional resources are available at www.alicetraining.com.

Kohler Architect, in Monroe, is working with the Ida Public Schools to develop a long-term facility plan. Last fall Mark Kohler, Ed Wylie and several engineers inspected the facilities focusing on the mechanical systems, electrical systems, plumbing and overall structure to assess the useful lifespan of each building. The elementary school was built in 1951 and is nearing the end of its useful life cycle. Maintenance costs have increased in the building and the electrical system is operating at its capacity. The building will likely need to be replaced in the near future.

Mark Kohler has presented his final report to the Board of Education. Some of the results and topics of conversation among the Board include:

1. High School maintenance needs: update one boiler, update three science laboratories, replace classroom ceiling grid, install LED light fixtures, and replace exterior windows and panels. Cost estimate: \$1,465,000.

The Carsten Connection continued:

2. Middle School maintenance needs: replace both boilers, replace floor tile throughout building, replace ceiling tile in classrooms, and install new heat piping throughout 2/3 of the building. Cost estimate: \$1,375,000.
3. Elementary School maintenance needs: replace floor tile, install new suspended ceilings in classrooms, update entire electrical system, update fire alarm, replace one boiler, install all new heat piping, and replace all classroom unit vents. Cost estimate: \$3,122,000. The elementary school is the oldest and most outdated school on campus. The Board of Education is discussing whether the building should be completely renovated or replaced.
4. The estimated cost to convert the middle school to an elementary school is \$2,250,000. The price includes adding additional space for classrooms, teacher and administrative support, classroom support space and facility management.
5. The estimated cost to convert the high school to a middle school is \$1,175,000. The estimate includes adding classrooms, teacher and administrator support space, classroom support space and facility management space.

The architect examined modern size and space standards, current building codes and current building standards to guide the study in terms of recommended needs. The members of the Board of Education are examining the study and discussing the best course of action for the school district. Current discussions have included a range of possibilities including the possible construction of a state of the art high school, building an elementary school or building a new school that could house at least half of our student population to reduce future operational costs (long term reducing the buildings from 3 to 2). Survey instruments will continue to be used to solicit community input and assess support for the potential projects. Please feel free to forward ideas and suggestions to the Superintendent's Office at 3145 Prairie Street, Ida, Michigan, or call 734-269-3110, or email carsten@idaschools.org.

Kindergarten Round Up 2018/2019 School Year



Ida Elementary will conduct its Kindergarten Round Up registration on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018 and Thursday, May 24th, 2018. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten this fall, you are asked to notify the elementary office as soon as possible. You will be asked to provide your child's name, date of birth, address, phone number, and the names of parents/guardians. The State of Michigan recommends that your child be 5 by September 1, 2018. You can reach the Ida Elementary office at (734) 269-3605.

A mailing will be sent to parents at the end of April notifying them of the exact time they are to attend. Parents will be required to provide:

- **Child's original birth certificate**
- **Immunization record**
- **Proof of residency** - for residents
- **A physical by their doctor** - a **green physical** form will need to be completed by the parent & doctor (these forms will be mailed to you or can be picked up at the elementary office)
- **Hearing & Vision Screening** - Available at Ida Elementary School (during Kindergarten Round Up), Health Dept., or by your own physician.

NOTE: The parent or legal guardian of children who are turning 5 between September 2nd and December 1st may enroll their child in kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year, if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district with written consent.

Family Reading Nights

With the implementation of the new 3rd grade reading law, where all students need to be proficient readers by the end of 3rd grade, we are required to offer parent involvement activities. So we have started by providing family reading nights. We had our first family reading night on Monday, February 5th. Families of students in Great Start, Head Start, Young 5s, Kindergarten, and 1st grade were invited to participate in a variety of reading activities that were fun, meaningful, and easy to replicate at home. Students had fun drawing letters in rice, finding various categories of animals on "I spy" boards, along with listening to and acting out stories.

We'd also like to thank the PTA for supporting our Family Reading Night by hosting an evening Book Fair! We will have another family reading night in March that will focus on family reading games for the upper grades. The PTA will be doing a book swap during this time. All students who complete the activities will get a coupon to find a "new" book at the book swap. Watch the Mini-Streak for further details.



Schools of Choice

The Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live.

A student must be released by his/her resident district and be accepted by the choice district. The number of transfers allowed is determined by the space available in each participating district and the space available in each building. Only 1.5% of a district's total student population may be released in a given year. Applications and guidelines for the 2018-2019 school year are available in the Superintendent's Office. Applications must be returned to the resident district by Friday, June 22, 2018.

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Elementary Parents: The PTA has teamed up with 1st Day School Supplies to make back to school shopping easier. School supplies for next year can be ordered from the link below and delivered right to your home. The prices are competitive! So, this summer as the temperature hits over 100 degrees and lines at the checkout counter are a mile long ... you can purchase your child's school supplies from the comfort of your home! You can make your purchase right now, get started by going to the the link below: <https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com> and type in the zip code for the school, 48140. Deadline to order is June 15, 2018. Kits will be delivered to your home.

Employee Recognition for Years of Service

These employees have demonstrated a solid commitment to the success of each student and true dedication to Ida Public Schools throughout their sixteen years of service:



Jill Becker
Secretary



Jen Butz
MS Counselor



Bob Cherry
Maintenance



Alissabeth Fox
ES teacher



Connie Guthrie
Secretary



Cheri Leimenstoll
ES assistant



Sherry Locke
ES teacher



Tony Scott
Grounds

GAKAC



Student Council members shopped at Target back in December for our Give A Kid A Christmas program. Each year the program helps 30+ families. Students in all three buildings have fund raisers to support the program raising on average \$7,500 each year.



Jasmin Torres Memorial

On Tuesday, April 24th the Middle School track team has their first home meet of the season against Hudson at 4:30 p.m. There will be a dedication of the new shot put pad prior to the meet starting. Thank you to the 2017 track teams for raising the money to create this memorial in honor of Jasmin.

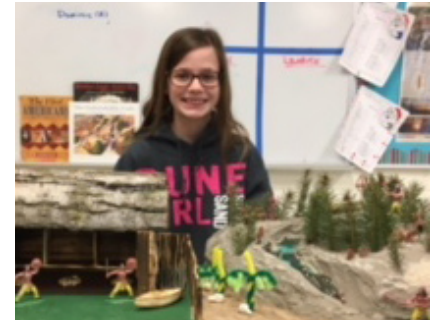
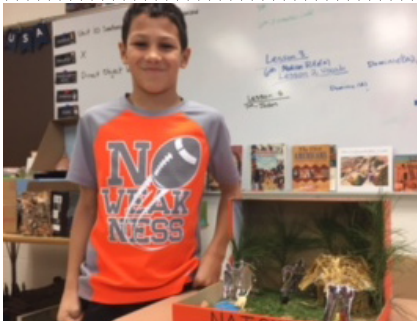
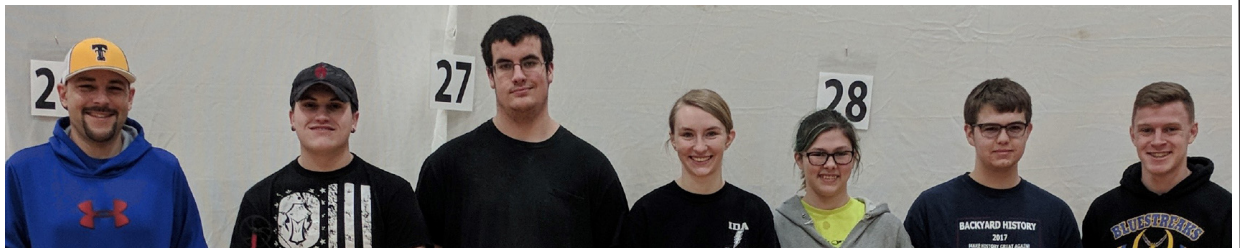
GRANDMA IRENE RETIRES

Our beloved Grandma Irene rang in the New Year as a retired volunteer. At 91 years young and after 16 years at Ida Elementary she feels that it is time to retire. Her last day was Thursday, December 21st. Grandma Irene has touched so many lives and has truly enjoyed her years at Ida.



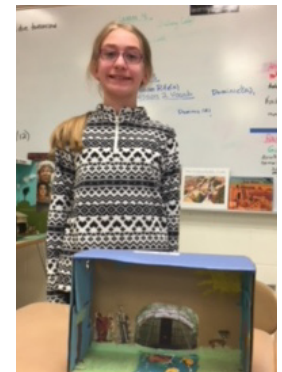
ARCHERY TEAM

Chris Metzger, high school health teacher, started an Archery team as part of the NASP (National Archery in Schools Program). In their first year competing Junior Easton Cox finished 18th at the regional, his state ranking was 25th out of 291 high school males. Senior Miranda Lavoy finished 25th at the regional and was 42nd in the state out of 247 high school females. Next year the Achery team would like to expand to the middle school. Mr. Metzger applied for grants to raise the money to buy supplies needed for this program.



5TH GRADE NATIVE AMERICAN PROJECTS

The fifth grade has been studying different Native American cultural regions in the United States. They picked a tribe, researched, wrote a paper, made a diorama, and did a presentation in front of their class. They all did a great job! Pictured are Isabella McLaughlin, Jaxson Millican, Kendra Wielinski, Dean Thomas, and Sunny Kraft.





Michigan Child Protection Registry

Are your children safe while online? Michigan families, especially minors, are becoming inundated with advertisements from alcohol, tobacco, pornography and gambling marketers through different internet and cell phone inboxes. Texting their advertisements is the newest marketing effort that many of these companies are using. Thankfully, the State of Michigan offers a free program to stop adult advertisements from reaching e-mails, mobile phones (text messaging ads) and instant messenger IDs. The Michigan Child Protection Registry, like the federal Do Not Call List, is a free do-not-contact service for Michigan's families and schools and can be located at www.ProtectMIChild.com.

As a strong supporter of this registry, we would like to encourage you to sign your entire family up for the registry and inform your friends and colleagues about how they can protect children and families from unwanted adult advertising. To sign up only takes seconds. Just go to www.ProtectMIChild.com and keep your family safe.

www.protectMIchild.com

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Michigan Child Protection Registry?

The Michigan Child Protection Registry was created by the Michigan State Legislature in 2004 as a do-not-contact service for Michigan families. The Michigan Child Protection Registry is a free, state administered program that allows Michigan's families to protect their households from adult-oriented messages.

2. What addresses are eligible for registration?

You can register e-mail addresses, mobile phone numbers (SMS), instant messenger IDs, and fax numbers.

3. What types of adult-oriented messages are my addresses protected from?

Families who sign up their addresses are protected from messages that advertise pornography, tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, and gambling. The newest effort for these types of companies is to text their ads to any cell phone numbers they can find.

4. Does the registry only protect children?

No. The Michigan Child Protection Registry can include:

- Family addresses (both adults and children)
- Addresses in a household where a child is present
- School domains (students and educators)

5. How much does it cost to sign up my addresses?

This is a free program offered to residents by the State of Michigan.

6. How do I sign up my addresses?

Registering your addresses is quick and easy. Go to www.protectmichild.com, click "Protect Your Household Addresses", and follow the steps to register your household addresses.

7. How can I send my friends information on how to register?

To send your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbor's information on how to register, simply send them a "refer a friend" e-mail after you register, and an automatic message on the Registry will be sent to their inbox.

8. How often do I need to renew the registration of my addresses?

Registrations last for three years with the option to renew at any time. You will receive a notification e-mail reminding you that the three year time period has expired.

9. Are my addresses safe?

Senders of messages are NEVER given registered addresses. Marketers and companies are required to submit their solicitation lists to the state, where all registered addresses are then removed and returned to the sender.

10. What if I receive an adult message after I sign up my addresses?

If you are contacted with a message to a registered address, you should submit the report to the Division of Consumer Protection. The process is easy and allows you to help the state investigate those companies who are not complying with Michigan's Child Protection Registry Laws.

11. Which state office administrates the Michigan Child Protection Registry?

The Michigan Child Protection Registry is administered by the Michigan Secretary of State and enforced by the State Attorney General's Office.

Marketers pay a fee of .007 cents for each address they get from the state registry. Funds generated by the program are set aside to fund the Secretary of State's Office in the maintenance, promotion, and upkeep of the program.

2017-2018 Ida Public Schools Calendar

Saturday, April 28	Junior/Senior Prom
Sunday, May 20	Baccalaureate @ 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 24	Senior Exams – Full Day
Friday, May 25	Senior Exams & Seniors' last day– Full Day
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day – No School
Wednesday, May 30	Graduation Practice @ 8:30 am
Wednesday, May 30	Honors Night @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, May 31	Graduation @ 7:30 pm
Thursday, June 7	Semester Exams – Full Day
Friday, June 8	Semester Exams – Half Day – 11:46 dismissal
Monday, June 11	Semester Exams – Half Day – 11:46 dismissal



Safety City Program - Now Accepting Applications -

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten or first grade are invited to take advantage of an exciting summer program which provides youngsters with the opportunity to practice safety in many situations, including:

Bike Safety	Fire/Electrical Safety	First Aid/CPR	Swimming/Boating Safety
Safety with Animals	Farm Safety	School Bus Safety	Train Safety

Now in our 21st year, the ten (10) day program will offer one morning session, lasting two hours per day (9:00-11:00 a.m. daily, except for "Graduation" day). Safety City is taught by Ida Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Alissabeth Fox. The Teacher Assistant will be Mrs. Carolyn Clark. The program features daily guest speakers who will talk to children on a variety of safety topics. Children in the class will experience learning in fun ways, including daily opportunities (weather permitting) to ride the Kettler Grand Prix Kettcars in the "Safety City." Children will also receive many free gifts during the course.

The dates of this summer's Safety City program will be from Monday, June 18th through Friday, June 29, 2018. Parents are reminded that registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the program is limited to 30 students. It is our hope to offer these vital skills to as many youngsters as possible. The fee for the course is \$30 (\$50 for two children), but No students will be denied for financial reasons. If interested, please complete the following Registration form, and mail it to Ida Elementary School, ATTN: Mr. Bert Wagner, Ida Elementary Principal. For more information, call Bert Wagner at Ida Elementary School, at (734) 269-3605.

Thanks for the Safety City Donations

Donations which support our program are currently coming in. We would like to recognize these businesses, without whose support we would be unable to sponsor Safety City. The following businesses have already sent contributions:

Capaul Funeral Home, Inc.	Leski Insurance Agency	Ida Veterinary Clinic	Gino's Pizza and Substation
Education Plus Credit Union	Ida Farmer's Co-Op	STONECO of Michigan	Garst L.P. Gas Inc.
Banas Building Center			

SAFETY CITY REGISTRATION FORM SUMMER 2018

Child's Name _____
 Parent Phone Number _____ Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Age _____ Birthdate _____

I give my permission for (child's full name) _____ to ride the school bus, participate in swimming activity, and other activities associated with the Safety City Program.

My child has the following food allergies or health conditions: _____
 Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____ Signature (required) _____

Make checks for class fee payable to: Ida Public Schools "Safety City" \$30 (\$50 for two children)

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

Buddy Bench

Seniors Hunter Schafer and Austin Gotha made a Buddy Bench to be placed at the elementary playground. The inspiration for the Buddy Bench came from Junior Lizzie Wirth, reigning Miss Monroe County's Outstanding Teen. Her platform is, M.A.K.E., Making Autism Known to Everyone. Lizzie approached welding teacher Dave Morelli who then enlisted the boys to create it. She single handedly raised the money by asking people in the Ida community to donate, and they stepped up and supported her.



Project Outreach



The Project Outreach Student Leadership Conference is a one-day event for student leaders. The event is planned by 4 students from each participating high school. Each school sends their four committee members plus 8 additional students to the event. Participants attend content and "buzz" sessions that focus on student concerns. Groups pose questions to a panel of school and community leaders about issues that have surfaced in discussions and possible solutions.

ATTENTION All Parents/Staff who shop at Kroger :

The Kroger Community Rewards Program has become one of Ida Middle School Student Council's primary fundraisers, generating about \$2,000 in donations from Kroger each year. If you have not registered your Kroger Plus card in this program, PLEASE take a few minutes to do so. Log into your account at www.kroger.com, click on the Community link, and then on Community Rewards. Enter the information requested, and select organization number #82257 (for those of you that shop primarily in Ohio-including the Lambertville Store) OR #82424 (for those of you who shop exclusively in Michigan) as the beneficiary. The bottom of your receipts should now say "You requested Kroger to donate to IDA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL". Even if you don't shop regularly at Kroger, we are asking everyone to PLEASE get registered, as every dollar counts. There is no longer a need to re-enroll, once you've signed up, you're good from now on. This is FREE MONEY and will NOT affect your fuel points!



FOOD SERVICE - ATTENTION PARENTS

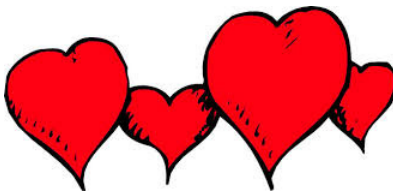
We understand the busy lives we have these days and the need to keep informed on your child's lunch account balance and activity. When you need to find out your child's lunch account balance or purchases, please use the following methods. My School Bucks is available for you to view your child's deposits and purchases. You may also make deposits online. The link to My School Bucks is located on the school website, idaschools.org. You may also call Connie Guthrie at (734)269-9003 ext. 4003 between the hours of 8:00 am & 2:30 pm. Please leave a message on her voice mail if she is not available. You may also send an email to Connie at guthrie@idashools.org. In the event your child does not have sufficient funds in their account we allow them to charge a breakfast/lunch on that day. But please understand that we need your cooperation in making sure there is a sufficient amount in their account to cover purchases.

Thank you.

Ida Public Schools
Food Service Program

From Our Hearts to Yours

When foster care children are pulled out of their homes, they often leave with only a garbage bag filled with personal items. These children suffer all types of losses. Mrs. Haddox's 4th hour art class wants to show them that there are people who care about them. In partnership with the student council, the art class will be putting together care bags for children across all age-groups that will include a book, a blanket, a stuffed animal for younger children, and personal needs items for older children, with a special note inside from one of the students in the class. This service project is deeply heartfelt, and the students are anxious to create them. If you are interested in donating, we are looking for the following items: Deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste, sippy-cups, new blankets, and new, small, stuffed animals. Please contact high school teachers Sherry Haddox or Amy Yuengert if you would like to make a donation.



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Elementary artists have been busy at work painting and creating. Mrs. Peterson's 2nd grade class is showing off their newly completed "Hall of Trees" and in Mrs. Burkett's first grade class are proudly showing off their, "Ice cream Shops" while first grade discussed painter Wayne Thiebaud.



Non-Homestead Millage Proposition

The Ida Board of Education passed a resolution to place the 18-mill Non-Homestead Millage Proposition on the ballot on August 7, 2018. The proposition will also include a 0.5 mill hedge to ensure the district is able to collect the full 18 mills. Since Proposal A passed in the mid-1990's the State of Michigan expects all local communities to collect this millage. The funds are used for general operations. The Non-Homestead millage is not levied on homeowners. It is levied on commercial, industrial, rental properties, vacant land and vacation homes. The proposition will be for a 20 year renewal and if approved, the tax will collect about \$645,000 for the general fund. Homeowners do not pay this millage on their principal residence.

IDA SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS TO BRING STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN OUR RICH TRADITIONS.

WE WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, AN EXCEPTIONAL

CURRICULUM, SKILLS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE, AND THE MEANS TO BECOME LIFE-LONG LEARNERS.



2017-2018

Board of Education Meetings

At their annual organizational meeting, the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal year 2018. Twelve of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the high school library, unless the Board of Education determines a more appropriate site is available. Remaining meetings:

May 4, 2018	Regular Business Meeting
June 11, 2018	Regular Business Meeting
June 25, 2018	Regular Business Meeting/ Uniform Budget Meeting/ End of Fiscal Year
July 9, 2018	Annual Organizational Meeting/ Regular Business Meeting



SPORTS SCHEDULES APP

Want to stay up-to-date with athletics at Ida Public Schools? You can download the app called "BigTeams" on your smart phone. Once downloaded choose Michigan, then select Ida Public Schools and add the teams you want to follow. You now have access to the current schedule, as well as updates for cancellations and rescheduling of events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



In order for home track meets to run smoothly we are in need of several volunteers. Volunteers are needed to be timers, field event supervisors, and scorers. Our home meets this year are:

High School May 9th
Middle School April 24th, May 1st, & May 15th

please contact Tim Leonard, Athletic Director @ 734.269.9003 x1504
or email leonard@idaschools.org

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