



“The impact of the storm and COVID has proved to us we can overcome obstacles as a community by working together.”

Mike Manderscheid, Activities Director for Marion High School, shares how COVID and storm recovery have reinforced the need to be flexible, cooperative and creative.

The District has implemented strategies to help teams and performing arts mitigate health risks. “The loss of spring seasons has taught us all to cherish the times we get to participate in the activities we enjoy,” says Manderscheid.

Damage to the MHS red gym and football/track complex led to Vernon Middle School hosting volleyball games and Linn-Mar offering their stadium for football games.

Jonathan Dyrland, vocal music director at MHS explained how choir rehearsals have been moved to the auditorium to allow for social distancing. Performances have been delayed due to storm damage in the Red Gym.

Performing while masked has led to sound issues for all performing arts students. “It has been emotional on students, but they are finding ways to adapt and adjust to ‘make the most’ of our current situation. We are constantly trying to grow and improve.”

Photo by Jenna Sackett, senior, journalism



COVID and Storm Recovery in Marion

A year of unexpected challenges

As the COVID-19 public health crisis materialized in March, MISD classes were moved online for the rest of the school year. Traditions surrounding Marion sports, events and activities were also impacted. Senior Honors Night was held virtually and the class of 2020 graduation ceremony was broadcast on TV.

As summer progressed, staff worked to ensure students were returning to school in a safe environment. A Return-to-Learn Plan detailed options for remote and in-person learning for students. The Marion Foundation secured a grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation to purchase sanitizing sprayers for each school building and bus. These electrostatic sprayers quickly clean hard-to-reach places and coat surfaces with disinfectant.

But then, a land hurricane known as a derecho hit Marion on August 10. It was the most severe natural disaster in the city’s history with winds estimated at 130 mph. The storm damaged over 90% of Marion homes and buildings. The start of school was delayed to allow the District to make necessary repairs before students arrived on September 8. (See page 7 for details about damage to MISD facilities.)

The Start School Right Committee was in the process of organizing donations at Vernon Middle School when the storm hit. Start School Right is a program led by the Marion Foundation and District Social Worker Michelle Wilson. Students in need are provided school supplies, clothing, tennis shoes and hygiene items through a variety of community partnerships and



Wind damage from the Derecho on August 10 caused significant damage to school property including athletic fields.

grants. Economic impacts of the pandemic followed by the storm damage contributed to an increase in need for Marion families. Within a week of the derecho, 142 families received a delivery of items to their home. This included a box of food provided by the Churches of Marion Food Pantry who worked with the City of Marion and Marion Chamber of Commerce to set up a temporary food pantry following the storm.

“All students deserve equal access to education. Toyota USA Foundation typically supports STEM, but the pandemic has exposed deeper issues that are a barrier to good education.”

Mike Goss, president, Toyota USA Foundation

With the school year underway, the District and Foundation continue to collaborate on needs. In October, the Marion Foundation secured a \$50,000 grant from Toyota USA Foundation for

technology and student food costs related to COVID-19 and storm recovery.

Recently, the District chose to transition students to a hybrid attendance model due to the number of positive cases in the schools and county. Schools are at 50% capacity with students splitting their learning between home and school. The District monitors and updates COVID-related information on their website at marion-isd.org.

Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association continues to seek ways to support the school district and the resilient families in the Marion community. If you would like to assist with COVID and storm recovery efforts, please consider donating to the Marion Foundation.

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President Hapgood Announces Retirement

Although Greg Hapgood says he initially volunteered “because it needed done,” he deserves much gratitude for over 30 years of service to the Marion Independent School District and over 40 years of service to the Marion community.



Greg Hapgood accepts his Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Doug and Kent Neighbor of Farmers State Bank at the 2019 Hearts of Gold anniversary event hosted by the Marion Foundation.

In 1988, Greg Hapgood was serving as a school board member when the Superintendent asked if he would recruit a group of MISD supporters and research how to form a school foundation. Under Greg’s leadership, thirteen community members signed their names on November 15, 1989 to become the first trustees of the Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association. The first projects were small, but thanks to the financial support of generous donors the Foundation grew.

In 1994, the Foundation’s Board of Trustees hired its first executive director to lead a fundraising campaign for a fiber optic network to be installed in the schools and be on the forefront of using technology in the classroom. According to Greg, “We didn’t know what we were doing, but we did it.” The time capsule commemorating this project is set to open this December.

Following the campaign, the Foundation went on to support a variety of projects aimed at enriching education in Marion, eventually establishing the Marion Grant program where teachers can apply for funding to support student learning in and

out of the classroom. In recent years, the Marion Foundation has become the fiscal sponsor for district-wide programs including Start School Right, Holiday Giving Project and FASTWorks (Families and Schools Together Works.)

In addition to serving as a school board member and president of the Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association, Greg has served on the Marion Chamber of Commerce board, is a member of the Marion Water Board of Trustees and was Marion’s youngest elected mayor from 1969 to 1971. He worked as a Funeral Director with Murdoch Funeral Homes then as a Neighbor Insurance agent for 32 years. His four children and his wife are all Marion High School alumni.

Greg will continue to serve the Marion Foundation in a newly created advisory role as past president. Through Greg’s work with the Foundation, a number of long-term scholarships and educational funds were established by alumni, parents and community groups. He has a mind full of facts and figures to share and is an amazing resource for Marion history. When discussing his retirement, he says he looks forward to seeing how the nice people involved in the Marion Foundation continue to raise as much money as possible to fill in the gaps and support the school.

Angie Buck Joins Marion Foundation



Angie Buck and her husband Willy.

Angie Buck started in July as Administrative Assistant at the Marion Foundation. In her new position, Angie handles accounting and works behind the scenes on fundraisers. As she says, “Numbers are my jam and spreadsheets are my thing!” Angie previously worked as a Workforce Analyst for

Transamerica, pulling and reviewing data to improve office productivity.

In her free time, Angie and her mom have run the silent auction for the St. Jude’s Sweetcorn Festival for more than 20 years. The auction raised \$2,000 in the first year and \$25,000 during the most recent event.

Angie and her husband Willy have five daughters ranging in age from 14 to 31. All have attended Marion Independent School District. They love being a part of the MISD community. You can reach Angie at abuck@marion-isd.org or by calling 319-377-4691 Ext. 1181.

Rinas-Livingston Family



Bruno Rinas with children Linda Livingston (MHS '67) and Joe Rinas (MHS '65) at the 2010 Love of Marion event hosted by the Marion Foundation.

Born in North Dakota, Bruno Rinas settled in Marion (after serving in World War II and marrying Fran) to begin his career as a vocational agriculture teacher. Before the Linn-Mar District formed in 1960, he ran the Future Farmers of America program for Marion students. After

Linn-Mar opened, Bruno went back to Iowa State University to get his master's degree to teach chemistry, physics and science. He was a well-liked science teacher at Marion High School for 31 years, retiring in 1983. He and Fran had four children including daughter Linda Livingston, retired pastor at Marion's Ascension Lutheran Church.



Bruno Rinas taught science at MHS for more than 30 years.

When Bruno died in December 2011 a fund was established in his name through the Marion Foundation to support science initiatives at MHS. During the 2019-2020 school year, the Rinas fund supplied lab materials for MHS teachers Mitch Hewitt and Garrette Williams to pilot new science curriculum for the State of Iowa. The curriculum, which aligns with national Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), is now being incorporated in more Iowa schools.

Linda, her husband Kurt Livingston (an aerospace/electronics engineer) and their four children are all MHS graduates. Sons John and Nicholas work for the Sony Corporation on the Major League Baseball video game "The Show." Daughter Jennifer Livingston is a TV news journalist in Wisconsin. And son Ron is an actor well-known for his work in *The Office*, *Band of Brothers*, *Swingers*, *Boardwalk Empire* and *A Million Little Things*.

Linda shared, "We feel like the education received from Marion High School laid a wonderful foundation for our lives." Although each Livingston would name a different teacher or school program that made an impact on their life, their experiences at Marion have helped them forge successful careers.



Ron Livingston was inducted into the MHS Performing Arts Hall of Fame in 2009. His sister Jennifer was inducted in 2016.

While attending MHS from 1981 to 1985, Ron Livingston performed in every play, musical, and speech competition available – from lead roles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Pippin*, to taking first place at WaMaC speech for a short play he rewrote and directed with classmate Guy Washburn. Ron also participated in choir, wrestling, and many other activities. At Yale University he earned degrees in English and Theater Studies.

Ron was recently involved in the "Iowa Concert of Hope," a special benefit event supporting victims of the 2020 Iowa Derecho.

This event is available to view online at www.iowahope.com.



MHS students sort donations for the 2019 Holiday Giving Project.

MISD Holiday Giving Project Provides Hope for Families

The Holiday Giving Project has been a MISD tradition since 1994. The program was started when the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) club at Marion High School wanted to make a difference for a few local families in need. They collected gifts and donations, and distributed the items to families, showing that community support is available.

Recently retired teacher Madonna Putnam was instrumental in the growth of the Holiday Giving Project. "MISD is such a family-oriented district," Putnam says. "They really reach out to make sure that those in need are supported. I taught special education at the time and worked with families that really needed help. This is what made the Holiday Giving Project so successful, people reaching out and helping each other."

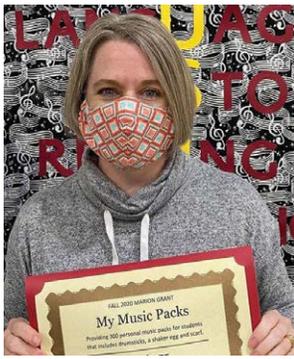
Putnam and District Social Worker Michelle Wilson have evolved the program from providing gifts for a few families, to providing gifts, food, clothing, blankets and hygiene items to more than 170 families (749 individuals) in 2019.

Each family receiving gifts through Holiday Giving is assigned an identification number to protect their confidentiality. This ensures families feel comfortable participating and asking for what they really need. Donors are provided gift ideas for their adopted student or family. They then shop for gifts and drop them off to be delivered before winter break. Grocery items are provided to ensure students have access to food when school is not in session. This year's donations will also include a book from Amanda Zhorne of Swamp Fox Bookstore.

Since many donors may not feel comfortable shopping for gifts this year due to the coronavirus, the program is offering gift card options for both gifts and groceries. This will also keep volunteers safe from having to sort and pack food boxes.

If you feel called to make a difference for families over the holiday season, there is still time to participate. You can make a donation to the Marion Foundation, adopt a family or host a grocery gift card drive through your work. Contact Foundation Director Erin Steffen at esteffen@marion-isd.org or 319-377-4691 ext. 1110 with questions.

Thank you to everyone who is making a difference this holiday season!



Fall Marion Grants Awarded

The Marion Foundation's grant program provides funding for projects that benefit students in the Marion Independent School District. These grants are possible thanks to generous contributions from individuals and businesses throughout the year, as well as a number of educational funds invested with the Foundation for long-term benefit. The projects listed were brought to the Grant Committee for consideration and approved for funding.

E-Books

Liz Pearson - Marion High School

High schools students who are learning in-person or online have access to a variety of new e-books and audiobooks from MackinVia. Digital book access is available to students at any time after the title is downloaded to their device, helping students to read, research and learn.

Graphing Calculators

Carrie Johnson & Roxanne Paulsen - Marion High School

Purchase of 150, TI-84 graphing calculators and charging stations. Having these calculators available in class removes a cost barrier to students taking math courses.

Think Spots

Becky Gustafson & Jamie Shields - Francis Marion Intermediate

A place for students to calm down and regroup while remaining in the classroom. Think Spot tools including stress balls and puzzles will be given to 23 FMI classrooms.

College for Kids Summer Program

Susie Green - Grant Wood AEA

Summer program offering advanced-level academic and fine arts courses to qualifying students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Scholarships are available to eligible Vernon Middle School and Marion Home School students for summer 2021.

Raku in Schools

Josh Gerber - Marion High School

A new Raku kiln built at the high school will allow students to learn about Raku ceramics and create their own pieces. Art classes from other schools will have access to the kiln as well.

My Music Packs

Amanda Freese - Francis Marion Intermediate

Every student at FMI will receive a personal music kit that includes drum sticks, a shaker egg and scarf. Allows students to explore music without the time and cost of sanitizing common equipment.

Music iPads

Jonathan Dyrland & Logan Vander Wiel - Marion High School

iPad Pros allow MHS band and choir directors to improve the speed and efficiency of music content delivered through a digital platform to students.

Jacobson Institute Summer Camp

Dawn Bowlus - Jacobson Institute & Phil Cochran - Vernon Middle School

University of Iowa Jacobson Institute holds camps for students in grades 5-8 to learn entrepreneurial skills through teamwork, product development, marketing and sales. Scholarships are available to Vernon Middle School and Marion Home School students for summer 2021 camps.

Dennis Trout Memorial Scholarship



Dennis "Barney" Trout was a Class of 1966 alum, a community leader, and a school board member. Following his unexpected passing,

his wife and high school sweetheart Jessica, along with their children Kurt Trout and Shelly Fowler, chose to carry on his legacy through a scholarship fund in his name.

Graduates of Marion High School seeking an apprenticeship through the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 125 can request financial support by contacting the Marion Foundation or high school counseling office.

Providing trade school opportunities for students was important to Barney. His kindness and generosity will be remembered by many, as well as his passion for the Marion community and the pride he took in his work. He was an active school board member for Marion Independent School District since 2008 and was proud of his contributions to improve both education and facilities. He also served on the City of Marion plumbing board for over 20 years and was an original board member for Friends of the Marion Parks.

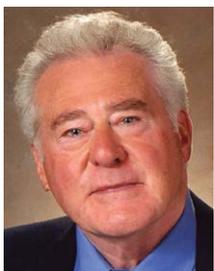
Class Reunions

Class reunions were postponed this year due to COVID-19. Some have opted for a virtual gathering and others are hoping to set new dates for 2021.

If you graduated in a class year ending in a 1 or 6 be on the lookout for information from your class representatives this spring. Details will also be available at Marion-Foundation.org/class-reunions.

If you are the contact for your class reunion, Alumni Relations Director Elisabeth Kissling is here to assist you. Reach Elisabeth at 319-377-4691 Ext. 1106 or ekissling@marion-isd.org. She is able to provide class contact information, details on hosting events locally (or virtually) and more.

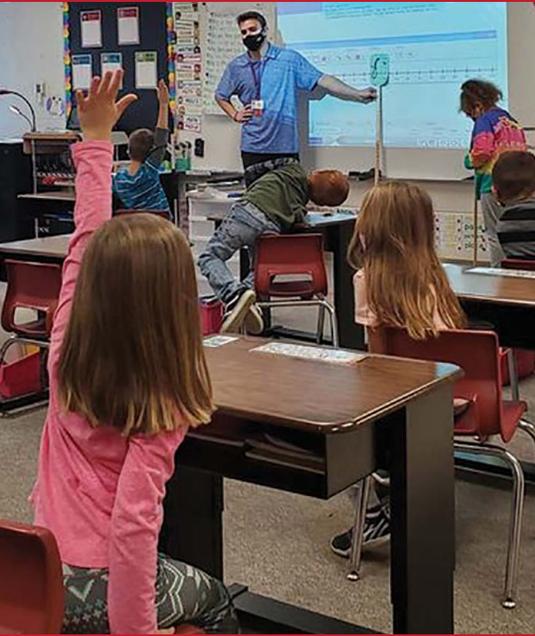
Kenan Virlee Memorial Established



Beloved retired Marion High School teacher Kenan Virlee passed away on November 8, 2020. Mr. Virlee began the Russian program at Marion High School. This became the largest high school Russian program in the state and earned Kenan recognition by the Iowa Department of Education for the curriculum he developed. Kenan also organized trips for his students to Russia and France. From 1986 through 2002, hundreds of students experienced international travel through this effort. In 2008, he was inducted as a member of the Marion Independent School Foundation Hall of

Fame. Mr. Virlee's family has requested memorial contributions be directed to the Marion Independent School Foundation. Use the mail-in form on page 8, or contribute online at Marion-Foundation.org. Please note "Virlee Memorial" in the comment box.

Your Gift Matters!



Spear-It of Influence

The Spear-It of Influence is an annual campaign that allows alumni, community members and local businesses to make a lasting impact on Marion schools.

Every contribution supports the mission of the Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association. This is an easy way to use the power of your donation to inspire future generations of students. Gifts received are recognized in our annual Spear-It of Influence Honor Roll.

Donors can designate a gift to almost any project, program or school within the District and we will honor those

requests. We also appreciate general gifts which allow us to make a difference where it's most needed during the school year. Our committees consist of parents, current and retired district staff, alumni and other community members who care about education in Marion and ensure that your gift will be put to good use.

The stories featured in this newsletter highlight projects gifts like yours have funded. Start School Right, Marion Grants, scholarships and more are all made possible by donors like you. Thank you for making a difference!

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2020 Marion Foundation Golf Classic



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A huge thank you to the individuals and businesses who helped us raise over \$20,000 at this year's Marion Foundation Golf Classic. Between COVID and the derecho we were concerned about participation, but we have the most loyal supporters! A special thanks to our lead sponsors shown at right.

This year's winners for the Championship Flight were Pat Quinn, Mike Cannoy, Greg Weiss and Brad Perkins. Senior Flight winners were Dan Barkley, Tom Bice, Mark Witte and Dave Cowguill.

We are truly grateful to everyone who contributed to the event and are looking forward to next year.

MHS Students Explore Careers

Partnerships with Marion Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) are allowing MHS students to explore career interests.

One such partnership with Hupp Electric Motors allows students to take welding classes through the school. The classes are taught by Chris Williams, a welder at Hupp who learned about the opportunity through a MEDCO email. Hupp pays his salary to teach the class and support from Kirkwood Community College provides doughnuts. A grant from the Marion Foundation provided industry-standard welding equipment and safety gear.

Marion Community Build, a partnership between MEDCO, MISD and Linn-Mar, provides students with hands-on opportunities to learn construction skills while renovating a home for a low-income family.



MEDCO has purchased the home, removing financial liability the schools have had with previous builds. The first Marion home currently under construction is located at 330 Eighth Avenue and has been unoccupied for at least a decade. The home should be completed by May 2021.



Alumni Spotlight

John K. Castle

John Castle, Marion High School Class of 1959, has a diverse portfolio of personal and professional endeavors, and credits his early education in Marion as a key to his success.

Castle played tuba in the band and was active in trivia competitions during his time at Marion High School. After graduation he received his bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his MBA as a Baker Scholar with High Distinction from Harvard and four Honorary Doctorate degrees.

When Castle attended MISD, the school district scored in the top 95-99% in the nation on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a standardized achievement test for students. According to Castle, the district also had the lowest cost-per-student of any city in the state of Iowa. The education provided in Marion was outstanding, and frugally run.

In a phone interview, Castle shared that the education he received from Marion prepared him for a lifetime of success. He described a "winning attitude" that was pervasive in the school through academics including the "Whiz Kids" competitions, varsity football, band and other school activities. He stated further that "the winning attitude established with me in Marion, Iowa is something I have passed along to my four sons."

Castle is currently the Chairman and CEO of Castle Harlan, Inc., a private equity firm, as well as Branford Castle, Inc., a private merchant bank. During his career, Castle owned or controlled a number of national and international companies.

In his free time Castle enjoys adventure. He has landed in a small plane on both the North and South Poles, trekked to the base of Mount Everest in Nepal, and led his Hinckley sailboat on a circumnavigation of the Earth. Castle recreated the entire Lewis & Clark water expedition from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean in a 15-ft dinghy. He then completed the river trip across the U.S. in his small inflatable going from New York Harbor to St. Louis (a total of 5,000 miles).

John has committed a substantial portion of his time to public service over the past forty years. Amongst other honors, he has been elected a life member trustee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has served as a Director of the MIT Investment Management Company. He has also served for twenty-two years as a Trustee of New York Medical College, including eleven of those years as Chairman of the Board.

In addition, Castle supports charitable organizations in his childhood hometown, including the Marion Foundation. He served as Event Sponsor for the 2020 Marion Foundation Golf Classic and has supported many local charities including the Marion Historical Society and the Marion High School music department. When the high school band commissioned a composer to write an original work for performance, John was a principal donor. Castle is an inductee of the Marion High School Performing Arts Hall of Fame as well as the Marion Independent School Foundation Hall of Fame.



Superintendent's Report

I am so proud to be a part of the Marion Independent School District. I am proud of the opportunities our students have, through both academics and extracurriculars. I am proud of the dedicated, caring, compassionate staff who care for one another, for our students, and for our community. I am proud that our

District places the social and emotional needs of each learner as a priority, recognizing that we hold the privilege and responsibility of supporting the whole child.

This year has begun with a number of challenges to include COVID-19 and the Derecho. Yet, our students have had the opportunity to return to school this fall to engage in the opportunities MISD has to offer. The District is regularly monitoring the percent positivity rate of COVID in Linn County and in schools. At this time, mitigation efforts remain in place, such as required facial coverings for students and staff, increased sanitizing of high-touch surfaces, increased hand washing and sanitizer use, and increased distancing where possible. Students and staff have transitioned smoothly with each of the new practices and procedures. I would like to extend a thank you to the Foundation for supporting these mitigation efforts through the funding of cleaning equipment, additional face masks and water bottles for students, and also their financial support for food and technology.

With regard to facilities planning, last year our district began working with OPN Architects and Estes Construction in an effort to update our short-term and long-range facilities plans. At that time, we recognized a few key areas of need but wanted to ensure that our planning efforts included input from staff, students, parents, and the community as our facilities serve a wide range of academic, extracurricular, and community functions.

When the Derecho hit this summer, the facilities work was slightly delayed. We sustained damage at multiple locations, most significantly at MHS as well as the outdoor athletic fields. The scope of damages included the loss of hundreds of trees and significant damage to roofs at Starry, FMI, VMS, and MHS. Roof leaks caused interior damage most significantly at MHS and includes total loss to the floor in the Red Gym and damage to the floor in the Gold Gym. The football and track complex sustained significant damage to the press box, track, light poles, and smaller bleachers as well as minor damage to buildings including concessions. Three of the four dugouts, fencing, press boxes, and light poles were damaged at the Les Hipple Athletic Complex.

Ultimately, the District sustained millions of dollars in damages, and the clean-up efforts and renovations continue. However, the costs will be covered by insurance. This has allowed the reallocation of some funds in our long-term plan. For example, a roof that was scheduled to be repaired next summer is now being replaced by insurance, and those funds can be used for other facility needs.

In recent months we convened the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC), a group of about 40 staff, parents, community members, and alumni, to help identify and prioritize needs across the District. A virtual tour of the facilities was shared with an opportunity for parents and community members to respond with their thoughts about how our facilities will best meet the needs for students now and in years to come. The intent is to have a short range (2-3 year) and long range (10-year) plan.

When considering facilities, it is also important to understand a bit about school finance. School district funding can be a bit confusing, as we have multiple 'buckets' from which various things can be paid. The general fund is our largest bucket, which pays for salaries and daily supplies. The 'buckets' that pay for facilities cannot also pay for salaries, and vice versa. As a District, our School Board has made decisions to pay down debts from past projects such as Longfellow Elementary and Vernon Middle School as well as focus on long-range planning to make tax neutral decisions moving forward, placing MISD in a solid financial position with regard to facilities.

The FAC's planning efforts are working toward a tax neutral bond referendum in March of 2021. This is an exciting opportunity for our students, staff, alumni, and the Marion community!

Lastly, with regard to district updates, the MISD Board made the difficult decision to retire the 'Indian' as the Marion mascot/name at the end of this school year. Over the summer the School Board and the District received a number of emails and calls inquiring about the Indian mascot, with some encouraging a change and others expressing a desire to see it remain the same. Given the feedback, the Board began a review process seeking more information.

The Board held a work session in September to review the compiled information which included: a history of the relationship between the Meskwaki Nation and MISD that has included prior verbal support for the mascot; letters from the Meskwaki Nation and the Iowa Commission on Native American Affairs opposed to continuing the mascot; input from the National Congress of American Indians regarding opposition to the use of the Indian as a mascot or name; and input from a local family who are members of the Ho-Chunk Nation who expressed their support of use of the mascot. Following the September meeting, the local family approached representatives from the Ho-Chunk tribal council for a letter of support but were informed the Nation was not in support.

In addition to the above information, the Board analyzed survey feedback, public comments, emails, and letters from individuals. Lastly, the School Board considered the MISD Strategic Plan to include our mission, vision, goals, and core values. Specifically, goal 2 is to 'establish and maintain a safe environment that supports the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of each learner'. The Board felt it was important that our policies and procedures, to include our District mascot and team name are supportive of each learner.

Although we will be retiring the Indian at the end of this school year, the Board is also looking toward next steps in ensuring the new name and mascot will continue the pride and school spirit that has been, and will continue to be, a wonderful part of MISD. During the November work session the Board discussed next steps in selecting the name, mascot, and logo for MISD, which will include opportunities for input. No decisions have been made at this time with regard to the new name or mascot.

MISD is a busy and exciting place. The year 2020 has presented a number of challenges, but we continue to embrace the challenges as opportunities for growth, ways to build resilience, and a chance to keep learning each day. Thank you for your partnership in the District's efforts!

Yours in Education,
Janelle Brouwer

MISD Student Volunteer Anna Tuuri

Anna Tuuri is a MHS student, class of 2023 and just 15 years old. She is involved with soccer, wrestling and show choir through school and is on the Five Seasons Ski team. After the derecho, her dad “volun-told” her to help at the Iowa Derecho Storm Resource Center. She enjoyed it so much she kept coming back. She has volunteered over 300 hours and her assistance has evolved into a leadership role, monitoring the Center’s hotline and coordinating volunteer efforts for those twice her age.



Tuuri shared that many people call the storm resource center looking for help with food, supplies or tree work. Others just need a friendly voice to talk to. She believes the experience has given her better communication skills and her confidence has soared.

After graduation, Tuuri plans to attend University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and is verbally committed to the soccer program. The skills she learned through volunteering will assist Anna as she pursues a career in education with the goal of being a special education teacher.



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Scholarships Available to Graduating Seniors

The Marion Independent School Foundation & Alumni Association oversees many scholarships to benefit Marion High School and Marion Home School Assistance Program graduates. When taking into account scholarships that are renewable annually to the recipient, there is approximately \$100,000 available to seniors graduating in 2021. Scholarship requirements and the application are available online at Marion-Foundation.org/scholarships. Applications must be submitted online by the **February 15, 2021** deadline.

