

## **Open Enrollment has started at Brodhead School District**

By Lenny Lueck, Superintendent

Another season of School Open Enrollment started February 5<sup>th</sup>. This State-wide option allows parents/guardians to enroll students in school districts other than the one they reside in. Brodhead has seen a mix of results with this option. Last year there were more students open enrolled out of the District than in. The two previous years saw more students coming in to the District. There are a multitude of reasons why parents choose this option including virtual schools and parent day care options. When residents make this choice, they take over \$7,000 of revenue with them to the non-resident district.

The Brodhead School District is hoping to attract new students, but our main goal is to keep our own resident students in Brodhead. The District will be mailing flyers to residents that have chosen to open enroll out of the District in hopes of getting them back. There are numerous reasons to choose the Brodhead School District. As a District, we rated as "Exceeds Expectations" on the latest State Report Card. Our graduation rate averages around 97% every year and the attendance rate is approximately 94%. The majority of our classes have less than 20 students, with a District average of 15 students per teacher.

Technology has been a major focus for the last several years with substantial increases to this budget. A complete switch from copper wire connections to fiber was completed last year. The District has added numerous chromebooks, Ipads, laptops, and desk computers. Thanks to a donation from the Brodhead Area Foundation and additional State aid, a new 1:1 program will be starting at the High School next year. The entire District now has wireless capabilities and has enhanced the infrastructure to handle this type of Technology.

Our District has made a commitment to community service as well. Our District understands that there is more involved with educating a student than just scoring high on tests. We prepare our students to be successful citizens that care about others. Our students and student organizations spend countless hours serving community groups and participating in programs that stress the importance of helping others.

There are countless other reasons to attend school in Brodhead. We have an excellent Staff that is committed to serving our students and community. Brodhead has a variety of programs to meet the needs of all of our students, no matter what kind of issues may be involved. Please call, email, or stop in for more information regarding our schools. We truly believe in our motto, "Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow" and would love to share our story with you.