

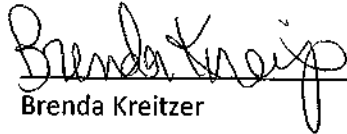
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As presidents of our respective boards of education, it is our desire to inform the public of the process we have collectively undertaken to address the changes being brought upon us by changing financial and demographic realities. The North Winneshiek board has determined that the district will need to look at long range planning to address these financial and demographic issues. For that reason, the North Winneshiek and Decorah boards have begun discussions to strive for the best possible outcomes for the students and taxpayers of each district given these changing circumstances.

While much is yet to be determined, nothing will change for the 2014-2015 school year. North Winneshiek will continue to operate grades Pre-K-8. It is our joint hope that those students currently attending North Winneshiek will continue to do so. Our districts enjoy a positive working relationship which will facilitate the planning process as we seek to promote the long-term interests of our students, families, staffs and communities.

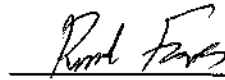
We encourage dialog and hope to achieve consensus through a deliberate process which will include opportunities for community discussion, questions and input. Please watch for future opportunities to provide input, and feel free to contact any of the members of either board with questions or comments about the process or the circumstances which have brought us to this point.



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