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**“Education to Meet Tomorrow’s Challenges”**

Greetings from the Union Community School District. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the holiday season. Please find below the stakeholder communication for December 2025.

### **Congratulations and Thank You**

Congratulations to our students who will be inducted into the National Honor Society on Jan. 4, 2026.

Congratulations to our UHS Dance Team for placing 5th in Class III Novelty at state dance.

Congratulations to C. Mehlert for earning his 100th varsity win and winning the Cliff Keen Invitational.

Congratulations and thank you to our pep band and Mr. Temple for making every home game a joy.

Congratulations to C. Sorensen for eclipsing the 1000 point mark and becoming the school’s 3rd leading scorer all-time in the win over Don Bosco.

Congratulations to all our Kid Captains so far for basketball and wrestling.

Congratulations to our elementary students and Mrs. Jacobson on outstanding elementary holiday concerts/musicals.

Thank you to Mr. West and the Union Carolers for making holidays brighter for so many.

### **School Calendar 2026-2027**

The district calendar committee met for the first time this month to begin formulating the 2026-2027 calendar. The goal is to have an option for the board of education to approve at the February board meeting.

### **District Ranking**

If you remember from last month, I detailed the rankings for each of our buildings— all were Commendable or High Performing— on the most recent Iowa School Performance Profile. Well, the Iowa Department of Education will now begin ranking entire school districts as well. These ratings, similar to the building ones, are based on multiple factors— Absenteeism, Attendance, Graduation Rates, ISASP (Participation, Growth and Proficiency) and Post Secondary Readiness.

I am extremely proud to report that the Union CSD earned a High Performing Rating from the state.

### **Winter Weather Decisions**

Winter is here and with that comes school delays and cancellations. The district has posted some guidance/information in terms of making these decisions, and the results of those decisions, on our social media options— Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and the district website. If this impacts you, please see the postings. Again, please know our #1 priority is student and staff safety.

### **Winter Activities**

The winter activity season has started off very well. The wins/trophies have been prevalent, and everyone has represented themselves, our schools and district very well. Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers, staff and parents/guardians who make these events happen.

**Future No School/Early Out Days**

December 22, 2025- Jan. 2, 2026– No School

Classes Resume- Monday, January 5, 2026

January 19, 2025- No School- Professional Development

February 16, 2025- No School– Professional Development

**Happy Holidays**

On behalf of the students and staff of the Union Community School District, I want to wish everyone a Happy Holidays!

Thank you for your continued support of our district. Go Knights!

John Howard, Superintendent