**Board Report**

**Jim Knott –High School Principal**

**Douglas County West High School**

**December 16, 2019**

With winter break approaching, the end of the first semester will soon be upon us. Final exams for high school students will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 19th and 20th. On those two days, class periods will be extended to roughly 80 minutes to accommodate time requirements for final tests and projects. Testing periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will be held on Thursday while testing periods 2, 4, 6, and 8 will be on Friday.

Statewide Junior ACT test results were released to school districts in August of 2019. The 2018/19 school year was the third year that ACT tests were required for all juniors across the state of Nebraska. The average senior (2019 graduate) ACT test score for Douglas County West High School was 20.5. The state average was 20.0. “We felt we scored fairly well compared to our neighbors and our poverty rate.” Stated high school counselor Ron Michael. Listed on page two of this report are statistics from the *Omaha World Herald* comparing area high school ACT average test scores and poverty rates. The ACT test will be given to all current juniors on March 24, 2020.

John Baylor Test Prep classes will begin in January again this year. John will hold seven ACT test prep sessions during the school day in January and the first week of February to help prepare students for the March 24 ACT test. The cost per student is $50. If students were to enroll in John Baylor Test Prep outside of DC West, the cost would be $385 for five sessions. On average, DC West students have improved by two points on the ACT with John Baylor Test Prep. Online ACT test prep is also offered to all DC West juniors free of charge from ACT.

**Comparison of Area High School Average ACT Scores and Poverty Rates**

**School AVERAGE ACT SCORE POVERTY RATE**

Elkhorn South 25.7 3.8%

Elkhorn High 24.4 13.3%

Millard North 23.5 17.0%

Lincoln East 22.6 21.9%

Millard West 22.6 8.3%

Gretna 22.5 10.0%

Bennington 22.3 12.0%

Platteview 21.8 19.0%

Papillion LaVista South 21.6 18.0%

Lincoln Southwest 21.6 19.5%

Westside 21.6 33.0%

Papillion LaVista 21.0 24.7%

Lincoln Southeast 20.8 35.9%

Millard South 20.7 31.1%

**DOUGLAS COUNTY WEST 20.5 29.0%**

Bellevue West 20.2 27.1%

Kearney 19.9 36.6%

Bellevue East 19.0 39.7%

Fremont 18.9 53.0%

Lincoln High 18.8 60.1%

Omaha Central 18.6 55.0%

Ralston 18.4 50.0%

Lincoln Northeast 17.8 60.6%

Lincoln Northstar 17.7 55.5%

Omaha North 17.4 65.2%

Grand Island 17.3 68.7%

Omaha Northwest 15.9 71.8%

Omaha South 15.6 82.1%

Omaha Bryan 15.1 78.5%

Omaha Benson 14.7 79.4%

**\*Poverty rates are represented by the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch pricing.**

**\*\*Statistics compiled by the *Omaha World Herald*, October 30, 2019.**