

STAFF EDITORIAL

WE'RE FED UP

This school year has had many different hectic events from the shooting during the Homecoming game to the countless fights that have happened between students. It's not something we're used to. We have considered ourselves family for many years. We are known for being welcoming to each other. Being the most diverse school in Iowa, we never had any problems with different groups fighting with each other.

This year, on the other hand, has been very different. There have been fights between different "gangs" and even between different racial groups. This has never been a problem at this school, so why is it now?

Poverty is a huge factor of what's happening at our school. When a school does not have enough money, students are impacted and won't have the resources that are needed such as books, technology and staff members.

Many teachers have been getting cut due to the budget; this means there isn't enough teachers that can help guide students to make better choices. We're getting rid of many different teachers that have been vital in many of the students' success.

Another problem that we have is there aren't real consequences for students' actions. When one of the fights that broke out in front of the school ended, students just returned to class with no problem. A problem that is continuing to grow is also attendance. Students have decided that it is not important to show up to class anymore. There was a new attendance policy (15 day rule) that has been started but only some students are affected. An example is it is harder to get into sports games to watch than it is to play. The rules and consequences are not consistent. Plus, when students decide to show up to class their focus isn't on school. They've been focused on when the next fight is instead of being focused on their school work. They need to have less distractions and better focus in class.

We need to find a solution to fix students' priorities. Whether it's a stricter rule that can be enforced or motivating students to do better. Things need to be changed because if other schools can have good attendance, safe classrooms and motivated students so can our school.

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WE'RE FED UP WITH THE RECKLESS BEHAVIOR.

FED UP WITH THE BAD ATTENDANCE. FED UP WITH THE BUDGET CUTS.

FED UP WITH LOSING OUR TEACHERS.

WHEN THEY SAID BE THE CHANGE, THIS ISN'T WHAT WE EXPECTED.