By Dixon R-I Schools & A Premier Education System

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The Dixon R-I School District is fully accredited by the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The district is composed of three schools, Pre-School/elementary (Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade), Middle School (6th through 8th grades), and High School (9th through 12th grades). The district employs five administrators, 85 certified teachers, and 63 non-certified staff, including bus drivers, maintenance personnel, cooks, and custodial personnel. Of the 85 certified teachers, 42 teachers or 47% have Masters Degrees or higher. The current teaching staff has an aver-

> age of 12+ years of teaching experience.

This is one of the smaller districts within the State of Missouri. and as of the close of the 2015-2016 school year, the enrollment at the Pre-school/Elementary school was 506, at the Middle School 215, and at the high school, 281. Student to teacher ratio is approximately 12 to 1

which is great for the students.

Even with tremendous state-imposed funding cuts the past two years, the district finished the year on firm financial footing and is

positioned to weather any storms imposed by additional funding cuts anticipated for the upcoming school year. The funding cuts and those expected during the next school year have not resulted in the cut-



ting of any programs within the Dixon R-I School District as has been required in many other districts within the state. The sevenmember, elected school board has been very diligent in keeping spending under control and has a budget that fully funds programs without sacrificing programs or staff positions.

Dixon Elementary School

The Pre-School addition was completed at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and averages about 60 pre-school students in morning and afternoon sessions. Each session lasts approximately 3.5 hours. Students are provided free transportation for both sessions and a snack during their session. There are two full time teachers certified in Early Childhood. The pre-school has vacations and breaks in sync with the district's school calendar. There is also

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