

CLINTON SCHOOLS

Education Madness

CHS teachers combine learning and tournament

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CLINTON — Iowa State's upset loss provides a lesson in economics.

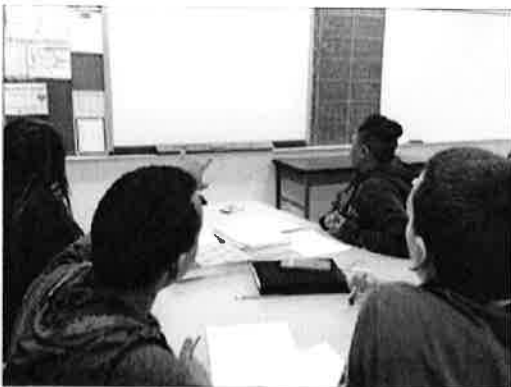
According to Brian Bjorklund, social studies teacher at Clinton High School, it would have cost fans \$255 for two tickets and 878 roundtrip miles to attend the Cyclones' NCAA March Madness second round matchup against UAB in Louisville, Kentucky. That doesn't begin to cover the hotel and food expenses.

The lesson — to impressionable minds in Bjorklund's class Thursday — was in how trips like these affect the wallet. And he presented equations for them to figure out how to finance such a trip through loans and interest.

"Although I wouldn't recommend someone taking out a loan to go on an NCAA trip, it ties it in," Bjorklund said. "What are you giving up by going on this trip? And after this, we'll follow with more specifically breaking down how to budget." All the while, students got to check on the games — live — during class time.

Clinton High School Principal JR Kuch issued a challenge to teachers last week: Incorporate March Madness into the

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Clinton High students in Brian Bjorklund's economics class watch the NCAA men's basketball tournament during class on Thursday while taking in a lesson on financing.

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