

Minidoka County School District
Superintendent's Report
August 20, 2018

Correspondence

- **State Report on our Schools** – We received notification on the 15th indicating the status of public schools in the state. In reviewing this data I would note that **Paul Elementary** was on the list of **Top Performing Schools** (above the 90th percentile among all schools in the state) **for Math and a Goal Maker School*** for English Language Arte (ELA). **All of our Elementary schools we Goal Makers for English Language Growth and Minico for Graduation Rate!**

We were also pleased to note that **Mt. Harrison Junior/Senior High School** is no longer on the list of schools needing Comprehensive Support and Improvement Underperforming (CSI Up). They will receive state support to help improve their graduation rate however so they were on the list of **Comprehensive Support and Improvement Graduation (CSI Grad)** schools. While this designation does not have a monetary award it will involve additional support from the state in the form of meetings and a capacity builder.

***Goal Makers Schools Definition:** During the next six years, the state's goal is to reduce by one-third the percentage of students who are not proficient, not graduating and not making progress toward English language proficiency. Schools that reached the interim target for 2018 were recognized.

- We received an email from Amy Lorenzo of the Idaho Career & Technical Education Department notifying us that **Cheryl Fagan** was nominated for the **ICTE Ambassador Award** and was recognized at the ICTE conference on July 31. The email addressed to her states: "You have been personally nominated because of your demonstrated commitment to our mission, our programs, and our students. You have truly been an ambassador, an extension of the message of opportunity and hope that career and technical education brings to students and families statewide."

Congratulations to Cheryl for being recognized for all her hard work in our CTE programs!

- **2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Participation** – We received an email indicating that Heyburn Elementary and both East and West Minico have been randomly selected to participate in this nationally normed test. The NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in the United States.
- **Advanced Opportunities Annual Report** – Minico had the 13th highest per student participation and expenditure in the State for helping our students prepare for college and get college credit. You can see more information in the attached full report.
- **Huntley Lawsuit** – No new information. We are still gathering the requested information and will send it to them when done.

Information/Updates

- **Athletic Stipend Meeting** – On August 9 Ty Shippen, Josh Aston, Greg Durant and I met to discuss how to go about setting guidelines for adding and or adjusting coaching stipends. The minutes of this meeting are attached. While at the meeting it was pointed out that

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with the addition of our new coaches we need to make some changes with some other programs to maintain our compliance with Title IX.

Josh and Ty are recommending that we add two volleyball coaching positions to offset the two wrestling positions added (this was approved last month by the Board), and instead of adding two positions to baseball we add one there (he could still have two but would split the stipend) and one for softball. These changes would bring us back into Title IX compliance and since these are spring sports we should have the rest of the stipends sorted out by then.

- **Transportation Department Consultant** – We have received digitized maps of the different attendance and safety zones in the District, Student and Transportation Department Handbooks, and numerous policies that we are currently reviewing and comparing to what we already have on file. Many of these documents are attached to the agenda under Policy Discussion.
- **ARTEC/ARTEI/ARTE – Regional Professional Technical Charter (RPTC) Schools** – The Board needs to take action to appoint a representative to these Boards. Before I came there was a Board member appointed. I would be happy to continue in this capacity representing our District. This is an action item on the agenda.
- **Raptor Visitor Badges** –The Raptor badge system has been implemented in all of our buildings. This system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Once approved, the Raptor system prints a badge with the visitor's picture, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**
We held a successful Admin Retreat on August 7 and I met with all our new staff on August 9 at the New Employee Orientation. Both meetings were well organized and we received positive comments due to the efforts of our central office administrators.
- **Committee/Community Meetings:**
Since our last meeting, Michele Widmier, Russ Taylor and I met with representative s from **Boys & Girls Club of the Magic Valley** to go over their programs which will start on August 27 for Kindergarten children (we will be providing transportation to their site) and on September 17, their after school program will start at Rupert Elementary and at their site.

I have a meeting scheduled August 21 with **Senator Anthon** to discuss growth in the area and have received confirmation from Dr. James Schank that the **Cassia School Board** is interested in meeting in early September.

Upcoming Events

August 22	Orientation Day, 6 th & 9 th Grade Only
August 23	First Day of School
September 10	Agenda Review, 3:00
September 17	Board Meeting, 4:30