

Minidoka County School District

Superintendent's Report

September 16, 2019

Correspondence

- **Boys & Girls Club of the Magic Valley Rupert (BGCMMVR)**– We received a thank you letter from the BGCMMVR for providing them transportation for their summer field trips as an in-kind grant contribution rather than charging them.

Information/Updates

- **2019 Assessments Results and 2019 Accountability Reports** – The State recently released these reports which was used to update the **IdahoSchools.org Report Card**. We are pleased to report the following results for our District:
 - **Mt. Harrison High School** was recognized as a **Top Performer** in two areas: ELA growth and Math Growth. Top Performer schools must be 'in the 90th percentile or above on core indicators.'
 - **Goal Maker Schools** are those that 'met the annual interim progress measure towards the state's long-term goal in key indicators.' We are pleased to note that all of our elementary schools were Goal Maker Schools:
 - **Paul Elementary – ELA Proficiency and English Learner Progress**
 - **Acequia Elementary –English Learner Progress**
 - **Heyburn Elementary –English Learner Progress**
 - **Rupert Elementary –English Learner Progress**
 - **West Minico Middle School** was identified for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) in the area of ELA Proficiency for Students with Disabilities, though they met their proficient in nine other areas.
 - **Mt. Harrison High School** was identified for having a low graduation rate along with 36 other schools across the State. Of those 36 schools, 30 were alternative schools.
- **New Teacher Boot Camp** – On August 5 and 6 Suzette Miller and Ashley Johnson put together a two-day opportunity to help our new teachers get off to the best start possible. They covered many topics some of which were:
 - TL Lowder was also on hand to help them with many ideas on classroom management, schedules and routines, student expectations, and transitions from one activity to another.
 - They also got tips on setting up their classroom, bulletin board design, lesson planning and they received their new computers and discussed effective technology management.
- **Idaho Mastery Education Network** – After attending a Mastery Education Conference last spring Dyann Blood applied for a grant to begin implementing mastery education at Mt. Harrison Junior High School. I would like to congratulate her on being awarded a grant for over \$36,000 which will provide the support that she and her staff will need to make this change a success! I will ask her to share more information once she has completed her training in October.

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Meetings/Activities

- **Staff/Building Visits:**

I visited all of our schools the first few days and was able to attend the Back-to-School evenings for many of them. I have met with each of our principals individually and feel we got off to a good start this year even though there were a few bumps along the way.

I also assisted in the Minico laptop distribution where one student asked "Aren't you the Superintendent?" To which I responded in the affirmative, and they asked "Then why are you doing this?" I really enjoyed helping out and we distributed and checked out approximately 900 laptops in less than 90 minutes!

- **Committee/Community Meetings:**

Since the last Board meeting I attended two **State Hearings** one on the **Common Core Standards** and the other on **Immunization**. In both cases I spoke on the need to maintain our current course.

I was invited to the Acequia parent meeting and listened to some of their concerns regarding the start of school. I also attended the Region IV Development Association Budget Committee meeting as I am the K-12 representative from our region.

We invited our local law enforcement partners to our District Cabinet meeting and held a debrief on what we could have done better after the incident at East Minico Middle School. At that meeting a follow-up meeting was scheduled for the next day where administrators and law enforcement reviewed our current evacuation plans and updated contact information.

District Happenings

- Mt. Harrison Junior High School will be holding their back to school evening on September 19 from 6:00 – 7:30. Trustees are welcome to stop by!

Upcoming Events:

September 17-19 Dr. Cox Out of the Office

September 18 PPAT, 12:00 pm

September 26-27 Dr. Cox and others at Danielson Training in Pocatello

September 30 Board Training, 6:00-8:00 pm

October 2 Policy Review Committee, 3:45 – 5:00 pm

October 4 Facilities Committee, 12:00 pm

October 8 Dr. Cox at the State's School Safety Summit

October 10-11 Dr. Cox & Dyann Blood @ Idaho Mastery Education Network (IMEN) Summit

October 14 Agenda Review, 3:30

October 15 Health & Wellness Committee, 3:45 pm

October 16 Transportation Recognition Luncheon, 12:00 – 2:00 pm *Trustees Welcome!*

October 17 PPAT, 12:00

October 21 Regular Board Meeting, 4:30 – 9:00 pm