

Superintendent's Update

For the period: April 13, 2017 through May 8, 2017

Maintaining an Instructional Focus

- The Reading Committee continues to review instructional textbooks and resources that are being considered for our reading And English Language Arts adoption for next year.

Budget Preparations

- The budget development process continues as we make adjustments to our 2017-18 budget projects based on the most recent information from OPI regarding Title II funding. We believe that we will be able to cover the shortfall in the Title II funds for 2017-18 using Title I dollars; however, this will impact the amount of Title I funds available to support our summer programming for the summer of 2018.
- While there remains a lot of uncertainty regarding the level of funding support we will have for Impact Aid going forward under the new federal administration, our current level of support from Impact Aid is about on schedule with past years.

Community Relations

- The Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee scheduled a Community Summit on April 25th in order to develop a set of action steps to address the three main areas of need identified by this committee. We had about 30 participants during the nearly two hour meeting.
- The three areas of need selected by the SCAC as our focus for this summit were as follows:
 - Promoting Pride in the Community- including ways to engage and involve parents and the community
 - Community Wellness- including drugs/alcohol in the community, mental health resources, bullying both students and adults in the schools and the community (Facebook), suicide, and homeless children
 - Blackfeet Language and Culture.
- The participants were split into three working groups each focused on one of the areas of need. The members of the groups were asked to develop specific actions, identify who would be the parties responsible for its implementation, and a timeline for implementation. The participants took their assignments seriously and each group developed appropriate action steps.
- Our next step is to publish our recommended action steps in the local media in the hope that the community will become directly involved in the implementation of the plan.