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Hard work, dedication, perseverance, high expectations, collaboration, and pride are prevalent in organizations that possess great culture. Positive culture and leadership permeates a school on multiple levels from the classroom, to the stage, and to the athletic fields. When you take a look at what is happening in Central City, it is truly a great time to be a Bison!

The district is continuing to make improvements to provide for additional learning opportunities, students are performing at an improved level, teachers are making a dedicated effort to student learning, and the community is providing tremendous support. When you take a look at the numerous Bison Nation signs throughout the community, you can't help but feel that a positive school and community culture is growing.

Our students are doing some truly exceptional things. As the month of October began, our Show Choir represented our community and school at the State Troopers Association Convention and received a tremendous applause for their fantastic performance. That morning was followed up with McKensie Gress qualifying for the state golf meet. The Cross Country team dealt with miserable weather and yet posted several personal bests. In the middle of the week, the volleyball team won every match. On Friday, the softball team qualified for the state softball tournament, through a complete team effort. Success continued that Friday evening when the Bison football team shut out Top Ten ranked Sutton to take control of their state playoff aspirations.

The Month of October and the first quarter of school should provide all of us great pride. When you discuss cultural change, the performance of our softball team during districts provides a great example. Their hard work, dedication, perseverance, expectations, and a collaborative effort helped them accomplish a goal, despite difficult odds. The day began with an unfortunate loss in the district semi-finals that led to the daunting task of playing twenty-eight innings and winning three games that day, including two over the state's top ranked Twin River team. Our girls should be very proud of how they navigated the many up hill battles and curve balls that the twenty-eight innings of softball threw at them. Further, their hard work and hundreds of hours of practice in August and September paid off, as they were able to join an elite group at the state tournament.

Activities and sports often mirror the situations that young adults currently encounter, or will eventually encounter in life, and teach them team work, mental toughness, perseverance, hard work, dedication, sacrifice, and so much more. These are all skills that people need to navigate the many twists and turns that the real game of life throws at us. I am an avid believer that you get out of life what you put into it, and the hard work and dedication of today pays off tomorrow.

The performances of this quarter are only a few examples of the many ways that our teachers, coaches, and sponsors are continuously teaching important life lessons. The continued efforts of developing leadership, elevating expectations, demanding hard work, eliminating excuses, and teaching perseverance are all helping to continuously develop a culture that will continue to accomplish great things. It is truly a great time to be a Bison!