

TAKING PRIDE AND BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE

When this article goes to print, we will have two weeks of school remaining. It has been a great year and we truly have great students, staff, and support. Often in organizations, we do not take the time to thank those people that make our organization better. Quality people are evident in this district and we should applaud their efforts.

As graduation nears, I would like to take the time to recognize the Class of 2016. They have done great things in the classroom, on the stage, and on the various fields of play. What I appreciate the most about this group is that they have provided solid leadership and have been a catalyst for positive changes and improvements. There are multiple ways to go about change, and they always went through the proper channels to take ownership in their educational experience. It is my hope that these students will look back on their high school careers with great memories and life-long friendships. Further, I hope that they make learning a life-long journey and make a choice to improve the world with each day.

Our graduating seniors will leave behind a solid legacy. The underclassmen will have to replace the Class of 2016 by continuing to build a foundation of excellence. In the past year, we have witnessed impressive student accomplishments. Four straight performances were sold out in a phenomenal display of the musical "Wizard of Oz." Comments by the public and their enjoyment displayed the pride the community has in our Fine Arts programs, and to see the amount of talent that our students displayed on the stage was nothing less than exceptional. Our Fine Arts department will continue to be on display over the next two weeks in various concerts and programs as the school year draws to a close.

This year, we have had a number of students receive state recognition in band, choir, football, and other activities. In addition, we witnessed softball and girls basketball receive runner-up district recognition and our football team made a deep run in the state playoffs. We had students that qualified nationally in DECA, speech,

and for the National Science Fair. These are only a few of the exceptional performances and accomplishments from this past year. We have great students that are accomplishing great things each and every day. They take great pride in what they do in the classroom and in their activities. At a school our size, students have the option of being a part of everything to receive a complete educational experience. Great students are making a difference in this district and community.

As the school doors come to a close to conclude the 15-16 School Year, there are a considerable number of projects currently underway and preparation for next year is in full swing. We, as a district and community, will be able to take great pride in what we will be able to offer students into the future. We must continue to be progressive and innovative to provide students with the very best. We made great strides on laying a positive foundation for the future of this district, and a lot has been accomplished towards that foundation. I look back at this school year with great pride, and I look to the future with excitement as a vision for a dynamic school system takes shape. GO BISON!!!