

It is hard to believe that three quarters of school is in the books and only one quarter of school remains. With the number of activities, field trips, and events scheduled for the final quarter, this school year will be quickly coming to an end.

As the school year draws to a close, there are a lot of projects that are starting, and considerable planning is taking place for next year. The Industrial Technology class has begun to build walls for the new concession stand/bathroom facility, and footings, foundation, and rough-ins are in the process of completion. Hopefully, in early April, walls will be brought outside and set as the project accelerates toward a finish. The two Industrial Tech classes, led by Matt Schrader, are working the best they can under current time constraints. In the future, building construction classes will be blocked together to allow for enhanced hands-on learning activities in the building construction field and to provide more time to work on projects. This is our district's first move toward a career pathway approach to student learning opportunities. This approach will expand as issues with scheduling, graduation requirements, and facilities can be solved. Many community members have expressed their excitement for seeing students take an active part in their learning by experiencing hands-on types of opportunities.

Career pathways offer students a number of classes towards potential job fields that are typically needed in the immediate area. That piece offers the community options towards economic development and helps fill employer needs in good paying fields, while keeping local talent. Career pathways will be expanded in the future to include other opportunities in the fields of Industrial Tech, Agriculture, Health, Science, and Business. The concept will continue to come together over the next few months, into years, to provide students with educational opportunities that support the community.

If you have recently driven or walked by the middle school and high school, you will have also noticed that buildings are being demolished and the lot west of the school will eventually become an open piece of land. Again, this signifies the progress the district is

making towards the future. What will inhabit this area in the future is currently unknown, but the possibilities are exciting!

As this school year enters the final quarter, I would like to take the time to applaud the community for all of the great things that are going on. The progressive approach by the community is very evident. It is great to see a community that is focusing on growing by developing and enhancing community amenities, adding housing and addressing housing issues, and looking to expand local business and business opportunities. When you listen to area leaders, you can't help but be excited for the future of Central City.

The success of this community is of vital importance to this school district. Likewise, the success of this district is of vital importance to the community. Our district must be a part of the process of attracting families by providing quality educational opportunities, facilities, and choices that meet the needs of our students today and into the future. The district is enjoying growing success and excitement for the future continues to build. As an Administrator, parent, and community member, I am excited about being a part of the Bison Family!