

It is hard to believe that we have just completed our sixth week of school. The 2015-2016 School Year is off to a great start, and classrooms and hallways are filled with excitement. Students are engaged in learning activities, activities are in full-swing and performing well, and new students have learned classroom routines.

A goal of this district is to provide a positive learning environment for all students. During the months of August and September, the district value theme has been "Students First." Our education institution exists because of students and student learning, growth, and development is the purpose of educational systems. Students vary in many different ways, and their needs also vary. To meet the needs of our wide range of students, we must put "Students First" to make decisions, to allocate resources, and to establish educational programs.

Making decisions that put students first requires that our district adjust to an ever-changing society and a constantly changing student. Education is not a one-size fits all solution. As a school district, we must adapt to students that have various needs, interests, and abilities. Education has become much more specialized to provide individualized content to students and to provide advanced curriculum in areas of interest.

As we work to make decisions that will prepare our students for the future, we must all understand that changes will be made to provide students with the best possible education. Our decisions must be based on what is best for the betterment of all students and not focused on benefits of one student or a particular interest group. Change can sometimes be difficult to understand, but yet it is necessary to improve the district. What students will need in the future is much different than what we needed as students, and we must understand that in many ways, we may be preparing students for jobs in the future that do not exist today.

As a new individual to the community and district, I have been impressed by the community's support and energy. Great things are happening at Central City, and there is true excitement about what the future will bring. As a district and community, we can continue to build upon the excitement and grow or become complacent and accepting of where we are today. Successful organizations, districts, and communities make constant plans for the future. I hope our district and community makes a dedicated effort to growth by putting students first each and every day. Go Bison!!!