## The Power of Working Together

It is hard to believe that one quarter of school has already been completed. As a parent and individual that has moved to the community, I couldn't be more excited to be a part of this community and school. Staff, students, and the community have been extremely supportive, and support is critical to the success of the district and those students that are involved. No business, organization, program, or school district can truly be successful without the encouragement, support, and partnerships of all of those involved.

Hopefully, anyone that has been involved with our school district this year has noticed the positive environment that exists. Positive environments create excitement and enthusiasm that becomes contagious. Positive environments do not happen without the constant attention of teachers, staff, administrators, and students. I would like to applaud our staff of teachers, support staff, and administrators for their dedicated efforts towards our students. In addition, it must be noted that strong student leadership is positively impacting each and every building. Pride is evident throughout the district.

At the conclusion of September, seventy-six percent of parents and guardians attended parent-teacher conferences with ninety-two percent of elementary and middle school parents attending. Parent-teacher conferences demonstrated the strong support that exists and staff members have also been making contacts home to ensure that the school is working with the home to motivate, support, and encourage students. Home is critical to the success of students and their learning. Our district also recognizes that without the support of the community, our district will stand idle without meeting the needs of the very reason of why we are here.

As I reflect on the first quarter of school, I cannot help but recognize the potential for this district. Great people, to include staff and students, occupy great facilities within a great community. To begin to fulfill our potential, we must all recognize where this district can go if we all work together with a constant focus on students and their success. It is a great time to be a part of the Bison Nation and it will be exciting to see what the future will bring. Go Bison!!!