## Bringing in the New Year

On behalf of the Central City Public Schools, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Holiday Season and a happy New Year. The first semester has gone by very quickly, and I would like to applaud our teachers, support staff, and administrators for their dedicated efforts toward our students. In addition, we have a remarkable student body that is very gifted and dedicated to their future. The district is moving forward with great energy!

The holiday season is a great time of year, but for our less fortunate, this time can be very difficult and stressful. In following along with our December value of Sense of Community, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the community for helping support many of our students this holiday season with food, gifts, clothing, and other resources. Multiple churches, the Sheriff's office, the United Way, our "Give Back" program, and others have reached out and provided these students with a few items to make their holiday season a bit more enjoyable. It is groups like this that help to make our community great. Their concern and compassion for others is very evident, and we cannot thank them enough for supporting our students.

We are hopeful that 2017 will bring with it continued progress. The district is continuing a dedicated focus on evaluating curriculum, practices, and resources. Continuing to develop foundations and systems will ultimately create a stronger district that engages students in their educational process, establishes strong expectations, and meets the needs of students. The diligent process of evaluation takes time, but progress is being made.

We hope that everyone enjoys their Holiday Season with friends and family. 2016 has been a very positive and enjoyable year, and we look forward to even better things for this district and the students of this district in 2017. It is an exciting time to be a part of the Bison Family. The community has a great deal of positive momentum and many exciting things going on. We are very excited about the future of this district and proud to be a part of the community. Go Bison!!!