

Summer has flown by and the 2015-2016 School Year is set to begin in just a few days. I am very excited about the upcoming school year and would like to encourage everyone in the community to become involved in the education of our youth. The collaborative effort of many will help make this school a great place for our children. As a district and community, we must demand excellence and be a progressive, forward-thinking district and community that strives to provide our students with an education that is second to none.

Many new faces will fill the halls, classrooms, and offices in this upcoming year. Those new faces will include students, staff, teachers, and administrators. We have compiled a great team and we must work hard to create an atmosphere in which everyone feels welcome to be a part of the "Bison Family." Together, we can make a difference each and every day.

To begin to incorporate meaningful cultural changes in the district, core values have been defined that will help develop a quality education for students. Each month, district-wide, our schools will focus on a key value, while keeping all of the values in mind. Those core values are: Students First, Integrity, Respect, Sense of Community, No Excuses, High Expectations, Accountability, and Bison Pride. These values encompass a wide range of qualities and with the beginning of each day we want our students and staff to strive for excellence.

Another major goal of the district will be communication. Communication will include internal communication to our staff along with external communication to the public and community. The community is an integral part of the success of the district and it is imperative that we communicate with the community. A lot of great things are happening and we need to work to recognize those students and staff that are going above and beyond to make this district a great district. In keeping up with the digital age, we will be communicating via a new district Facebook website and revamping our district website. Considerable information will be placed on these sites and to encourage everyone to seek digital forms of communication. We would like to encourage you to "Like" us on Facebook.

I look forward to the many new successes and accomplishments that our district will experience in the 2015-2016 School Year. As we move forward, we must all work together to provide our students with the very best educational experience. As a district, we have a lot to do and with each day we must put students first. Students are the key to the success of this community, region, state, and nation and they deserve to have the very best quality educational opportunities to help shape their future and ultimately, our future. I hope that everyone enjoys his or her last few days of summer! Go Bison!!!