

The third quarter will draw to a close this week, and it is hard to imagine that we are in the home stretch of the 2021-2022 school year. This year, like any year, has been filled with incredible student and staff accomplishments. Those student and staff accomplishments should equate into great pride, joy, and excitement for our school and community.

Academically, we continue to move past the pandemic and make up for lost time. National data has demonstrated that lost in-person seat time has dramatically impacted academic growth of all students across the nation. Further, that data demonstrates that younger students were more dramatically impacted. On a local trend, we have continued to see academic growth, but that growth slowed when compared to previous years. The other potentially devastating trend is that students are missing more seat time. Further, families are not valuing education as much as a few years ago, and most schools are seeing a record number of attendance issues. As we move beyond the pandemic, this is a trend that needs to change. We need students in school, and we need parents to support their child being in school. As a District, we made keeping students in school a priority and put our students first. One of the single most important things a society can do is provide an education to our youth, so we need to ensure that our students are in school.

Over the past few years, we have done an incredible amount for our youth and community. Our students are blessed to work within a modern, well-equipped academic building that has been updated to allow students to prosper in any academic setting of their personal interest. Those academic amenities, great staff, and continued progress within our facility make our District very attractive, modern, and progressive. School Districts are integral to a vibrant community, and our District has moved in the right direction.

As the Dome trends towards a September completion, we have been working on booking events and moving events to our community. Every time the District hosts an event, it is important to our overall community. The more we host, the more individuals fill our restaurants, gas stations, and other establishments. There will be some major announcements with future bookings coming up in the near future. Many other districts and other entities have also been contacting us to model what has been done with this project. Upon completion, our community is going to have a remarkable product that many will be envious of. To think that a small-town Nebraska community was able to benefit from a Federal Grant of this magnitude is remarkable.

As the school year enters the final quarter, we look forward to continued success and growth. The conclusion of the year brings with it the academic grind, banquets, activities, and multiple concerts. The finish of the school year always goes fast. We are hopeful that it will finish with great joy and excitement. Go Bison!!!

