

In just a few days, the Class of 2017 will close a chapter of their lives and will continue their educational careers in college, join the military, or enter into the workforce. Their journey to get to this point has taken a considerable amount of time, energy, and commitment on their part. However, this journey could not have been successful without the help of many of you. As students progress through their academic careers, they need support and encouragement, and they need others to believe in them. As a community, we should be proud of these graduates and hopeful for what their future will bring.

As these soon to be graduates look back on high school and their educational careers, it is this district's hope that they have developed great memories, life-long friendships, and that they are proud to have been a part of the Bison Family. Many students of the Class of 2017 took advantage of the tremendous academic and activity opportunities that this district provides to them to develop a well-rounded educational experience. Whatever these young men and women set out to do, we hope that they have enjoyed their high school experience, but they are determined in their future. This exceptional group of young men and women will make their mark in this world and will be productive members of society.

As this school year draws to a close, we must also take the time to recognize four individuals that have made the decision to retire. Over the course of their careers, they have positively impacted the lives of thousands of students while collectively providing 122 years of experience to this district. We are very grateful for the services of Minette Malm, Nanci Malm, Marci Meyer, and Deena Speer. Nanci Malm, Marci Meyer, and Deena Speer have dedicated a great deal of time, including many early mornings and late nights, to the students of Central City. They have brought a great deal of professionalism, knowledge, compassion, and enjoyment to their classrooms. As a parent that has had a child in all three of their classrooms, I cannot thank them enough for the quality, all-around education they provide to their students. Minette Malm has been a smile that greets you at the office door of the middle school for twenty-nine years. She has been very helpful, encouraging, and positive towards students, parents, and staff while spending a considerable amount of time in the office, community, and at activities. We want to thank these four individuals for their dedicated efforts and wish them well in their future endeavors.

As this school year draws to a close, we will say our well-wishes to a few, recognize the great efforts of many, and express gratitude towards the tremendous support we receive. This has been another great year for the students, staff, and Community of Central City. As we look back on this year, we should take pride in what has been accomplished and enjoy the great strides this district continues to take. However, we should continue to desire more for this school district and the Community of Central City as we continue to lay down the foundation of the future of education in this community. Good luck to all of our graduates and retirees as they enter into their next chapter in life. Go Bison!!!!