

# Emmett School District Superintendent's Report February 2024

## **District Updates**

# Guiding Coalition February Meeting Highlights

- o Safety discussion, Elementary School Outside door locks
- Prior to Spring Break Transportation will be conducting bus evacuation drills
- o Reverse evacuation was practiced at EHS and there is room for improvement
- Bus Shop is in need of an AED for their facility

## February 8th School Closure

- Make Up Days for grades 6th -12th grade
  - March 1st
  - April 5th
  - April 19th
- Any additional school cancelations will result in the lengthening of the school year and possible change in graduation date.

# • 2024 Idaho Legislative Session

- HB 0521 School Facilities
- SB 1289 Childrens School and Library Protection
- o HB 415 Firearms On School Property
- o HB 447 Tax Credit For Private Tuition

#### **District Academics**

## February 2nd was a professional development day for staff

- Topics Included continued training on the newly adopted ELA curriculum
- A number of staff completed CPR training at Valor Health
- 1st grade teachers are working on a Standards Reference Report Card that will be piloted in the Spring and common assessments that would be used across the grade level to determine student understanding of the content
- EHS Staff took part in the UnConference where staff met with building leaders to communicate concerns and work to provide solutions.
  - Excessive Tardies and absences being a great concern at the high school level
- EMS staff worked on the topic of constructing meaning and engagement strategies for students.
- Building are currently developing their spring assessment plans for all state required assessments.
- February ISIP reading assessments are nearing completion. Preliminary data shows that all grade levels are trending at or above projected growth rates in Grades K-2



# **District Maintenance Updates**

- Emmett Graduation Project: New Bleachers, concrete work is scheduled for Tuesday February 13th weather permitting.
- Maintenance and Mr. Hyde are working on field maintenance of both the EMS facility and EHS football field.
- Shadow Butte Elementary roofing project Design Contract and Request for Bids is on this months agenda
- Work on Butte View South Wing roof is nearing completion
- Bids for Carberry, Shadow Butte, and Emmett Middle School asphalt resealing and stiping are being collected for this summers maintenance upkeep
- 3 additional UTV vehicles with blades are being purchased through the COVID Testing grant of South West District Health. The purchases have been preapproved and will provide custiodial and maintenance departments with a vehicle at Carberry, Shadow Butte, and Butte View.

#### Ten Year Maintenance Plan and Calendar Committee Work Sessions

- The updated 10 year maintenance plan was presented to the board on January 29th and will be available on the District Website
  - Maintenance is working on the list of priorities that was requested from the board
  - Structural Engineers from the Treasure Valley have been contacted in looking at the EHS domes and the masonry concerns identified in the 10 yera inspection report
  - Calendar Work Session was held on February 5, 2024 where the Calendar committee review and and answer questions regarding the three calendar options that are to be presented tonight

# **Growing Number of Public Records Requests**

- Emmett School District continues to work through a number of Public records requests. Many of these request are quite large in nature and take a large number of staff personnel away from their assign tasks to search, copy and review for redaction.
  - Our current Part-time Public Information Officer is working diligently to try and comply with these requests. We may need to look at moving this position to a full time position or possibly hiring an additional staff member to help with these request.
  - The District is following Idaho Code in asking for advance payment based on the anticipated expense to the district above 2 hours and 100 copies.
  - If additional staffing or hours are needed we will be addressing it in the upcoming school year budget

